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CHESTER WINS STRIKE

VICTORY—AFTER TEN LONG MONTHS



A toast with coffee cups from the commissary at Newspaper Guild strike headquarters at Chester, Pa., was part of the demonstration marking the end of the 10-month walkout yesterday. The Guild won.

Settlement Gives Guild Shop, Raises

CHESTER, Pa.—In a smashing victory, matching any in the history of the American Newspaper Guild, the Philadelphia-Camden Guild won its 10-month strike against The Chester Times.

Victory came yesterday with signing of a Guild shop contract with a new Times publisher—a contract that provided pay increases ranging to 50 percent, a five-day, 40-hour week, and other standard Guild terms.

The new publisher, Alfred G. Hill, leased the paper from its principal owner, Charles R. Long, whose stubborn fight against the Guild provoked the strike on November 5, 1941, and defied repeated attempts at settlement since, including intervention by the U. S. Conciliation Service.

The strikers, who had manned picket lines throughout the long 10 months, at once prepared to abandon The Chester Reporter, their own community daily, and go back to work for The Times.

ALL REINSTATED

All of them, under contract terms, were guaranteed reinstatement to their Times jobs—and all of them were guaranteed substantial wage boosts above amounts The Times had paid them before they went on picket lines.

The Guild shop agreement said:

"All employes who are members of the Guild and who may become members of the Guild shall, a condition of continued employment, remain members in good standing during the life of this agreement.

"Two out of every three new employes hired by the publisher shall be required to become members of the Guild within 30 days of the date of their hiring.

"Any Guild member who loses good standing by falling one month in arrears in Guild dues or assessments shall be subject to discharge by the publisher upon written notice from the Guild.

"Any Guild member who loses good standing for any reason other than failure to pay Guild dues or assessments shall, upon expulsion from the Guild, be subject to immediate discharge."

RODGERS IN CHARGE

Final Guild negotiations with Hill were directed by ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, working with Arthur Riordan, president of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild; ANG Vice President Jules Schick, strike representative of the international executive board, and other Guild leaders, including Local Treasurer Mary Smith and Catherine Lang.

The strike in its final phases was directed by Stanley Kupstas of the Wilkes-Barre Guild, appointed a special ANG representative. For several months earlier ANG International Representative Wilbur E. Bade had been in charge. They served with Chester Unit Chairman Leslie Chrismer.

Other Guild leaders who participated in proceedings which led to the strike settlement included Milton Murray, ANG president; Sam B. Eubanks, ANG executive vice president; Ray Nelson, Phila-

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UP Contract Raises Pay To $60,000

A new nationwide contract carrying $60,000 a year in wage increases for employes throughout the United States was signed by the American Newspaper Guild and United Press Associations last week.

The signing by Hugh Baillie, UP president, and William W. Rodgers, secretary-treasurer of the ANG, ended four months of negotiations carried out in the hectic atmosphere of wartime with personnel turning over at record speed and the national scene regarding prices, commodities and wages changing almost every day.

MINIMUM NOW $67.50

A $5 weekly raise in the minimum for seventh-year newsmen in Washington and New York brings the top wage guaranteed by the new pact to $67.50. Approximately 50 of more than 400 Unipressers covered by the contract are in this group.

The new agreement provides $10 weekly increases for four of five radio listening post newsmen at Valhalla, N. Y., and a $5 raise for the fifth.

The company also agreed to place these five employes, who before the Guild took up their cause had been misclassified as "translators" and paid $35 and $33 per week, on the wage scale of regular newsmen in cities under 500,000 population.

Another contract innovation was the addition of a wage scale for dictation girls. They will receive $25 in the first year, $27.50 in the second and $30 in the third.

$2.50 RAISE GENERAL

Accounting for most of the annual increase are $2.50 hikes in minimums for all newsmen from the second year to the sixth, inclusive, both in cities under 500,000 population and in the larger centers.

Management agreed to date the contract back to July 6 and yesterday employes received five weeks' accumulated raises, plus a week's pay at the new rate.

Office boys received an increase of $1 weekly in all categories, making their minimums range from $16 in the first year to $21 in the third year in large cities; $13.50 for first year and $16 for second year in smaller localities.

Cost-of-living increases of $2.50 for telephone operators, clerks, translators, stenographers and library clerks, as well as for the

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Guild-AP Fight Goes to WLB In Precedent Proceedings

WASHINGTON—A long-standing contract dispute between the American Newspaper Guild and the Associated Press was certified this week to the War Labor Board in precedent-setting proceedings.

ANG President Milton Murray, who submitted the case to the Department of Labor in behalf of the New York AP unit, was notified August 12 that Secretary of Labor Perkins had agreed that the WLB should assume jurisdiction.

The case, first in the newspaper industry to be certified to the WLB, was expected to establish a pattern for settlement of wage disputes involving AP units in San Francisco, Kansas City and Boston in addition to New York.

Dates for panel hearings were not immediately set here, where Murray, on leave from The Detroit Times, is himself a labor representative in WLB panel proceedings.

In New York, Sam B. Eubanks, ANG executive vice president, and John F. Ryan, general organizer of the New York Guild, prepared to press for early proceedings, citing the lengthy stalemate in AP negotiations.

Throughout the parleys, opened in March, AP spokesmen rejected all Guild proposals, made no genuine counter-proposals and refused arbitration.

The AP stymied efforts by a Department of Labor conciliator to bring a settlement and blocked peace plans advanced by a federal mediation panel.

The Guild finally turned to the Department of Labor and the WLB as the only alternative to further independent action by the union.

The case was certified to the WLB on ground that a strike involving 400 New York AP employes would cripple a major news service in wartime.

Originally, under a wage reopening clause, the Guild proposed increases in wage minima up to a top of $75 for newsmen, photographers, artists and photo printers.

In addition, a blanket increase of 20 percent for those earning up to $34.99 and of 15 percent for those earning above that sum weekly was asked.

Management rejected all of these proposals and refused to arbitrate.

Finally the management submitted wage proposals for eight —all lower—categories out of 14 categories in the existing contract.

No AP offer was made for the great majority of employes including newsmen, photographers, artists and those wage proposals which were made were really paper increases affecting, the Guild asserted (and the management has never denied) at the most about 20 persons.

Another Local Organized

ZANESVILLE, O.—Formation of a new local of the American Newspaper Guild in this Central Ohio town was announced this week by ANG International Representative John Weilburg following a meeting with newspaper employes.

An application for a charter has been sent to ANG headquartersters in New York.

3 DAILIES REPRESENTED

Members from both editorial and commercial departments of the city's three dailies have signed Guild cards.

Sentiment is running strong in favor of Guild organization on all three papers, The News, Signal and Times-Recorder, Weilburg reported, and local leaders hope to have a majority within the local soon.

KLEIN ASSISTS

Accompanying Weilburg on the organizing mission was Frank Klein of Lima, a pioneer in the Guild there.

The Zanesville group elected Don A. Shreiner and Lester Guest as temporary president and secretary-treasurer respectively.

Plans were made for further meetings and for spreading the Guild idea to all eligible employes on the papers.

The Zanesville local, if chartered by the ANG's international executive board, will be the tenth local organized by the union in the past 10 months.

The others are in Portland, Ore.; Biddeford, Me.; Manchester, N. H.; Syracuse, N. Y.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Atlanta, Ga.; New Orleans, La.; Fort Worth, Tex., and Lima, where Weilburg, stationed as resident organizer in Cincinnati, directed organization.

In addition, a dormant local in Chattanooga, Tenn., was revived within the 10-month period.

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War Movies Scheduled By Locals

First steps to cast the American Newspaper Guild in the role of a motion picture producer were taken this week when the ANG war activities committee announced plans for a "mail order" sound movie of the Guild's wartime program.

Some 15 Guild locals, whose response to a questionnaire indicated they were interested in undertaking the project, tentatively have been selected to participate.

STAFF NAMED

Each will appoint a director, a photographer and assistant photographer, a still photographer and three lighting technicians, who will work with the central production staff in New York City.

Headed by Mort Glatzer of The Herald Tribune, the central staff includes story writers, scenario writers, title writers, a narrator, an art editor, a music editor and a newsreel editor.

On the basis of information given the central staff on their war activities program, locals will be assigned specific shots.

All films then will be sent to the central staff where it will be edited and combined with selected war newsreels and pictures of war relief work.

The completed film will be circulated throughout the country and will be made available to all Guild locals.

While the primary purpose of the film is to stimulate interest in the Guild's program, ANG war activities committee members pointed out that it also will give Guild members a better understanding of the scope of the Guild and the work being done by fellow members in other parts of the country.

SCHEDULE SET

Production is scheduled to begin September 1 and the premiere has been scheduled tentatively for October 1.

Other locals interested in participating were invited to write to the ANG war activities committee immediately, so that they may substitute for any of the selected locals which may be unable to get the proper equipment or personnel, it was announced.

The only requirements for participation are 8 mm. equipment, an experienced camera fan, and a good war activities program, the committee pointed out.

War activities programs, meanwhile, continued to hold the spotlight in the majority of Guild locals. Approach of the October 1 deadline for first installment payments on CIO war relief quotas sent scores of local committees into action.

The National CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief announced this week that it has reached an overall agreement with 275 community war chests under which CIO unions will play an important role in the local community fund-raising drives.

Of the funds thus collected, 50 percent will be earmarked for the USO and United Nations war relief, while the remainder will go for the support of local community chest projects. A special appropriation from the CIO fund will be made to the Red Cross.

LOCALS GIVEN CREDIT

Under this plan, Guild locals in those communities which are a party to the CIO agreement will receive full credit on their ANG quotas for all funds raised during the community drive.

On still another front, Guild members were called upon this week to aid the war effort by submitting stories for government publication of unusual war activities in their communities.

In sponsoring this project, the Guild is cooperating with the Writers War Board, a volunteer organization composed of the nation's leading writers.

GUILD RUNS AIR CONTROL IN SHIFTS



MANNING POSTS here in Pennsylvania's Luzerne County air raid control center, on duty from 9 p. m. to 1 a. m., are Wilkes-Barre Newspaper Guildsmen, phones, from the left: Hugh Brislin, Dick Devine, Kermit Griffith, Carl Pesavento, M. A. MacMillan. Charles O'Connell stands by the map in the background.



—Photos by Dan Delaney and Milton Miller, Wilkes-Barre Guild

THE LOBSTER TRICK comes on duty, 1 a. m. to 5 a. m. Back of the desk ANG Vice President Joe Walsh holds reports while Local Guild President Joe Collis studies the map. On phone duty, from the left are Michael Grace, Bob Patton, Michael Drug ach, Edward Schrode, Gerald Stout. Volunteers, all.

Late Bulletins Tell War Stories

Here are communiques from the Newspaper Guild's own far-flung war activities fronts:

St. Louis, Mo.—Volunteer St. Louis Guildsmen take over publication of St. Louis civilian defense bulletin, with Joseph Hanlon of The Post-Dispatch as editor. Bulletin's mast head says, "The staff of the Bulletin is provided by the St. Louis Newspaper Guild, an affiliate of the CIO."

Los Angeles, Calif.—Los Angeles Guild gets its war activities under way by naming committee composed of delegates to Denver convention. (According to last issue of Los Angeles Guild paper, Los Angeles thinks its yearly CIO war relief quota of $2,590 is a quarterly quota. The ANG committee is debating whether to tell them or let them carry on in the Hollywood tradition of colossal munificence.)

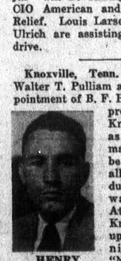
Cincinnati, O.—Win-The-War Party sponsored by Guild war activities committee raised $250 for servicemen's welfare, and resulted in sale of $155 in war stamps and registration of 60 blood donors. Members also have volunteered to work on farms and donate earnings to war relief and are active in war bond drive and civilian defense. Max Sien is WAC chairman for Cincinnati and Norine Freeman is secretary.

Bridgeport, Conn.—Servicemen get break here. New Herald contract awaiting ratification includes military service clause protecting draftees' jobs, maintaining seniority and providing war risk insurance premium payments, severance in case of incapacitation, induction bonus, vacation pay and protection of substitutes. Lem McCollum is WAC chairman for Bridgeport.

Denver, Colo.—Post Guild canvassing city room for war bond subscriptions under payroll allotment plan. Last report: 80 percent of staff signed up.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Headed by Herbert Gilligan, Indianapolis WAC announces its "number one job" will be raising money for CIO American and Allied War Relief. Louis Larsen and Ralph Ulrich are assisting Gilligan in drive.

Knoxville, Tenn. — President Walter T. Pulliam announces appointment of B. F. Henry, Jr., ex-president of the Knoxville Guild, as WAC chairman. Henry will be relieved of all other Guild duties to handle war program. At same time, Knoxville comes up with this significant note: "Not only do we keep in touch with members of the Guild in the service, but also with other newspapermen in service. We find this creates goodwill toward the Guild..."



HENRY

Toledo, O.—President Richard Pheatt reports that entire Blade organization is almost completely pledged to 10 percent salary investment in war bonds. Under direction of Norman C. Hauger, WAC chairman, Toledo is now concentrating on raising war relief quota.

Memphis, Tenn. — Memphis Guild buys President R. C. Shuptrine an $1,100 lunch in connection with war bond drive. Organization of permanent WAC now under way.

New York, N. Y.—Here is New York's WAC set-up: Guild WAC chairman, Milton Kaufman; other chairmen: Hannah Baker, bond sales and war relief; Walter Engels, CIO radio committee; Alan Hathway, newspaper and war; Emma H. Little, servicemen's welfare; Mabel Pollock, Auxiliary war activities; John Roman, foreign language press committee; Victoria Rowe, civilian defense committee.



KAUFMAN

Philadelphia, Pa. — Raymond Nelson, CIO war relief drive chairman for Philadelphia-Camden Guild, reports Guild will try to hit its quota within next five weeks. (Note: Philadelphia-Camden's quota is $4,056.)

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Leadership Is Lacking In Production

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON — These are dreary-gloom-laden moments, when one wonders whether the summer soldiers on the Pacific will even endure until the coming of winter.

Returning to the Capitol after a brief furlough, you encounter universal evidence of deepening fear and confusion.

For perhaps the first time the realization seems to have permeated the offices of "key men" that we are losing the war—and that the magic of American participation has still failed to hypnotize our enemies.

WHERE IS PRODUCTION?

The news from the fighting fronts is not the sole cause of this desperate mood.

That news is bad enough; but few had expected communiques of victory on the battlefields this summer. What had been expected was a vast surge of U. S. production and a rapid crystallization of American power.

Now time is slipping away and "the miracle of American production" remains a vision eluding our great business statesmen and our easily-offended dollar-a-year men.

Our potentialities remain vast and unconquerable. Tragically, the transformation from potential to reality continues to be slow, uncertain, chaotic.

Donald Nelson is still regarded with much love and affection by the press corps. He is a swell guy, everybody keeps repeating, as if the powers of his personal charm must inevitably overcome all the paralysis gripping the War Production Board.

"—ONE AT A TIME"

Even the Nelson legend, however, is growing stale.

For as the clock runs out Nelson continues to pamper his friends, to coddle the obstructionists, to protect the advocates of "let's take things easy, and one at a time."

The men who believe that we can defeat a world revolutionary movement with slight adjustments in our social schedules continue to hold sway in high production councils.

Meanwhile, the Soviets retreat in the face of overwhelming men and machines; and, in India, the United Nations are unable to find a formula that will rally 400,000,000 freedom-loving people to our side.

This is no brief for Mahatma Gandhi. But there remains the deep and terrible suspicion that the austere British Viceroy in India is a feeble spokesman for the Four Freedoms.

NEED NEW VOICES

On the production front at home and on the colonial front abroad, in our dealings with American soldiers of production and with the Colonial peoples, we need new, imaginative voices to rally the democratic legions.

Surely the delays and bottlenecks and double-talk in the production effort can no longer be defended as "inevitable," as part of the growing pains of the war machine.

Surely our failure to fire the souls of oppressed colonial peoples cannot be explained any longer on the ground of faulty transmission or international static.

We need to throw out the men whose dead hands smother our production effort.

We need to banish the voices—in the State Department and elsewhere — that prevent us from arousing and organizing the people of occupied Europe and the millions in storm-swept India.

At bottom the issue is whether we still fear the people more than we dislike the fascists—

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Guildsman Tells 'The Reason Why'

By STEVE MURDOCK
San Jose Newspaper Guild

NARRATOR: This is war — and war to many is a synonym for death. All over the world young men are marching. Thousands upon thousands of them will never return. They are dying at far-places with strange names which flash for moments in the headlines . . . Rostov-on-the-Don, Dutch Harbor, Port Moresby, El Alamein, Wenchow. There are boys from Iowa who died in a Bataan jungle and lads from Alberta who fell in the streets of Hong Kong. And over this mighty field of carnage there echoes always one haunting refrain. . . .

WOMAN'S VOICE: Do they know why they had to die? Do they know what they died for? **Do they know why they had to die?** Do they know what they died for?

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NARRATOR: There's a poem which says, "Theirs not to question why, theirs but to do and die." And there are those who say—

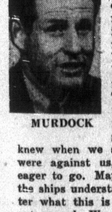
(This radio script by Steve Murdock, president of the San Jose Newspaper Guild, is one of a series of programs written by him and broadcast by Station KQW under auspices of the San Jose Defense Council. Captioned "The Reason Why," the program is one of the war activities of the San Jose Guild.)

WOMAN'S VOICE. They are too young to die.

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NARRATOR: But these are not the only voices. You must listen to the voices with the answer. You must listen to the voices from the far-off places with the strange names. You must hear the reason why.

AMERICAN VOICE: My name doesn't matter. I came from a little town in California. I died in the North Atlantic. Our ship was torpedoed. It exploded and sank in 30 seconds. We were carrying ammunition to a place called Murmansk. I was in the engine room. We didn't have a chance, but that doesn't matter either. **The tough part is that the ammunition didn't get through.** We knew when we sailed the odds were against us, but we were eager to go. Maybe us guys on the ships understand a little better what this is all about. We get around. We know what this fascism is. We know what happens to working guys like us when the Hitler mob takes over. It's curtains for everything that makes life worth living. It's the end of decency and dignity for the common guy. **It would mean the end of our unions and the right to say what we think.** Henry Wallace hit it on the nose when he said this is a free world against a slave world. He was talking for common guys like us. I was pretty young—only 28—and I had a lot to live for. But my only regret is we didn't get that ship through. I don't feel cheated. I saw this thing in Spain back in 1936, and if some others had seen it the same way maybe I wouldn't have had to die, but still there's no regret. **The way I figure it, you can't die for anything better than freedom and decency and dignity.** I'll never see that California town again, but if other common guys in all time to come can walk down that street with their heads high, it'll be okay by me. So keep 'em sailing.



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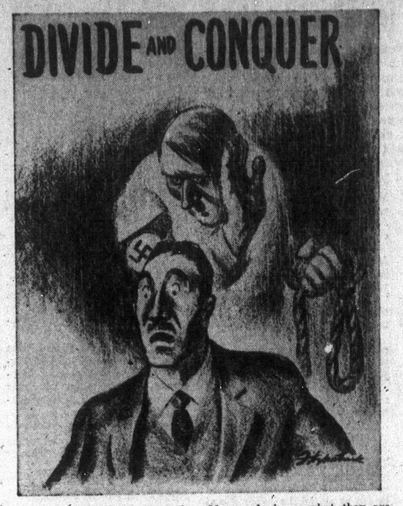
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NARRATOR: He died, and the going wasn't pleasant. It was quick and cruel, but he had no regrets because he knew the reason why. You—the mother whose son may never come home—must know the reason why. You, Mr. Storekeeper, with your complaints against price ceilings and sugar rationing, must know the reason why. Listen.

BRITISH VOICE: My name isn't important either. I lived in London. I've been dead quite a while. I was killed by one of Hitler's bombs in December of 1940. I was an air raid warden. I'm gone, but London's still there and England's still free. They couldn't knock us out, no matter how hard they tried. They gave us the works, but we took it—and now we're hitting them. There'll be no more Dunkirks. We know what it's all about. We know this Shicklegruber, and we know what happened when they tried to do business with him at Munich. We learned that lesson, and we paid for it in the lowlands and at Dunkirk and in the fire raids, and in Greece and in Crete and at Singapore. We've **paid the price of appeasement, and we know it's a mighty bitter price for an ordinary bloke like me to pay. There'll be no more appeasement.** There'll be no peace until this Shicklegruber and all he stands for is done and finished. A lot of common blokes like me will probably get it in the neck before it's done, but we'll count the price well spent. One of Hitler's bombs knocked me out of it, but it didn't knock my people out. That's all that matters.

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NARRATOR: He knew the reason why. He knows there can be no bargain between a slave world and a free world. He knows it's all or nothing. All or nothing. There can be no other answer. Listen to another voice. . . .



RUSSIAN WOMAN'S VOICE: I am a Russian partisan. I died on the hangman's noose in the snow near Smolensk in January of 1942. Before I died I saw my comrades of the partisans ambush and wipe out an entire company of Nazi infantry. I died in the knowledge that the Red Army had hurled the fascist invader back from the gates of Moscow. I died with Nazi corpses in the snow about me. I died on the soil of my homeland. I died defending a freedom my father fought for in the streets of Leningrad in 1917. I know I will be avenged. I know my people will not take defeat. And I know that every Red Army soldier knows what he is fighting for. I know that my partisan comrades will fight on. I know the price Hitler is paying for every foot of Russian soil. I know what the aid of our allies means to our country. I know what American planes and guns and tanks and shells mean to the Red Army. I know about the four freedoms of the Atlantic charter. **I know we are 28 united nations fighting the fascist aggressor in a common cause for a common good. This is the greatest alliance of all time.** We are all comrades together, and death is but a small thing.

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NARRATOR: And death is but a small thing. It is not a small thing to a mother sitting alone in a room with a telegram in her hand. It is not a small thing when the papers talk of hundreds of thousands of casualties. But what of the living death that is fascist slavery? But what of concentration camps? But what of Lidice? Balance death against the living death of slavery. Some have struggled longer than others against these dark forces of tyranny. . . .

CHINESE VOICE: I was a citizen of the Chinese Republic. I died on Nanking road in Shanghai in August of 1937. I died from a Japanese bomb blast. My people were the first to feel the fire of the aggressor. My people have suffered the longest. My people have known want and suffering and privation and death and rape. But my people do not know the meaning of defeat. My brothers have never ceased to fight. They have never ceased to harass the enemy. They have lacked guns and tanks and planes, but they have not ceased to fight. They battle now in the gorges of the Salween and through the rice fields of my central provinces. My people know what they are fighting for. The Japanese have tried to tell us we are foolish. They have tried to say that this is a race war—the yellow race against the white. We know this is not true. We know this is not a race war. We know we are not fighting the Japanese because they are Japanese. We are fighting an ideology — a concept of government by force. We are fighting a philosophy of slavery conceived and executed by the industrialists and militarists of the Japanese empire. This is not a race war. **It is a war for freedom. It is a war to end the imperialism which has seen our nation exploited.** Your Vice President, Henry Wallace, has said there will be no more imperialism. The Atlantic charter says each nation shall be free to determine its own form of government. This is what we are fighting for. The sons of Free China know what they are fighting for and dying for. They know the reason why.

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NARRATOR: The reason why. We must know the reason why. It must be known in every corner of America. **The air raid warden, the war worker, the farmer, the housewife on the home front. They must know the reason why. They must know even as the soldier and the sailor and the flier knows.** They must know that the effort is worth the cost.

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SCOFFING VOICE: What is this you're trying to feed us? You guys are talking with your heads in the clouds. Idealism, that's what it is. Give me something practical. Talk to me in facts. This ain't no picnic. This is war.

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NARRATOR: You're dead right, mister. This is war. That's just the point. And we are talking facts, the hardest simplest facts you ever heard. It's just this simple. There can be no compromise with slave philosophy of fascism. **A complete victory is the only answer. Fascism must be forever stamped from the earth. The war must be won, and our every deed and every act must be judged on that basis.** If you believe in the things all Americans have been taught to believe in since 1776, then it isn't impractical to talk about the freedom of the common man. It's the common man that's going to win this war, mister, and he's going to win it because he wants to be free. That's the message. That's the reason why. It's not a race war. It's a war for human freedom. This is a war to keep our country free—to free those countries now fallen and enslaved. **We must have the dignity of common man—the dignity these men have died for and the dignity they have attained in death.** Don't forget that for a single instant.

Don't forget the reason why.

THESE ARE THE 4 FREEDOMS



Illustrating Elmer Davis' new Office of War Information pamphlet on the war and its aims are these drawings. Top left, "Freedom from Want"; top right, "Freedom of Speech"; lower left, "Freedom from Fear"; lower right, "Freedom of Religion" — a credo for victory.

L.A. Tightens Guild Rules For Wartime

LOS ANGELES—Three actions to strengthen the inner workings of the local—two to increase attendance, the other to improve enforcement of contracts—were taken by the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild.

Faced with more blackouts and a drastic dimout order, the general membership voted to hold its monthly meetings Sunday mornings instead of Wednesday nights.

FINE ABSENTEES

Lack of attendance brought passage of a rule that members who fail to attend two successive meetings will be assessed a month's dues.

To handle contract grievances, a system of shop stewards to replace a city-wide grievance committee was inaugurated.

The move to increase attendance was initiated by Local President Milt Phinney, who pointed to a steadily declining turnout since America's entrance in the war, and said that of a total membership of 825 there were less than 50 at the meeting—and "that is not democracy."

"DRASTIC MEANS" CITED

"With the dimout going into effect August 20 on the Pacific Coast, it will be even harder for members to show up," he said, "so we must take drastic means."

He cited the example of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild for establishing a penalty for non-attendance. The Bay Guild already had a penalty system in effect.

Sunday morning was selected as the best time as it would not conflict with dimout regulations, and because but few members are at work then.

SET UP STEWARDS

Provision for the shop steward system was made in new local by-laws adopted recently.

Under the system one shop steward is elected for every 25 members of a unit or major fraction thereof. They form a shop steward council, which, hereafter, will have full say over grievance matters.

SAN JOSE GIRLS WORK IN SLACKS

SAN JOSE — Feminine Guild members on The San Jose Mercury-Herald set the pace for the rest of the city when they adopted slacks as the official working attire for the duration.

The women received permission for the informal costume by presenting a petition to the newspaper's management.

Several other San Jose offices have followed their lead in the silk stocking saving campaign.

IT'S LABOR'S WAR
LABOR KNOWS THE SCORE
—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—



Guild Wins One Dept., Loses Two in Detroit

DETROIT—The Detroit Newspaper Guild won collective bargaining rights for Detroit maintenance employes but lost votes of editorial and commercial employes this week in a National Labor Relations Board election marked by brazen management interference.

The Guild planned an immediate appeal to the NLRB following the vote August 12, citing distribution, by special delivery mail, of a vicious attack on the union and the CIO—among other management devices to defeat the Guild.

The attack was made in a pamphlet mailed late on the night of August 10. It attempted to stir race and class hatred and said that management had contemplated a general pay raise for employes two weeks earlier.

When the vote was tallied after a day marked by slugging of the local Guild president, saloon service for voters by a company poll watcher, and similar incidents, the score was:

Maintenance — For the Guild, 45; no, 6.

Editorial—For the Guild, 79; no, 114; challenged, 1.

Commercial — For the Guild, 78; no, 144, challenged, 1; void, 3.

Of 544 employes eligible to vote, 471 cast ballots. Four Guild members came from distant vacation spots to vote, as did five of 55 men in armed services.

DISQUALIFY WATCHER

One company watcher at the polls was disqualified from serving because of drunkeness.

One voter, after being served drinks by a company watcher, attacked Fred Collins, the local president, who retaliated in kind. The same voter also tried to slug ANG International Representative Wilbur E. Bade in an elevator.

Other features of the day included virtual suspension of operations in the commercial department of The News, where management excused employes from work to vote, urging them to vote against the Guild.

Two known anti-Guild employes hauled another from his sick bed, where he recently had two blood transfusions, to the ballot booth, where he had to be supported to mark his vote.

Bade and International Representative Barney B. Taylor were in Detroit two weeks prior to the vote, campaigning for the Guild in attempts to counteract management's long campaign against the union.

Organization efforts at the News began in January, 1941.

It early became apparent management would resist efforts to unionize the plant.

POST NOTICES

When the News unit was formed in February, 1941, and came out into the open, management two days later posted terms of its "dismissal allowance plan."

This was patterned on the Guild severance pay plan but management reserved the right to cancel it on posting a notice on the bulletin board.

Bulletin boards, which are kept locked, have been denied to the Guild and "outsiders" have been barred from the plant. Distribution of union literature within the plant also was forbidden.

"—DESK TO DESK—"

Subtle intimidation has been evident, including the spectacle of an executive loping from desk to desk to tear up Guild literature which had been sent through the mail.

Previously organizing committees had been headed by Ed Scott and Katherine Lynch, and earlier this year John Weilburg had given the local group assistance.

Local leaders pressed for a Labor Board vote at this time when it became apparent the Guild was losing strength through resignations, transfers and men entering the armed forces.

START COMPANY UNION

A company union movement which started at The News at the time of the NLRB hearing last March soon faded out and there was little organized opposition to the Guild during the closing weeks of the campaign.

There remained, however, a formidable bloc of employes in both editorial and commercial departments who, through false "loyalty" to a paternalistic management remained opposed to unionization of The News.

The closing campaign was concentrated in a barrage of shop papers, illustrated leaflets and printed pamphlets.

Voting was conducted in a room in the Fort Shelby Hotel, half a block from the News building.

Six out of town correspondents (two in Washington, one in New York, one in Hollywood and two in Lansing) were permitted to vote by mail. Their ballots were in the hands of the Labor Board by August 10.

Unfair labor practice charges, filed against The News in March, were waived as affecting this election, but still are on the Labor Board docket.

Free Press Stands Pat In Detroit

DETROIT—Frankly admitting that the Guild shop would "perpetuate" the Detroit Newspaper Guild and make further gains by the union possible, management of The Free Press stood pat this week in its refusal in contract negotiations to grant a union shop and a 10 percent pay increase.

Management offered a seven percent wage boost with a minimum increase of $3 and a maximum of $6.

SEEN AS BLOW

Its refusal to make the proposal applicable to new employes, plus the adamant position on the Guild shop, led Detroit Guild leaders to interpret the offer as a blow at the Guild rather than a genuine attempt at settlement.

Unit meetings agreed that management's intent was to create "Class B citizenship" for war replacements on the staff.

Employes hired to replace those going into armed services or war plants would be paid lower wages than old employes, and in addition would face layoffs when servicemen return.

MOTIVES CITED

Strong motives for them to remain outside the Guild would thus be created.

Refusing the Guild shop, Managing Editor Douglas D. Martin said that it would fasten the Guild upon management permanently—and would result in higher wages and what he termed more "hampering" contract clauses.

The Detroit Guild planned to carry its case to the rest of the labor movement here and to Publisher John S. Knight.

PIX TAB STARTED

RACINE, Wis. (FP)—Something new in labor journalism was introduced by Racine Labor, AFL-CIO newspaper, in its latest issue when it used photo-offset to produce an eight-page picture tabloid supplement. The supplement is devoted entirely to pictures of local union men and women and community activity.



Love takes a toll, too, in newspaper staffs. The Guild Placement Service, 14 Pearl Street, New York, is ready to make up for any loss. Any job, any place, any time.

SCRAP COMES BACK IN JAP ATTACK

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—U. S. scrap iron was used in at least one of the bombs dropped on Dutch Harbor, Alaska, by Japanese planes.

So said Calvin Jones and Pleas Scaggs, members of the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards Association, who were on an Army transport in Dutch Harbor during the bombing.

They saw a flat piece of iron into which was cast the words "Singer Sew . . .," originally Singer Sewing Machine.

AVERAGE FOOD PRICES ARE UP DESPITE OPA

WASHINGTON (FP)—Sharp rises in the cost of items not covered by price ceilings made average nation-wide food prices 1.3 percent higher in mid-June than in mid-May, before OPA imposed price ceilings, according to figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

A decrease of 1 percent in controlled food prices was offset by a 4.3 percent increase in items where no price ceiling was imposed. Sharpest increases were in the prices of fruits, vegetables, lamb and poultry, which rose from 9 to 25 percent.

WORKING SUIT



Newspaper photographers meet interesting babies, too. Guildsman Michael Converse of San Jose, California, put on this working uniform to get a picture of the 10,000th baby born at San Jose Hospital. It was a community event in the Coast town.

Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

Westbrook Pegler reminds me of a kid I once went to school with. Little Chester was very well liked among parents. He was cited to us as a model of behavior. He was smart, too.

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Chester never wrote nasty words on alley fences. He supplied the chalk and told some of us dumber kids how to spell them.

Chester occasionally got involved in some of our escapades. It took me a long time to figure out why Chester was always the first to be interviewed by the principal. And how the principal knew exactly who did what by the time I was up for examination.

Chester stood well with all the teachers. He didn't take them apples. Come to think of it, I don't recall just what he did do to win their favor. It seems that he was just on their side in opposition to the rest of us.

Chester rarely got into fights. Neither did I because I was always getting licked. Chester never got licked in a fight. The other kid was always smaller.

My acquaintance with Chester was interrupted for several years by a change of residence. As a youngster, he had been addicted to yanking the pigtails that little girls, in those days, wore.

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When I saw him again, Chester was talking about girls in the school.

Chester didn't just kiss and tell. He frequently didn't kiss but claimed.

I crossed Chester off my list. So did some of the other guys. Once or twice in the years since then I have wondered what became of Chester. I don't really care and I'm not very curious about it.

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Which brings me to the similarity to the virulent Pegler.

I don't know that Pegler ever yanked pigtails.

I don't know that Pegler ever was a tattletale and a snitcher.

I know little and care considerably less about his personal habits.

I do know that he has recently achieved a new gutter low in his attack on Mrs. Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt, of course, needs no defense by me.

There will be a niche in history for her, a place carved by a multitude of generous deeds, by inspiration, devotion, untiring self-sacrifice and courage.

Courage, incidentally, to ignore the yapping of small mutts.

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In his boorish, brawling manner, Herr Pegler has sought to draw Mrs. Roosevelt into a public controversy with him.

He has taunted her in his column. He has attempted to hold her up to derision.

It would delight his petty ego if his goading drew a reply.

It would serve to dignify his caterwauling if she deigned to heave a shoe at him.

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Mrs. Roosevelt is a lady. She understands neither the mechanics nor the necessity of barroom brawling. She has no conception of Peglerian billingsgate.

It is perfectly fair and proper to differ with her views.

It is fair and proper to criticize her within the bounds of decency and good taste.

Pegler has recognized no bounds of decency and taste.

Pegler has always been myopic to decency and good taste.

He has now set a new course record.

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Chester loved to yank pigtails because the little girls could not fight back and sometimes cried.

Chester would talk about girls because he knew none of them would ever drag him out in an alley and beat hell out of him.

As I said, Pegler reminds me of Chester.

Chester was a thoroughly nasty little boy.

It Seems to Us...

N.O. "GRATEFUL" FOR URCEL DANIEL HELP

NEW ORLEANS.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Speaking for the membership of one of the new (April '42) Guilds, I want to take this opportunity to express our belated but nonetheless sincere thanks to Urcel Daniel, director of research, for the invaluable help she extended during our organization and negotiation.

Her splendid cooperation, and the material with which she supplied us, were extremely helpful and we're deeply grateful for them.

WARD B. MELODY,
President, Local 170.

BRIDGEPORT NAMES McCOLLUM CHAIRMAN

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Lem McCollum of The Sunday Herald was appointed chairman of the Bridgeport Newspaper Guild's war activities committee.

McCollum has been in charge of war savings bond sales work.

The local has three members in the armed forces—Henri Arnold, cartoonist and dark room man; William J. Kelly, district man; and William Davidson, reporter.

USA WINS IN COLORADO

PUEBLO, Colo. (FP)—By a vote of 2,723 to 1,986 the CIO United Steelworkers won an NLRB election at the local steel mill of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Corporation, stronghold of the Rockefeller company union setup.

MESSAGE FOR HIROHITO

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (FP)—Sergeant Rene Battaglini, in charge of an anti-aircraft outfit on an unnamed Pacific island, has painted the name of his beloved on his gun.

Battaglini used to be president of the AFL Cooks Union in San Francisco. On the gun barrel is "Local 44."

NEWSLETTER STARTED

NEW YORK (FP)—The CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers has started an eight-page printed newsletter which will enable its 6,000 members in the armed forces to keep up with union news.

—ON PAYDAY BUY BONDS—

Chicago Times Guildswoman Joins WAAC

CHICAGO — First Chicago Newspaper Guild member to join the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps is Martha Jane Smith, 24, Chicago Times feature writer and reporter.

She was slated to report for duty August 15 at Fort Des Moines, Ia.

GETS MILITAY LEAVE

Granted military leave of absence from The Times, Miss Smith was around the office long enough to see successful conclusion of a new contract between the management and the Chicago Newspaper Guild.

She will benefit by provisions of a war clause which was embodied in the new contract.

Miss Smith joined The Times staff in the summer of 1940 and applied for membership in the Guild almost immediately.

She graduated from Northwestern University that year with a bachelor of science degree in journalism.

HAD CHILDHOOD YEN

Martha confesses that she got a yen for newspaper work while attending high school in St. Louis, where she was born.

"I was about 15," she recalled, "when I established my rating as a child prodigy by having a poem, completely revised by the editor, published in The St. Louis Post-Dispatch."

During her stay at The Times, Miss Smith progressed rapidly in her work.

Her aptitude for writing features was soon recognized and she was assigned to this type of work almost exclusively.

WROTE WAR SERIES

Shortly after the U.S. went to war she was assigned to do a series of articles on how a person could become almost self-sufficient by making his own candles, soap, cloth and other living essentials. She also wrote an informative series on how to predict weather.

Miss Smith has applied for a commission as public relations officer with the WAAC.

COLONEL GREETS ROOKIE



Elementary advice on life in the Army is handed out by Lieutenant Colonel Edward F. Shaifer to Martha Jane Smith. He's chief recruiting officer in the Chicago district. She's the first member of the Chicago Newspaper Guild to enlist in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

CIO ARMY GUIDE IS BEST SELLER

WASHINGTON—The CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief, as a public service, sent copies of its Servicemen's Manual to members of the House and Senate for their information.

Now the national office of the CIO agency is flooded with requests from Capitol Hill by Senators and Congressmen for copies of the handbook to mail to friends and constituents in the armed forces.

The Newspaper Guild at New York headquarters has been sending specially-imprinted copies of the guidebook to members in the services.

Publisher Loses Bet on Contract

CHICAGO—For two decades Publisher S. E. Thomason of The Chicago Times has been one of the chief negotiators for the Chicago Newspaper Publishers Association in contract bargaining with mechanical unions.

Veteran unionists hereabouts have gained a healthy respect for the CNPA president's abilities in that role.

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But Publisher Thomason has just finished up a brush with a powder-puff brigade in negotiating a renewal of the Chicago Newspaper Guild's contract with The Times—and he admits he was a bit baffled by it all.

At the final session he frankly expressed bewilderment that:

He had not only granted such contract improvements as a 15 percent wage increase on a $30 base, a dues deduction voluntary check-off provision, increased night differential, increased auto allowance, improved holiday schedule and a war clause—but apparently faced the prospect of purchasing two dresses to satisfy provisions of wagers he had made with Urcel Daniel, ANG research director, who served as chairman of the negotiating committee.

The feminine contingent of the Times unit got into action soon after Miss Daniel's arrival in Chicago. They crowded into front-row seats about the conference table at the first session.

Not satisfied with attendance of observers, they circulated a petition which required that signers either attend the next session or pay $5 into the local's treasury.

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Wage minimums in the new contract run up to $64.50 for rewrite men and copyreaders, $54.50 for reporters, photographiers and artists.

President Ray Brennan and Secretary Charles N. Wheeler, Jr., signed for the local; Editor Richard Finnegan for the management.

Serving on the negotiating committee with Miss Daniel were ANG International Representative Wesley Bubb and Fullerton Fulton, state director of the CIO.



Unit Chairman Bob Rankin said the gains achieved in the contract renewal were the greatest obtained in a Times contract since 1939.

The renewal covers an 18-month period.

Servicemen Aided by Wilkes-Barre

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Activities of the servicemen's welfare committee of Wilkes-Barre Local 120 of the Newspaper Guild, already extensive, are still mounting.

Each month the group writes letters to all members serving Uncle Sam's armed forces. As birthday anniversaries roll around, a greetings card is mailed to each soldier.

Immediately after each inductee takes the oath he is presented with a $5 bill by a member of the committee as a gift from the membership.

Now there's a campaign underway for current magazines and the donations are promptly given to the USO for the selectees.

One of the aides is corresponding with a nurse in England and has requested the names of U. S. soldiers in foreign service who have no families or friends and promises to write them.

Martha Thomas and Helen Churry are co-chairmen.

Californian Joins WAAC

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—First woman in Sacramento to be accepted for the initial officers' training school for the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps was the Sacramento Union's music, art and aviation editor, Margaret Eleanor Fait.



MARGARET FAIT
First from Sacramento

Miss Fait, who was on the Union staff a year and a member of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild during that time, reported at Des Moines, Ia., for training.

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Before coming to The Union she had done advertising and radio work both in New York and San Francisco.

She had written radio serials, including "Backstage Wife." At one time Miss Fait was employed by Don Herrold. She is a graduate of Mills College.

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Of four Sacramento women ordered to Salt Lake City for final examinations, Miss Fait was the only one chosen to go with the first group.

Two others have been accepted for the second group.

Institute Aided By Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, member of the Washington Newspaper Guild, is an honorary vice chairman of the new American Labor Archive and Research Institute established in New York by the Rand School of Social Science.

Other honorary vice chairmen include President Philip Murray of the CIO and Professor John Dewey. AFL President William Green is honorary chairman.

The Institute, which will be opened formally in the Fall, will provide source material on the labor movement, including a collection of 20,000 union periodicals, convention reports, pamphlets and similar material, some of it dating to the 1850's.

Keith Wheeler Wins Acclaim

CHICAGO — Keith Wheeler, former dues collector for the Chicago Times unit of the Newspaper Guild and an active member of the union since he joined the staff in 1937, scored again as a top-notch war correspondent with a brilliant eye-witness account of the battle for the Aleutian Islands.

His exclusive series of 10 stories—one of which was printed in the August 1 issue of The Guild Reporter — brought hundreds of telegrams and letters of appreciation and congratulations to The Times.

The Times turned over all the stories to the three wire services, newspapers throughout the country and those of the United Nations. The series also was broadcast throughout the world.

Wheeler, who was the only accredited newspaper correspondent to land in Alaskan waters, won previous acclaim with his colorful account of the American raid on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands.

Local 120 Backs Both Fronts

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Uncle Sam is getting plenty of help from Local 120 of the Newspaper Guild in the war for survival.

While the membership at home is taking leads in civilian defense projects, there are 19 from the local serving in the nation's armed forces.

Seventeen of the group are in the Army, one is in the Navy and another in the Coast Guard.

Michael Kolesar is a gob and Jimmy Lee is a Coast Guardsman. Both were members of the Times-Leader Evening News editorial staff.

In the Army are:

Joseph Stemmer, Edward J. Watkins, Frank Krackenfels, Benjamin Kupstas, Harold Martin, John McAndrew, John G. Melan, Sterling A. Taylor, Willard K. West, Stanley Kieszek.

Edward J. Burke, Thomas Dalton, Emil J. Frey, Fred Johns, Kenneth L. Hobbs, William E. Kistler, Francis Burnaford.

WLB Uncertainty Deadlocks Negotiations

BAY CITY, Mich.—An opinion by a Department of Labor conciliator that the Saginaw Valley Newspaper Guild's dispute with The Bay City Times would not be accepted for settlement by the War Labor Board produced a deadlock in contract negotiations this week.

The Guild demanded a Guild shop and a pay increase equivalent to the rise in the cost of living since the last editorial contract was signed in April, 1941.

Management has indicated that it is willing to go as high as 14 percent, less interim raises, but will not make the offer formally unless the Guild shop is waived.

Negotiator Paul Weber of the Detroit Guild predicted that the WLB, on the basis of its established policy, would give approximately what the Guild asked in union security and a cost of living raise.

Managing Editor Glenn MacDonald asked Conciliator Harry Gray to find out from Washington whether the WLB would take the case.

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Guild leaders believed MacDonald would yield on the Guild shop issue if the verdict were in the affirmative.

But Gray reported, after telephone conversations with the Department of Labor, that the board probably would not take the case.

San Jose Leads Drive For Gardens

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Not content with its past record, the San Jose Newspaper Guild is taking the lead in another phase of the war effort—this time on the immediate home front.

The Guild passed a resolution, petitioning all California water utility companies who have not already done so to reduce their water rates for victory garden usage.

OTHER UNIONS JOIN

The move caught the support of other local labor unions, and action has been promised by the local water company president if statistics show the move will aid the national defense effort.

Victory gardens were endorsed by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard December 19, 1941, for the purpose of mobilizing home gardeners throughout America to put all suitable home garden space into food production.

Guildsman R. A. Langley of the local chapter, garden editor of The Mercury-Herald, led the local campaign.

GUILDSMAN LEADS

As a result, thousands of homeowners in this and neighboring counties have started gardens in their back yards or have taken over vacant lots for neighborhood projects.

Vegetables grown in these gardens are expected to contribute substantially to the domestic supply which has been reduced because of a shortage of labor and because a large percentage of vegetables grown locally are shipped out of the state.

In drafting the resolution, the Guild pointed out that the California Railroad Commission recommended in the spring of 1942 that all privately owned water utilities study the possibility of reducing their water rates to encourage victory gardens.

SHORTAGE THREATENED

It also indicated that a threatened fresh food shortage, which has resulted from the withdrawal of farm labor for military service and defense work, could be reduced if existing water rates were reduced to encourage maximum effort in the production of fresh foods among home-owners.

Langley has taken the lead in negotiations with the water company in addition to using his column to report the progress of the campaign.

HERO IS A CIO MAN

NEW YORK (FP)—John Cullen, the coastguardsman who discovered four of the eight Nazi saboteurs on a Long Island beach, was a member of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale & Department Store Employes.

New York Breaks Precedent in Political Action

Following unprecedented action by its representative assembly, the New York Newspaper Guild participated actively in this week's New York primary election.

The RA:

1) Appropriated $100 to the Trade Union Committeee to Elect Win-the-War Candidates, earmarked for use in campaigns against Frederic Coudert for the State Senate and William B. Barry for Congress, both of whom were renominated.

URGE ALP SUPPORT

2) Recommended, despite dissent by some RA members, that all Guild members be urged to support American Labor Party nominees.

3) Endorsed U. S. Senator James Mead for Governor in a resolution to state leaders of the Democratic Party, which meets in convention in Brooklyn August 19.

4) Contributed $25 to the campaign fund of James Whittaker, former vice president of the New York Guild, candidate of the left wing of the American Labor Party for the State Senate in Rockland County.

The RA took no position on candidates in the ALP primary in New York City, where the left wing of the party, led by U. S. Representative Vito Marcantonio, was bitterly opposed by the ALP right wing.

Marcantonio, whose isolationist and appeasement foreign policy record in Congress surpassed that of Representative Hamilton Fish prior to June 22, 1941, was renominated in his Harlem district by ALP, Democratic and Republican voters. Fish, too, was renominated.

A Newspaper Guild Committee to Elect William F. Brunner, Barry's opponent in the Congressional primary, was particularly active before the election, in which Barry won easily despite his isolationist record.

DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS

With ANG Vice President Walter Engels as chairman and Walter Mulligan as secretary, the Guild committee tried to mobilize 1,000 Guild members in Queens to defeat Barry. It also advised Brunner on publicity and wrote and distributed 50,000 copies of a pamphlet, "Roosevelt Needs Brunner in Congress."

Endorsement of Mead for Governor was in line with positions taken generally by labor groups and by New Dealers in the Democratic Party in his contest with Attorney General John J. Bennett, Jr.

Whittaker was unopposed for the ALP nomination for State Senate following a court ruling that removed the candidate of the ALP right wing from the ballot.

Still unresolved, however, was the fight between left and right wings for ALP control.

Nat Einhorn, executive secretary of the New York Guild, had been a left wing candidate for ALP nomination to the State Senate in Brooklyn, but withdrew before the primary vote in what he said was a move to bring unity to the party.

COMMUNISTS REBUKED

The primary campaign was marked in New York by news, given front-page newspaper play, involving two more members of the Guild—**Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt of the Washington local and Morris Watson, onetime ANG vice president, leader of the defunct American Peace Mobilization, and now an ALP left wing chief.**

Mrs. Roosevelt, in a rebuke to Eugene P. Connolly, another ALP left wing leader, protested what she said was improper use of a letter she wrote and, in an unequivocal declaration, denounced the Communist Party here.

In her letter Mrs. Roosevelt had indorsed a statement of policy urging support of Congressional candidates who pledged all-out war support.

The ALP right wing said the letter had been used by the left wing to imply approval by her of left wing candidates.

Speaking for Connolly, Watson said:

"Mrs. Roosevelt has been misinformed. We have never authorized or sanctioned the use of her letter for any political purpose whatsoever."

SUPPORTS RIGHT WING

In her protest to Connolly, the wife of the President said "the real leadership" of the ALP, in her opinion, was held by Luigi Antonini, ALP chairman and right wing leader. The protest follows:

"Dear Mr. Connolly:

"I am very much surprised to find that you have used my letter, which I wrote about a statement I thought the American Labor Party as a whole had made, not only in connection with the statement, but in a leaflet which is being used in the present primary campaign.

"I wish to take no part in this campaign.

"Your 'progressive committee,' so called, has people running against candidates nominated by what I suppose you would call the right wing of the American Labor Party.

"As you must realize, I am, and always have been, much more in sympathy with the stand of the American Labor Party as represented by what I consider is the real leadership under Mr. Antonini as state chairman.

"Their stand on foreign affairs has always been my own and I do not think there would be any doubt in the minds of the left wing group that, while I endorsed the statement which the entire party, I imagined, would be united on still, I was certainly not endorsing primary candidates in opposition to what I consider the regular American Labor Party, when I am not even a member of this party.

"—NO ILLUSIONS—"

"I have no illusions whatsoever as to the stand which the American Communist Party has taken in American affairs.

"I admire Russia and the marvelous fight which Russia is putting up.

"Russia has a right to the kind of government that Russians desire to have, but I do not wish to be controlled in this country by an American group that, in turn, is controlled by Russia and Russia's interests.

"There are many things, naturally, on which all groups agree.

"I should like to see labor people united, because it would add to their strength, but they cannot be united politically with people who act under the dictates and in the interest of another nation.

"I am writing you this because I do not wish you to use my name or my letter again in any publication whatsoever.

"I am quite willing to have you give this letter publicity if you so desire, and I shall send a copy of it to Mr. Antonini and Mr. Rose (Alex Rose, ALP state secretary and right wing leader) for such use as they may deem wise.

"Very sincerely yours,
"ELEANOR ROOSEVELT."

DAILY WORKER SCREAMS

In a Page 1 editorial the Communist Daily Worker screamed:

"Mrs. Roosevelt dragged the issue of Communism into the election campaign, and delivered an unwarranted attack upon the Communist Party. By doing this, she supplied the grist to the mill of the enemies of the nation's war policies. . . .

The Communist Party of the United States is not and never has been controlled by Russia, as Mrs. Roosevelt charges. . . .

"Her concept that there can be no political unity between the Communists and the labor movement must also be rejected. It is this policy of the Blums and Daladiers of France that paved the way for . . . the betrayal and enslavement of France. . . ."



U. S. Treasury Dept.

"Tough luck, old man—my money's all in nontransferable War Savings Bonds."

GLADYS BENTLEY IS PROMOTED

Gladys Bentley, four times treasurer of the New York Newspaper Guild, has been made supervisor of classified telephone sales at The Brooklyn Eagle, against which the Guild conducted a lengthy strike in 1937 during the course of which Miss Bentley became a cause celebre.

She was fired for organizing commercial departments of The Eagle during the regime of Preston Goodfellow and the firing contributed in great measure to the strike which was called two weeks later.

The strike settlement was held up because of management's unwillingness to take Miss Bentley back on the paper when the other strikers returned. Since that time The Eagle has a new publisher.

N.Y. PUSHES BONDS

Most units of the New York Newspaper Guild have either exceeded 90 percent in the war bond payroll deduction campaign or hit the 80 percent mark. The bond sale committee of the local is now preparing to move to the second phase of the drive—10 percent of every employe's salary.

FDR GETS POSTCARDS

At least 1,000 postcards were sent by New York Guild members to President Roosevelt informing him that they are "behind your decision and ready to make any sacrifice required to speed the offensive against Hitler."

—BONDS BATTER HITLER—
—BUY BONDS EACH WEEK—

Conciliation Fails in 'Profit' Firings

Fred Croxton, U.S. labor conciliator, conceded last week that he could not bring about a settlement in New York Journal-American "purge for profit" firings, and that he was sending his final report to John R. Steelman, chief of the Federal Conciliation Service.

Croxton indicated that he would include in his report the New York Newspaper Guild's request that the dispute be certified to the National War Labor Board.

It was in response to a request for WLB action by Gustave Strebel, New York State CIO president, and Saul Mills, New York City CIO secretary-treasurer, that the U.S. Department of Labor assigned Conciliator Croxton to The Journal-American.

The New York local has asked ANG officers to assist it in pushing the case forward.

The Journal-American management made no single offer during the period of conciliation, standing adamant on its position that it would re-hire only on the basis of need as it might arise in the future.

The New York local is continuing street-corner distribution of leaflets informing newspaper readers of the Hearst dispute, and continuing its canvass of advertisers. Nearly 200,000 circulars have been distributed in the city.



J. SOGLOW

"I could tell those boys down in Washington a thing or two about rationing."

Drawn for Division of Information, OEM.

New York Raises $1,000 for China

The New York Guild raised more than $1,000 during a week-long campaign for United China Relief, with only half of the local's units reporting.

The Time unit led all others with a total collection of $425, The Brooklyn Eagle following with a unit total of $300.

Most consistent giver in the drive was Joseph Wolhandler, PM copyboy. He contributed what spare change he had daily for the first four days.

On the fifth day Joe did without dessert at lunch and turned in the resultant cash saving. On the sixth day, Joe brought sandwiches from home and contributed his entire food allowance for the day.

Woman Heads Assembly

The New York Newspaper Guild's representative assembly, composed of delegates from 40 units, has elected a woman chairman for the first time.

She is Hannah Baker, comics editor of PM and chairman of the local's bond sales and war relief committee.

Miss Baker, who will preside at her first meeting as RA chairman later this month, succeeds D. L. Horner of The Daily Mirror, who now is in the Army.

One of the original staff of PM, she has been an active member of the grievance committee at the tabloid's Guild unit.

A graduate of Hunter College, she worked in publishing and publicity offices and traveled in Europe before shifting in 1940 from the McClure Newspaper Syndicate to PM.



HANNAH BAKER
She's in the chair now

20th Century Fund Survey Praises Guild

The American Newspaper Guild's marked progress is cited as "one of the most interesting developments in the history of the American labor movement" by a Twentieth Century Fund survey released this week.

The survey, "How Collective Bargaining Works," pointed to "rather remarkable success" of the Guild in the newspaper field and said:

"The years since 1933 have witnessed one of the most interesting developments in the history of the American labor movement—the first widespread unionization of white collar workers in a major industry."

"NEW ISSUES" LISTED

A section of the survey dealing with daily newspapers, prepared by Robert K. Burns, co-director of Science Research Associates, added:

"Despite its short history, the Guild has helped to raise wages in news and commercial departments and has introduced new issues for collective bargaining in the industry.

"It has forged a chain of new demands such as sick leave and vacations with pay, guaranteed employment and dismissal compensation.

"Because many of its members by their very training have a broad grasp of social, economic and political affairs, the Guild, if ably led, may have an important influence on organized labor and collective bargaining in America."

The survey observed:

"Under collective bargaining one of the most important gains for workers in the newspaper trades has been the establishment of definite democratic rights in industry.

"The former arbitrary management of labor relations has been replaced by representative management. . . .

"On the whole . . . the working environment and relationships have both improved.

"Moreover, the responsibility of participating in self-government in industry has important implications for self-government in a democracy.

"The standard of living of the craftsmen in the industry has unquestionably been improved through collective bargaining.

"Wage rates have risen and annual earnings have increased . . . Working conditions also have been improved. . . .

"Job security has been safeguarded to an extent unapproached in most other industries. Through the closed shop and the operation of union rules, workers are protected against discrimination and favoritism in hiring and discharge. . . .

"Publishers have enjoyed relative freedom from strikes and other interruptions to production. . . .

"Finally, through orderly collective bargaining the publishers have won employe goodwill and a more favorable public opinion."

William H. Davis, now chairman of the National War Labor Board, had been chairman of the Twentieth Century Fund's special labor committee, which collaborated in preparing the survey, which was directed by Harry A. Millis.

In a statement issued in connection with publication of the survey Davis said:

"Industry-wide collective bargaining seems a logical next development.

"It makes for greater stability throughout an industry, more responsible unions, and puts management on a more fair and equitable competitive basis so far as wage costs are concerned. . . .

"As this Twentieth Century Fund survey abundantly shows, collective bargaining in America is coming of age."

Evans Clark, executive director of the Fund, said in a foreword:

"Collective bargaining is likely to change its form and procedure under the pressure of war, but the experience of the last war, at least, indicates that the basic problems of industrial relations remain after the end of hostilities.

"It also showed that during the conflict sound labor policies are essential elements of victory. . . ."

"How Collective Bargaining Works" is published by the Fund at 330 West 42nd Street, New York, at $4 in a cloth edition of 1,014 pages.



MEMPHIS DELEGATES PAY ALL ASSESSMENTS

MEMPHIS — Delegates from Memphis to the ANG convention in Denver believe in doing—at once—what they advocate.

ANG Vice President Harry Martin, Local President R. C. Shuptrine and Local Secretary-Treasurer W. A. Copeland, who supported six ANG defense fund assessments levied by the convention, paid them all in lump sums.

Newest Local Signs Pact, Sets Record

FORT WORTH, Tex. — The Fort Worth Newspaper Guild last week signed an initial contract with the Scripps-Howard Fort Worth Press that was negotiated within a month after the newest local of the union was chartered.

The new contract left only three of 18 Scripps-Howard chain newspapers without a Guild contract—The Press in Pittsburgh, The Tribune in Albuquerque, N.M., and The Press in Evansville, Ind.

CHECKOFF PROVIDED

In addition to many standard Guild contract provisions, the Fort Worth pact provided for a voluntary payroll checkoff system for union dues, $45 editorial minimum pay after five years' experience, and severance pay of one week for each eight weeks' service to 26 weeks.

The Guild agreement with the newspaper was reached following organization of the Fort Worth local by ANG International Representative Barney B. Taylor and negotiations directed by H. Richard Seller, whose assignment to the Texas city was his last as an ANG international representative.

Dick Gorton, president of the local, pointed out to ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks that the wage scale in the initial Fort Worth pact was "definitely superior to El Paso's and in some respects better than that of Houston"—comparable cities with established Guilds.

TAYLOR ORGANIZED

With Taylor in charge, the local was organized the night of June 30. Tentative agreement between local negotiators was reached the night of July 29 after six bargaining sessions. The contract was signed as of August 10 with approval of the ANG contracts committee in New York.

Seller, who resigned his ANG post in June, effective August 1, helped draft the Guild's proposals and conducted negotiations until the July 29 session. He will work for the Federated Press in New York.

The local sent ANG headquarters in New York a thank-you letter for assigning Seller to the negotiations, which were completed in record time for an initial contract.

Rodgers Says Six New Assessments Will 'Double Our Armor' in War

Reviewing the Newspaper Guild's current wartime financial position and the union's post-war outlook, ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers said this week it was necessary to "double our armor for the future."

In reply to several Guild members who questioned the need for six international defense fund assessments approved in June by the ANG convention in Denver, Rodgers said:

"Prior to this year, annual Guild conventions had levied three international bi-monthly assessments with the general objective of maintaining an ANG defense fund of around $25,000.

"These were in addition to emergency assessments levied in the midst of particular strike situations.

"—STEADY DRAIN—"

"The Denver convention, in considering this question, was confronted by the fact that two comparatively small but prolonged strikes beginning last November —Aliquippa and Chester—have constituted a steady drain upon the defense fund so that as of this date the balance in that fund is far below the minimum safety requirement.

"The convention also recognized increasing evidence of anti-Guild efforts on the part of some publishers, obviously inspired by the belief that strike action by unions is unlikely for the duration of the war.

"Accordingly, it was felt that now was the time to double our armor for the future—that by quickly rebuilding and enlarging our defense fund we would be answering these attacks in a way that publishers well understand, while at the same time actually providing formidable protection against the time when it may be needed.

INVESTMENT ORDERED

"Having decided to enlarge the defense fund as quickly as possible, the convention then determined that the bulk of the revenue from these assessments could wisely and patriotically be invested in war bonds.

"But let no one be deceived about the purpose of these assessments. **They were not levied as a flag-waving gesture to enable the Guild to buy war bonds.**

"They are solely for the purpose of rebuilding and enlarging our defense fund as quickly as possible for our own protection.

"SOLID FRONT" CITED

"This money is for defense of the Guild against a solid front bent on destroying it.

"The past year has seen many gains in Guild standards.

"But we have not seen the Guild gain security for itself where it counts most—on the biggest papers in the biggest cities. There is organized effort to prevent that.

"Let us be prepared to beat that effort. Twelve to twentyfive cents a month is not too much to put aside to protect the wages, hours, and working conditions we now enjoy.

"The drain for contributions is heavy on everyone's pocketbook. **But let us not be guilty of having a defense fund too little too late.**"

Statewide AP Election Is Ordered by NLRB

DETROIT—The first National Labor Relations Board election for a statewide Associated Press unit of the Newspaper Guild will be held within a month for the Associated Press in Michigan. An NLRB order for the election has been issued.

The Guild won its plea for a statewide unit. The AP wanted separate bureaus and sub-bureaus throughout the state, even though the Detroit bureau chief is in charge of all branches in Michigan.

Twenty-nine men are eligible to vote.

Ted Peck, AP staffer, has been in charge of the drive to put the Guild over the top in Michigan AP offices.

The election was made necessary because of AP insistence for separate units.

NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL PUTS UP A NEW FRONT



—Photo by Frank E. Shanahan, Boston Guild

Delegates to the Guild's New England district council pose for the record after adopting an expanded organizing program at a Boston session. Front row, left to right: Dominic Germaine, Portland, Me.; Harold Bulger, Portland; Edward Collins, Lynn, Mass.; J. Frank Reynolds, Salem, Mass.; Sam B. Eubanks, ANG executive vice president; Organizer George F. Markham, Boston. Center row: Francis Curry, Lynn president; George A. Harris, Boston president; Amasa Howe, Boston; William Ward, Boston; Robert Sibley, Boston; Chester Hutchins, Salem president; Wilbur E. Bade, ANG international representative. Top row: Charles McGee, Salem; William Hubbard, Boston; Donald B. Willard, Boston; Joseph Crowley, Boston; Talmadge Fletcher, Boston; Clifton Jones, Boston. Guild leaders, all.

The Guild's Own Bookshelf

WILL GERMANY CRACK? By Paul Hagen. New York: Harper & Brothers. 283 pp. $2.75.

By DR. FRANK KINGDON
Chairman, International Coordination Council

The only reason those of us who work with Paul Hagen are not more amazed by this brilliant book is because we have become so used to the logic and clarity of his thinking that it no longer moves us to comment.

He has come to his present political wisdom through active participation in the turbulent affairs of Austria and Germany during the past 25 years.

He tested impetuosity in his youth when he made the dangerous gesture of suggesting to his superior officer in the Austrian Army that the Emperor be petitioned to resign.

This proposal resulted in his internment in a prison camp. But, even in the days of 1914-18, one met the best people of Europe in prison.



HAGEN

Thus Hagen's adventure in impetuosity taught him that practical politics does not afford a man the luxury of too direct action, yet the very punishment that came to him was one of the major benefits of his experience, for it gave him a taste of that comradeship with tried political fighters that is a meat essential to the nourishing of an effective maturity.

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During the stormy days of the Weimar Republic Hagen was in Germany and one of those who resented what they considered the weak leadership of the Social Democratic Party, so he went into opposition against the people in power.

He advocated more vigorous measures to assure the security of the workers and thus to check the obviously growing power in the Republic of the old feudal elements and the heavy industrialists.

JOINED COMMUNIST PARTY

Seeking an instrument of political action, he joined the Communist Party. The reason that he and many like him took this step was a simple one. There was nowhere else for them to go.

They could find no place in the Center Party. They were zealous for action more determined than that of the Social Democrats.

They felt that they had to do something, and the Communists had a clear and passionate program.

However completely we may discard both Communist philosophy and method, those of us who have some familiarity with political developments in Germany know that some of those who are now the most convinced democrats and most effective fighters against Nazism are former German Communists.

This is not necessarily because they were members of that party, but because they participated so energetically in the political struggles of the Weimar Republic that they gained a penetrating political acumen.

Thus, this second phase of Hagen's political education gave him personal experience of the rough and tumble of bitter political controversy.

LEFT COMMUNIST PARTY

As he matured, he turned against Communism intellectually, for he has the kind of mind that will naturally burst the restricting fetters of any kind of dogmatism.

He joined forces with the more liberal and vigorous elements of the Social Democratic Party, and lent all his powers to stopping the rise of the National Socialist Party.

When Hitler came to power he was active in the organization of the underground movements against the Nazis, and so became a marked man.

For several years, having fled from Germany, he lived in London, kept in touch with the underground movement from there, and made occasional visits to Germany at the risk of his life to keep his organization going.

In the last few years he has been living in America and has been directing his work from this country.

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His main association has been with the American Friends of German Freedom, which he and his Virginia-born wife have strongly supported, and which has consistently brought to this country through its two publications, "Inside Germany Reports" and "IN RE Germany," the best information we have had about that country.

He has also been of great service to the Emergency Rescue Committee, and was one of the founders of the International Coordination Council.

BACKGROUND FOR BOOK

It is out of this rich and sobering background that he has written his book, "Will Germany Crack?" In his introduction to it, Elmer Davis emphasizes that Hagen discusses the problem "with an unusual capacity for detached judgment."

Long ago Hagen discovered the tragic folly of wishful thinking, and one supreme value of this volume lies in his insistence upon looking the facts in the face, and allowing himself none of the poisonous sweets of optimism.

He demonstrates that the Third Reich is confronted by enormous problems on the economic front, but he does not see these as insoluble.

For example, he shows how definitely the deterioration of transportation contributed to the slowing down of the Russian campaign, yet he points out that now the transportation system has been reorganized under new leadership, and allows himself no more hopeful conclusion than:

"In spite of Hitler's latest reorganization, the next railway collapse may be expected to accompany any new offensive or expansion."

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This kind of analysis and deduction keeps the whole discussion in the realm of serious possibilities, and though the attitude of the author is never anything but positive in its delineation of the vicious human effects of the Nazi policy, he never commits the error of underestimating the imagination and organizing ability of Hitler and his advisers.

"HOW TO BEAT HITLER—"

The final chapter on "How to Beat Hitler Politically" is of particular interest to those of us who have been urging a more penetrating kind of political warfare on the part of this country.

Hagen puts the case for exploiting, much more expertly than is now being done, what he calls "the anti-fascist potential" in Germany.

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It is incredible that we are still trying to sell the cause of the United Nations to the peoples of Europe as though we were selling breakfast foods.

To those, who live every day with the crepuscular half-lights of terror, we send attempts at dramatization of the issues, as though some hack writer in New York could make horror more horrible to those who wake and eat and sleep with it.

Political propaganda is not an exercise in radio dramatics, it is a campaign to touch the motives of men and kindle their understanding, courage and faith.

Hagen makes clear that there are those to whom our words can come with the effect of weapons, and who will act upon our calls to venture desperate and great deeds.

This chapter on the need for our defining our goals, for our presenting a united front to the waiting peoples, and for our making our political warfare an importation of inspiration should be read by every member of the offices charged with directing our short-wave programs.

The whole book is now the point from which all future discussions of Germany must start. It is the most complete analysis of the present situation in the Reich that has been put between covers.

"I Can Lick Seven," a first novel by Robert Richards of The Memphis Press-Scimitar and the Memphis Newspaper Guild, won immediate recognition from reviewers as an exciting, penetrating story of the South after the Civil War.

"Robert Richards manages, remarkably, to say some new things about the Civil War and its aftermath, and to say them with as much irony as pity," said Time.

"Remarkably, too, he says them just as tersely as a good pulp story. More important, he has a flair for realistic allegory. . . .

"Author Richards can write like a blow between the eyes . . . (the book) is good enough to suggest that it will almost certainly sire a better."

Atlantic-Little, Brown published the novel at $2.50. It was the first attempt by Guildsman Richards, although he has written many magazine articles.

Guildsman Joseph Purtell of The Detroit Times has been getting the critics' okay for his first novel, "To a Blindfold Lady," a Reynal & Hitchcock murder release.

The New York Herald Tribune said it was an "outspoken, exciting and amusing mystery," that "it should be a lesson to less talented members of the fleshly school," that Purtell "writes about ten times better than most of his rivals in the same racket."

The Saturday Review of Literature referred to an "eyebrow lifting solution," The Boston Post to a "neat surprise."

"The Commandos," by Elliot Arnold, former New York World-Telegram staffman now in the Air Corps, scored seven printings in seven weeks as a best-seller on the Duell, Sloan & Pearce list.

OUR DAILY BREAD



—Cartoon by Dick Browne, New York Guild.

"As far as you've gone, how do you like being a newspaperman?"

Seattle Wins Times Case; Signs Terms

SEATTLE—The Seattle Newspaper Guild won a virtually complete victory in year-long National Labor Relations Board proceedings against The Seattle Times involving a company union and discrimination against Guild members.

The case was ended by agreement to an NLRB stipulation which ANG Vice President James Farmer, a member of the Seattle local, termed "a great Guild victory."

COMPANY UNION QUITS

The stipulation provided:

1) **Complete disestablishment of the so-called United Newspaper Employes, the company union.**

2) Revocation of a so-called contract between the Times management and the company union.

3) Posting by management of a notice stating that The Times will not dominate or interfere with or contribute support to any labor organization among its employes.

4) Posting by management of assurance that **"employes of the company are free to join or remain members of the Seattle Newspaper Guild, Local 82, American Newspaper Guild, or any other bona fide labor organization of their own choosing without fear of discrimination of any kind."**

WAIVES REINSTATEMENT

The Guild, as a part of the agreement, withdrew discrimination charges filed against The Times in the dismissal of Robert McClelland, former top advertising salesman.

The stipulation observed that McClelland "waives all claim to reemployment or reinstatement" at The Times, and McClelland indicated he would not accept reinstatement if it were offered.

The agreement was signed for the Guild by Burt Sparks, executive secretary of the Seattle local.

It opened the way to long-deferred recognition of the Guild as bargaining agent at The Times.

GUILD BRINGS XMAS IN AUGUST

FINDLAY, O.—Appearance of an American Newspaper Guild letterhead in the office of The Republican-Courier caused the publisher to don his Santa Claus whiskers and brought the idea of Christmas in August to all employes, including mechanical crafts, of his newspaper.

And fast! It happened so:

ANG International Representative John Weilburg, hearing of pro-Guild sentiment on the paper, had sent letters to a number of Republican-Courier employes, drumming up the Guild's achievements for thousands of newspaper employes and inviting Findlay to join.

One editorial employe took the letter she received to her publisher.

What he told her was not revealed but the next day a notice appeared, signed by the owner, announcing that hereafter all employes would receive a two weeks' vacation with pay!

Paid vacations had been unknown up to this time.

The natural aftermath, Weilburg reports, is that Guild sentiment is stronger than ever.

LABOR DENIED FULL WAR ROLE

BOSTON—(FP)—Labor leaders are not being given sufficient authority in the war effort, the first morale report of the Propaganda Research Division of the State Committee on Public Safety revealed.

Dallas Case Is Reopened By Gov't

WASHINGTON—The need of newspaper workers for union organization was cited by inference by the Solicitor General's office in a Supreme Court petition for a rehearing of the Wage and Hour Division's case against The Dallas Morning News.

In June, by a five-to-four decision, the high court ruled that no violation of overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act was involved in the newspaper's salary scheme.

LAW IS EVADED

In the scheme the newspaper contracted with its employes to establish a "regular rate" of hourly pay to yield a guaranteed weekly wage regardless of the number of hours worked, up to a specified number of hours a week, and with extra compensation thereafter.

Commenting on implications of the decision, the government said in its petition that **"the chief field for operations of the evasive schemes will be found with respect to unorganized employes who do not have collective bargaining strength."**

"Yet," the petition added, "it is this very class of workers which, as the court has often recognized, is most in need of statutory protection and for whom the Fair Labor Standard Act offers the most needed benefits."

NO GUILD CONTRACT

There is no Newspaper Guild contract with The Dallas Morning News.

The petition for the rehearing, which will not be acted upon until October, also pointed out apparent inconsistencies between the Dallas decision and another, handed down the same day, involving the Overnight Motor Transportation Company.

In the Overnight case, the Wage and Hour Division was upheld in its contention that FLSA overtime requirements were not satisfied by a weekly salary sufficient to yield the minimum wage and time and a half the minimum for hours worked.

TEXAS PRESIDENT HAS A BIG MONTH

SAN ANTONIO—It was a big month for Frank Brady, retired president of the San Antonio Newspaper Guild, who has led the Light unit through many a crisis in its fight for higher pay and better working conditions.

First, he and other Guild members lined up at the cashier's cage to receive arbitration-awarded back-pay checks from February 25.

Then, Mrs. Brady presented him a seven-pound son, James Michael Brady.

Next, he resigned as the Light's city hall reporter and went to work as secretary to Mayor C. K. Quin.

"MILITARY INFORMATION" CITED TO DODGE NLRB

FORT WORTH, Tex. (FP)—The American Manufacturing Company has thought up a new reason why it should not comply with the Wagner Act.

The company asked the U. S. district court for a declaratory judgment against the NLRB and Local 791 of the International Association of Machinists, claiming military information would be revealed if it told how many employes were on its payroll, what business was done, and what work was engaged in.

It added that all of its employes were contented, information which presumably will not aid the enemy.

—ON PAY DAY, BUY BONDS—

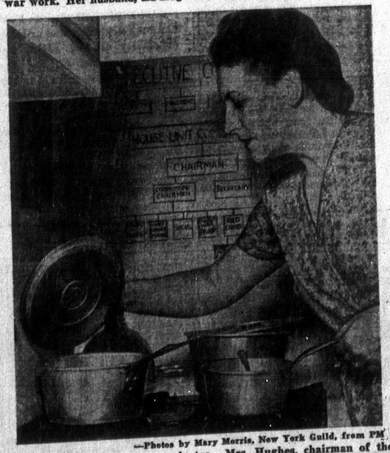
FLATBUSH GOES TO WAR



WAR STAMPS are put on day-off Sunday sale by Mrs. Alice Hughes, a founder of the Women's Auxiliary of the Guild in New York, who is a one-woman defense corps. The basket is for rubber scrap.



FAMILY UNIT poses here in Brooklyn. Son George, 17, is an air raid messenger. Mrs. Hughes has organized 67 apartment houses for war work. Her husband, Ed Hughes (not shown), is a Red Crossman.



K.P. DUTY is a wartime task, too. Mrs. Hughes, chairman of the Flatbush Victory Council, takes care of nutrition here. Behind her hangs a chart keeping track of apartment house programs.

—Photos by Mary Morris, New York Guild, from PM

With the AUXILIARY

By MARCIA McMANUS
Reporter for Women's Auxiliary, American Newspaper Guild

Winning Our Wings

On August 20 Jessie Connor of Seattle, international Auxiliary vice president in charge of OCD, Red Cross and war savings, will go down to Arizona to see her son, a Seattle Guildsman, receive his wings with the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Home Front Heroine

One of New York's local girls is making good in a big way on the Flatbush victory front.

Picture News, the PM Sunday supplement, in a two-page layout of story and pictures, selected Alice Hughes, a founder of the New York Auxiliary, as the first in its parade of "Home Front Heroes," for her work in organizing 67 (count 'em) big apartment houses into an all-out victory effort.

In addition to running her household (for her 17-year-old son and her Guildsman husband, Ed Hughes, now a Red Crossman), holding down a job in a Brooklyn department store and continuing her Aux activities, Alice is chairman of the Flatbush (Brooklyn) Victory Council.

PM calls her the Council's "Chief Dynamo." Alice directs ten committees, organizing the residents of her area for war savings, Red Cross, war relief, salvage, consumer education, armed service morale and community activity.

On the side, Alice is in the throes of setting up a Flatbush neighborhood newspaper for her Council.

Vice President and Conchologist

Continuing our introductions of WA-ANG international officers, here's the dope on Dorothy Connelly of Los Angeles, vice president in charge of education.

In the first place, regardless of what you read on our letterheads, her first name is Mary. The "Dorothy" is her own first choice. From here on, the vice president speaks:

"Born Los Angeles, December 13, 1899. Dad came here in the '80s, making him practically a pioneer . . . Graduated from Immaculate Heart Junior College and University of California at Los Angeles.

"Before the Guild my chief interest was Conchology which involved getting up before dawn and dashing down to a cold and forbidding ocean to pursue the molluscs to their watery homes and abduct them for the benefit of our collection.

"Also involved various housekeeping problems, as aged shells and shell fish smell prodigiously. When I went into union and Auxiliary work, I gave the collection to Immaculate Heart for their Zoology department.

"Worked on small newspapers after marriage, handling society, police, etc. Also edited a small paper in Arcadia, a small town (very).

"Married Slim (called String then) and have put 200 lbs. on him, I have lost 5. Have had three children. Mary Dorothy II, only remaining child, is 17, a junior at St. Mary's Academy. Her chief interests are cats, ice-skating, swimming and everything else you can think of, except Conchology.

"Have attended every Guild Aux convention. Organized the Los Angeles and California Auxiliary councils. Was one of three gals (Ruth Erickson, Marion Camozzi and myself), to organize the CWA in San Francisco.

"Am education chairman for California Auxiliary Council, and Los Angeles local. Represent the CIO on the California Committee for the Care and Training of Pre-School Groups, and on the Los Angeles County Health, Welfare, Consumer Interest and Youth Problems Committee. Am an Auxiliary Policeman, too."

Dorothy didn't mention what she does in her spare time.

Local treasurers are requested to send in, *immediately*, names and addresses of all local members. WA-ANG national office must have *correct* addresses in time for the first mailing of the new WA-ANG edition of the CWA news next month.

News Briefs

Via Katherine Earnshaw, the New York local received greetings from English-born Joan Skipsey, a former WA-ANG member now in London with the British Ministry of Information. Her closing request was that her WA-ANG card be air-mailed to her to remember us all by. Her wartime address is: 812 Endsleigh Court, Upper Woburn Place, London, W.C.I. . . .

The Salt Lake City local (which is 100 percent in good standing, by the way) now boasts a vice president of the State Council of CIO Auxiliaries—Margaret Robinson, who was elected to the post at the CIO state convention. . . .

The New York local's "Better Buying Shows," staged with homegrown talent to illustrate how to get the most for your money in these high-priced times, netted an unexpected profit of $20, which has been turned over to American and Allied War Relief. . . .

In a letter of greeting to the WA-ANG, Mrs. W. E. Merritt, president of the international auxiliary of the International Typographical Union, has this to say: "So closely related as are the Women's Auxiliary of the American Newspaper Guild and the Women's International Typographical Auxiliary, I feel that we may have a 'say' in the final pence to protect American workers from subjugation that heretofore has prevailed."

Vital Little Statistic

Frances Engeman, age eight weeks, made her social debut last month at a picnic of the Baltimore Newspaper Guild. Frances is the new interest which has replaced this Guild Reporter column as Ida Engeman's favorite baby. She is herewith presented for WA-ANG membership as of June, 1960.

All WA-ANG news for the GUILD REPORTER *should be mailed to Marcia McManus, American Newspaper Guild, 14 Pearl Street, New York City. Copy should reach the ANG office by the 7th of the month for the issue of the 15th, and by the 21st for the issue of the 1st. Pictures must be in hand at least a day earlier than these deadlines, to allow for retouching and engraving.*

Publication Is Suspended In Cincinnati

CINCINNATI — For the first time in memory, the city of Cincinnati was without newspapers for a 24-hour period when pressmen of the three daily papers failed to report for work.

But it was work as usual that day for Guild members and most of the printing and allied crafts because of the expectation that operations might be resumed at any moment.

Local and wire news was gathered and edited as usual and editions prepared throughout the day.

GUILD MOVED FAST

Officers of the Cincinnati Guild went into action promptly. The Post unit standing committee conferred with management, and ANG International Representative John Weilburg, resident Guild organizer, and Times-Star unit officers took similar steps on that paper.

At a hastily-summoned meeting the local's executive committee and unit officers for three hours debated every angle of the complicated situation and the policy to be recommended to the membership in the event a picket line was thrown around the newspapers.

The officers voted unanimously to support and join with the Allied Printing Trades Council, central body of the craft unions, in carrying an appeal to the publishers to strive to reach an amicable settlement with the pressmen.

KELLER REPRESENTS GUILD

Arthur Keller, former president, was chosen Guild delegate on this committee.

No final decision was reached because of the fast-changing situation but the executive committee was summoned to meet again the next day.

Bulletins were posted advising the members of the Guild's preparations and calling on all Guildsmen to hold themselves in readiness for an emergency general meeting that night.

In the forenoon, however, the press crews returned to work and operations became normal again on all the newspapers.

DELAYS CHARGED

The pressmen, whose contract expired June 1, charged that arbitration for a new agreement was being delayed by the publishers' association.

The union and publishers were deadlocked on three points suggested by the union for arbitration. These were: vacations with pay, a retroactive clause on pay and a clause on general working conditions.

The publishers charged that the press crews ignored an order from International President George L. Berry to return to work the first day.

The terms "illegal strike" and "unauthorized strike" were widely used in radio newscasts that day. (The Times-Star operates Station WKRC and The Post is associated with the Scripps-Howard Station WCPO.)

An international vice president of the Pressmen's International arrived in Cincinnati the next morning and sat in on reopening of negotiations after the men had returned to work on the orders of John Woods, the local's president.

CORRECTION

The Guild Reporter in its August 1 issue incorrectly said that membership rules of the Associated Press, as amended this year, required a four-fifths vote of members for admission of an applicant for membership. Majority rule now prevails on this point.

Guildswoman, Running Many Things, Also Runs for State Assembly in Jersey



CAMDEN, N. J. — Margaret Warner, good reporter on The Camden Courier-Post and good Newspaper Guildswoman, is a candidate for the State Assembly on the Republican ticket in Burlington County.

Miss Warner, first woman to run for the legislature from her county, has been the Courier-Post's Burlington reporter for 15 years.

She served five years as a member of the Burlington city council and has been city health officer since 1937.

A graduate of local schools, the University of Pennsylvania and South Jersey Law School, Miss Warner is secretary of the Burlington County Tuberculosis League and the County Mosquito Extermination Commission; captain in the Red Cross Motor Corps, and a member of Governor Edison's Good Will Commission.

She also is active in the county Business and Professional Women's Clubs, the county Soroptimist Club, the American Public Health Association, the Women of the Moose, the Women's Auxiliary to the Endeavor Fire Company, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In addition, she has held honorary memberships in the Burlington County Local of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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And—she never misses a meeting of the Courier-Post unit of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild.

Guild Widens Scope of Probe of PNPA

PITTSBURGH — The National Labor Relations Board's probe of strikebreaking activities of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association meshed into high gear last week.

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The Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild amended its complaint to the NLRB to name specifically the PNPA, its two paid officers and the trustee of its strikebreaking fund.

Cited in the new complaint are William N. Hardy, PNPA manager; David J. Winkworth, PNPA assistant manager, and Attorney Douglas D. Story, company lawyer for The Harrisburg Patriot News.

It was Story, the Guild said, who as trustee sent more than $600 a month to management of The Aliquippa Daily Gazette after the Guild went out on strike there last November 5.

The Guild's original complaint was against Aliquippa Gazette management alone, but evidence stemming from ANG International Representative Charles L. Whipple's expose of a secret PNPA meeting last winter led to naming of the other parties as the NLRB probe progressed.

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Whipple reported that fresh disclosures in the case can be expected soon.

Circulation Soars at News

ALIQUIPPA, Pa.—Newspaper circulation records here have been shattered by the increasing demand for the Newspaper Guild-published Aliquippa News, striking members of the Pittsburgh Guild's Gazette unit announced this week.

In a report to its growing family of readers, Guild publishers of The News announced that press-runs have been increased to 4,500 —higher than any local paper or group of out-of-town papers ever achieved.

20,000 READERS

The News staff estimated that 20,000 of Aliquippa's 30,000 residents read each issue of the semi-weekly publication.

One of the circulation-builders of The News is a current campaign to lift the chain of the "company store check-off" from independent business firms in this thriving steel town.

Tackling a problem that former newspapers and business organizations had considered too "dangerous," The News this week called upon Harry Saxer, general superintendent of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation plant here, for an early reply to the community's call for abolition or extension of the checkoff system.

ACTION ASKED

Dean Miller, chairman of the Guild unit here, had laid the plea of The News and the Board of Trade before the superintendent, at his request, after the News campaign aroused the whole town.

Saxer promised careful study and early reply to Miller, so the paper this week publicly reminded him to act promptly.

Poll Tax Elects Smith Again

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (FP)—Howard W. Smith, author of the worst anti-union bills ever introduced in Congress, will be back on Capitol Hill for another two years, and he has the poll tax to thank.

Smith defeated Emmett C. Davison, secretary-treasurer of the AFL International Association of Machinists, in the Democratic Congressional primary by a vote of 20,552 to 4,904. The Democratic nomination in this area is tantamount to election.

An analysis of the voting shows how the poll tax worked. Out of the total of 150,000 citizens over 21 in this Congressional district who would be eligible to vote if it were not for the poll tax, only 25,000 went to the polls.

The population of the district in the 1940 census was 318,495, which means that only 8 percent of the population voted or only 16 percent of the adult citizens.

Davison carried on a vigorous campaign with the support of both AFL and CIO as well as the Railroad Brotherhoods, but the poll tax machine of Smith was too much for him.

Lester Kidwell and Edward Vanderveen, members of the Washington Newspaper Guild, represented the Virginia State Industrial Union Council on the joint labor committee which campaigned for Davison.

DIES AREA INVADED

BEAUMONT, Tex. (FP) — A CIO union member, W. W. (Pat) Kent, has been elected county judge in Jefferson County, one of the strongholds of Representative Martin Dies, by a vote of 10,066 to 5,178. Kent is a member of the Oil Workers International Union.

Ford Now Heads San Antonio Guild

SAN ANTONIO—Robert Ford, assistant city editor and ex-officio art editor of The Light, was elected president of the San Antonio Newspaper Guild to succeed Frank Brady, who resigned to become secretary to Mayor C. K. Quin.

Other new officers: Harold Scherwitz, veteran sports editor, vice president; Betty La Roy, business office, secretary, succeeding Ford, and Marguerite Beck, business office, reelected treasurer.

PressResumes In Pittsburgh After Dispute

PITTSBURGH—Arbitration of craft union pay disputes was expected here following resumption of publication by The Pittsburgh Press, which suspended operations intermittently in a six-week fight with local members of the AFL Brotherhood of Teamsters.

A rank-and-file revolt of the teamsters came when the Scripps-Howard paper fired 14 delivery truck drivers, citing Office of Defense Transportation restrictions as an "economy" reason.

THREE WALKOUTS

Three times the teamsters walked off their jobs in what management of The Press, most profitable of all Scripps-Howard papers, and international officers of the union said was an improper stoppage of work.

Finally, all craft unions agreed to a pact in which their members went back to work, leaving pay questions during the suspension periods to contract machinery or "joint action if the unions involved so elect, or by any other method mutually agreeable."

ODT ORDER USED

Local President J. P. McHale of the Brotherhood of Teamsters had accused management of using the ODT order as an excuse for unwarranted layoffs contrary to delivery practices at the Hearst Sun-Telegraph and Block Post-Gazette.

In a management statement, Press Editor Edward T. Leech said: "We cannot publish under mob rule."

STARTED SPRING DRIVE

Leech was author of the "Gimme, Gimme" Scripps-Howard editorial which launched the hysterical nationwide anti-labor campaign by newspapers in the Spring.

A Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild contract in the editorial department of The Press was cancelled in 1940 after it had been renewed without change every year since initial negotiations in 1937.

The Press is one of three of 18 Scripps-Howard newspapers not now under Guild contract.

Pittsburgh Briefs Filed With Judge

PITTSBURGH — Briefs have been filed by the Post-Gazette Guild unit and management of the Block paper in the Pittsburgh Guild's first wage arbitration.

In arguments before Common Pleas Court Judge Benjamin Lencher, management is trying to support its demand for a five percent general wage reduction and the Guild is backing its claims for wage increases.

The unit, which won a minimum five percent blanket increase last year, is asking 20 percent increases for employes paid less than $30 and 15 percent more for employes earning more than $30 weekly.

—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

A FREE PRESS...BUT LIVES CAN'T BE WASTED!



In figures, statistics, pictures, stories and cartoons the press sections of war agencies in Washington turn out news of the war on home and fighting fronts, keeping the public informed, contributing to morale. This is an Office for Emergency Management strip.

Guild Wins Wide Gains In UP Pact

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assistant librarian in New York, were granted in answer to Guild demands, but were not written in as new minimums.

Guild negotiators also obtained a $2.50 raise for the financial wire filer in St. Louis and for one New York financial employe whose job classification was being clarified.

Librarians were upped $7.50 in cities over 500,000 population and $5 a week in smaller places.

Financial tabulators were raised $3.50 in their top minimum, to a new high of $46 in the fifth year of experience. The rates for the second, third and fourth years were upped $2.50 each.

OTHER GAINS NOTED

Improvements obtained in the new contract, the fourth signed between Guild and UP, also included the first holiday clause ever agreed upon by the company; extension of severance pay to 28 weeks' salary after 216 months of employment, but not changing the base of one week for each eight months' work; clarification of the journeyman newsman experience definition, and payment of war risk insurance premiums for employes on military service leave.

The contract will expire August 6, 1943.

Aside from the $67.50 top for New York and Washington, UP minimums for newsmen under the 1942 contract range from $25 in the first year to $57.50 in the sixth for cities over 500,000 population, and $25 to $52.50 in the sixth year for cities under 500,000.

The new scale for librarians is $50 in larger cities and $45 in the smaller ones. Financial clerks, checkers and statistical workers henceforth will reach the top minimum of $25 in larger cities and $20 in points under 500,000 population during their second year, instead of the third as in the old contract.

MEMBERS VOTED PACT

UP's final contract offer, accepted by the Guild membership in a nationwide secret ballot, was made in a bargaining session at New York July 29.

Prior to then, the outstanding offer was $66 top for the seventh-year newsmen group; $45 top for financial tabulators; a raise, not to be written in as a minimum, of $2.50 for second and third year newsmen in cities over 500,000, and other improvements included in the final offer. There was no retroactive provision.

Groundwork for the ultimate agreement was laid in Washington July 27. Jack Bisco, assistant UP business manager, L. B. Mickel, superintendent of bureaus, and Tom Edwards, management attorney, met Rodgers, Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice-president, and ANG president Milton Murray in a session attended by the Washington UP Guild unit.

UNIT LEADERS WITNESS

Present at the signing August 8 besides Rodgers and Baillie were Bisco, Edwards, Mickel, Dave Warner, chairman of the New York UP unit, and Julius C. Edelstein, chairman of the Washington unit, who was to leave in less than a week for an ensign's post in the Navy.

Jack Ryan, New York Guild general organizer; ANG vice president Walter Engels, another organizer for the New York local, and George Wells of the New York AP bureau, chairman of the ANG Wire Service Committee, participated in the UP-Guild bargaining which opened last March 27.

UMW BUYS A PAPER

GLACE BAY, N. S. (FP)—The Gazette, only daily paper in this Nova Scotia town, has been bought by District 26, United Mine Workers.

GUILD, UP SIGN NEW NATIONAL PACT



Four months of negotiations wind up here in New York in a Newspaper Guild-United Press pact signature ceremony. At the table are Hugh Baillie, UP president, left, and William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer. From the left, behind them, are Tom Edwards, Scripps-Howard labor counsel; Julius C. Edelstein, Washington UP Guild unit chairman; L. B. Mickel, UP superintendent of bureaus; Dave Warner, New York UP Guild unit chairman.

War Programs Stepped Up

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dent Arthur Riordan has no doubt that it will be accomplished. He writes: "Our war activities committee is working with such energy that I got confused and contributed four hours' instead of one hour's pay to the CIO American and Allied War Relief. A good cause, at that.")

New Orleans, La. — Benjamin Franklyn Hay, police reporter for The Item, elected New Orleans WAC chairman and pledges "all-out" program. Assisting Hay are Herman Drezinski, Lloyd Glaudi and Jack Ricau. Rees Stith heads CIO war relief committee with Paul Kalman and Ann Meredith assisting.



HAY

San Jose, Calif.—San Jose votes to give benefit affair to raise CIO war relief quota and names Zeryl Jackson as chairman. Membership also volunteers to aid in prune harvesting and donate money earned to war relief. A protest from Guild on high water rates for victory gardens makes page one, draws support from other labor unions, and results in water company management's announcement that it will study possibility of rate reduction. Labor-management committee functioning, servicemen's welfare committee established under direction of Lois McKalsom, and a $100 bond purchased from Guild treasury funds.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—More than 30 Guild members (Milton Miller is WAC chairman) now manning civilian defense control center in four-hour shifts. In addition, servicemen's welfare committee is providing USO with magazines for departing soldiers, gives each member going into the armed services $5 (raised by special assessment), arranges for "card showers" from members on servicemen's birthdays. Local also sends card and guarantees at least one letter a month from members. Joint labor war activities committee (CIO, AFL and independent) through efforts of Guild will take over promotion of war bonds for appearance of Abbott and Costello in Wilkes-Barre August 22. War bonds committee helped put over bond breakfast at which half a million dollars worth of bonds were sold. Guild also will aid Red Cross in work and in publicity.



MILLER

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Plans for a fund-raising party to be held in early October are under way, Bernice Shine, chairman of the Pittsburgh Guild's CIO war relief fund committee, announced. Executive board members were appointed to Miss Shine's committee to assist in raising the war relief funds.

Washington, D. C. — Alfred Toombs, second vice president of the Washington Guild, named war activities chairman for the local. First vice president Dillard Stokes, the Cecil B. DeMille of the Washington Guild, will assume responsibility for Washington's role in the Guild movie, Gordon Cole, Washington Guild president and ANG-WAC member, reports.

San Diego, Calif.—Donation by every member of his first week's pay raise under a new San Diego Guild contract to the CIO war relief fund is the goal of San Diego's WAC. Stanley Griffin heads the general committee and Charles Byrne is in charge of war relief. "If everyone kicks through," writes President Mel Mayne, "our quota will be exceeded." Others on committee are Frank Kueast, Victor Whitaker, John Eves and Margaret Warner.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Syracuse WAC questionnaire discloses following statistics: 31 out of 37 buying war bonds regularly; 25 of 32 eligible using payroll allotment plan; 20 investing 10 percent or more in war bonds, and all but two have agreed to voluntary assessment for local's CIO war relief quota. Members also active in civilian defense. Alfred M. Green is WAC chairman. Assisting are Loren D. Bailey, Gerard Gilloon, Merle A. Jones, Mary Milda Zoretskie, Robert W. Johnston, Wilbur B. Evans and Ronald Graham.

KNOXVILLE BUYS BONDS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Knoxville Newspaper Guild is not only asking its members to buy war bonds, but is buying bonds as a Guild. It already has a $100 bond, and has voted to buy another $100 bond.

MEAD LAUDS LABOR RECORD

JAMESTOWN, N. Y. (FP)—Speaking at the first annual field day of The Tri-County Herald, local AFL-CIO paper, Senator James M. Mead (D, N. Y.) hailed labor's production record.

"The record of American labor under our defense and war program is not one to bring comfort and relief to Hitler and the Mikado," Mead said.

Utah Local Orders Draft

SALT LAKE CITY — Complying with the mandate of the Denver convention, the Salt Lake City Newspaper Guild elected a war activities committee comprising five members to supervise the local's participation in the war effort.

The committee was given the authority to "draft" any local member to assist in the various projects.

Automatic membership was given to Robert D. Hale, chairman of the war bond publicity committee which has functioned several months in rendering publicity service to the Utah war savings staff.

The other members are George W. Ford, Mel K. Jennings, Carl Welti and Bryant Evans.

The program outlined by the ANG war activities committee was turned over to the local group with instructions to elect its own chairman and "get going."

CONVENTION SHIFTED BY JIM CROW RULES

NEW YORK (FP)—The CIO United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers Union removed its annual convention from Indianapolis after the city's hotels refused to stop Jimcrowism. A new city is being chosen for the convention, which starts September 7.

On August 7, after being informed that Indianapolis hotels do not permit Negroes to take rooms or eat in restaurants, the UERMW gave the hotel owners and city administration three days to withdraw the Jimcrow rules.

Cincy Ready for Farming

CINCINNATI—The Cincinnati Newspaper Guild's war activities committee, whose Win-The-War Party recently netted $250 for servicemen's welfare, sold $155 in war stamps and registered 60 blood donors, is preparing to branch out to agricultural fields.

The Hamilton County and Northern Kentucky farmers' organizations have been offered the services of CNG members to perform farm chores on their off days and contribute their net earnings to war relief.

The Guildsmen are awaiting their first call to the country.

S.F. Sets Up War Program

SAN FRANCISCO — Groundwork has been laid by the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild for an all-out wartime program in line with the war activities plan outlined by the Denver ANG convention.

The new war activities committee is headed by Art Gilbert, Examiner unit chairman and past president of the SFONG and includes Ernie Melchior, Mike Jay, Howard Needham, Sidney Staples, Bob Greenock, Hazel Holly, Bill Ryan, Hal Weller and George Grafft.

Ryan, it was announced, will serve as liaison officer between the WAC and the labor-management committee composed of the unit chairmen of the five dailies — Gilbert, Examiner; Sam Lewis, Chronicle; Claude LaBelle, News; Eric Erickson, Call-Bulletin, and Ryan, Post-Enquirer.



GILBERT

This committee already has established the frame work for labor-management committee activities in conferences with representatives of the Allied Printing Trades.

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Named to the war activities publicity committee are William Flynn, chairman; Joe Sheridan, James Rieden, Charles Pearce, Frank Piazzi, Mo Raiser and Mario Muschi.

Executive Secretary Pat Frayne will serve on all committees as an ex-officio member.

At a general membership meeting the local approved the CIO American and Allied War Relief drive following an address by Don Healey, West Coast director for the CIO war relief committee.

During July, the local invested $800 from its defense fund in war bonds and payroll deduction plans now are in operation in nearly all newspapers, Gilbert announced.

10% SAVED NOW OR 100% TAKEN BY THE AXIS LATER!
BUY WAR BONDS

The Rewrite Desk

It is demonstrably true that the McCormick-Patterson newspaper axis, with Hearst as a partner, patterns its patter in line with the Nazi line, whether by design or by blind hate of the Commander-in-Chief—or for whatever reason.

And, as a federal grand jury delves into the motives of The Chicago Tribune in publishing information that serves the enemy, no amount of howling by the newspaper axis can drown out that fact.

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Freedom of the press? Of course, and to the death.

But not freedom of the press to defeat that freedom and the other freedoms for which the United Nations are fighting.

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Even casual reading of the editorial pages of McCormick's *Chicago Tribune* and the Pattersons' *New York Daily News* and *Washington Times-Herald* discloses the poison they spread.

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Documented evidence of the poison, such as was given to Congress by Representative Elmer Holland, should be sufficient to convict.

It was to be expected that among the first to fly to the side of Joseph M. Patterson of *The Daily News* in the war were Westbrook Pegler and *Editor & Publisher*.

Pegler, taking his usual casual swipe at the Newspaper Guild in the process, concluded that Patterson "is a rugged 100 percenter of the purest and most vigorous patriotism. . . ."

E. & P., captioning "Smearing the Big Ones" over its editorial oath of allegiance to the Pattersons' cause, concluded that their "patriotism should not be smeared simply because they operate large and forceful journals, or because they are not enthusiastic about some of our allies."

Wanted: A definitive definition of "smear." One that doesn't include the pointing out of facts.

And whatever happened to the investigation of Father Coughlin and Social Justice?

E. & P., incidentally, either slipped or turned honest, momentarily, in a story about how the Boston Globe Employes Association lost wage arbitration proceedings in which the arbiter sided with management in refusing any pay increases.

E. & P. referred to the company union as the **"company union."**

From *The United Mine Workers Journal*:

"Yes, sir, this is a most peculiar war. Famed Hollywood director John Ford made a movie of the Midway battle. Clark Gable is in the army. So is Robert Montgomery. So are Burgess Meredith and a raft of other topflight movie stars. Marlene Dietrich and Dorothy Lamour are battling it out for top honors as war bond sales-ladies. Any day now, we expect to see a headline: 'United Nations Open Second Front—Starring Clark Gable and Robert Taylor with Mob Scenes by Stars from the A.E.F.'"

John L. Lewis' personal organ exhibits a most peculiar sense of humor. Most peculiar, indeed.

Last year the steel industry's taxes increased 270 percent. It still was able to pay $28,879,111 more in dividends than in 1940.

And war orders brought a 66 percent increase in the salary of every officer of the Emerson Electric Company of St. Louis. The president got a raise from $15,000 to $25,000, for instance.

Typical equality of sacrifice.



"Who's telling who where to get off?"

Triumph in Pennsylvania

The end of the Guild's strike in Chester, Pa., which came yesterday in a Guild shop contract agreement, should mark the end of newspaper publishers' tactics which caused the strike 10 months ago.

It won't, of course.

Publishers are slow to learn, even when they are taught by the Guild that democracy starts at home, on the job.

The Guild will go on teaching that lesson to publishers—at Aliquippa, at the other end of Pennsylvania, and wherever else the lesson needs to be taught.

The Guild will go on as long as it is necessary to demonstrate that newspaper workers are entitled to dignity and to collective bargaining on conditions under which they work.

It was a magnificent victory for the Guild in Chester.

It was magnificent because the strikers were magnificent.

They had the right idea, and they stuck to it.

Through 10 long months they knew what they were fighting for and what the stakes were—the right of workers to have a say in their jobs, the right to democracy.

It took 10 months, but they had their say, and it was good for them to say what they said in their contract. It was good for democracy and for what is too often glibly referred to as the American way of life.

To Les Chrismer, the gentle but articulate little Quaker who led the Chester Times unit to victory in the closing months of the strike—Salute!

To Bud Magnin, the unit's first strike chairman who sent constant messages ("Keep the Guild going") from the Army to the staff of strikers' Chester Reporter—Salute!

To Art Riordan and the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild—Salute!

To all of the Chester strikers—Salute!

It was a gallant job, and every member of the American Newspaper Guild is indebted to you.

Every publisher should be indebted to you, too, for a demonstration of the dynamics of democracy.

It is not too much to hope, at least, that the publishers will learn.

Is Aliquippa in the classroom?

The Guild is at the blackboard.

Wanted

Newspaper Guild members to save money for their union and earn money for themselves or their locals by selling advertising for

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Discounts

6 insertions, less	5 percent
12 insertions, less	7½ percent
24 insertions, less	10 percent

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High Morale Sustained At Chester

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delphia local vice president, and Ed Johnson, vice chairman of the Chester unit.

The triumph for the Guild was demonstrated not only in terms of the settlement agreement, which will be in effect for 18 months following resumption of publication by The Times, but by the sustained morale of the striking unit which made the victory possible.

NO DEFECTIONS

Day in and day out during the 10 months—eight of them in wartime—the strikers worked to keep the walkout going and to operate their own newspaper, which had promise of becoming a stable, valuable publishing property itself. There were no defections.

The strike, in addition, trained the strikers in newspaper work that some had not experienced before—an asset to the new publisher and to what now will be the staff of The Chester Times.

U. S. Needs War Stimulus From Labor

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whether we are prepared to let labor assume a responsible place in pushing U. S. production, whether we are willing to inspire R-E-V-O-L-U-T-I-O-N in the territories overrun by the Nazis, whether we can learn to speak the language of those whom we have traditionally regarded as colonials.

The situation clamors for aggressive, dramatic labor leadership.

Walter Reuther's call for an "over-all economic high command" was sounded at the recent United Auto Workers' convention.

It needs effective, resolute support.

One need not ignore labor's mistakes and false starts to recognize that new, powerful stimulus for the world-wide struggle must come primarily from labor's ranks.

THEY HAD CHANCES

The $1-a-year men have had their chance—a thousand chances.

The master Machiavellis of the State Department have had their opportunities—a thousand opportunities.

They have failed.

They have failed because they cannot visualize and depict the new free world which alone is worth fighting for now.

And their failure is the real source of fear and frustration in this morose war capitol on the Potomac.

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Amid the major reversals, there are other causes for dismay.

Howard Smith will be back in Congress. His renomination—equivalent to reelection—has already been cited by Arthur Krock as final proof that the American people share Smith's views on labor.

I am still unwilling to concede that Howard Smith's bailiwick in Virginia is all of America. **But I am ready to admit that his triumph is new evidence of labor's failure to tell its story to America.**

—BUY BONDS EACH WEEK—
—BONDS BATTER HITLER—

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