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IEB FACES HOME FRONT CRISIS

Panel Urges Pay Boosts And Security

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The Rochester Newspaper Guild this week awaited action by the Regional War Labor Board on a unanimous report of a tri-partite panel of the board recommending wage increases of nearly $33,000 a year and a maintenance of membership clause in a renewal of a contract between the Guild and the Gannett Company, Inc.

The wage decision was in the form of a recommendation of an hourly increase of 17.7 cents an hour for each editorial employe of The Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle receiving less than $100 a week, less any hourly increase an employe may have received since May 1, 1942.

WOULD TOTAL $7.08

Because there have been few pay increases in the past year, the recommendation would mean a $7.08 weekly increase to virtually all of 100 employes covered by the contract.

Retroactivity was recommended to January 1, 1943, approximately the date when Guild-Gannett negotiations were broken off.

Percentagewise, the $7.08 would mean increase ranging from 8 percent for top editors to 60 percent for copyboys.

URGE STANDARD CLAUSE

On union security, the panel recommended the standard WLB maintenance of membership clause and in addition, the following clause upon which agreement between the parties was reached during a hearing before the panel:

"Whenever the publisher wishes to fill a vacancy or employ addi-

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AP SCORES PAGE 1 BEAT



At the left is 19-year-old Joan Gesell, "Miss Copygirl—1943" in New York City, who'll be queen of the Newspaper Guild's Page One Award Ball April 30 at the Hotel Astor. An Associated Press entry, she won the title in citywide competition April 11. Note the hat, newsprint-fashioned into a crown. With Joan is Janet Blair of the movies, a contest judge, who did not explain the hat she's wearing.

FDR Wage Ruling Tops Guild Agenda

Crucial wartime problems facing the American Newspaper Guild and all of organized labor jam the agenda of sessions of the union's international executive board this weekend.

Topmost on the program of the IEB at its meeting at the Hotel Lincoln in New York City will be formulation of Guild policy in relation to President Roosevelt's anti-inflation order last week.

The IEB meeting, last regular session of the Guild's governing board scheduled in advance of the ANG convention in Boston in June, will open April 17.

Pending complete clarification of implications of the President's order and issuance of War Labor Board directives to the WLB's special newspaper industry panel, there had been no certain guide to the Guild's collective bargaining program this week

ANG leaders, however, were prepared to press ahead in their continuing fight for realistic contract conditions, keyed to such wartime factors as the rising cost of living and economic maladjustments within the newspaper industry.

WALSH TO CONFER

J. Raymond Walsh, national CIO research director, will confer with the IEB at an April 18 session as spokesman for the CIO's committee on the cost of living.

Tied in with the IEB's economic policy problems will be operation of the WLB panel, a unique agency conducted now on an experimental basis for settlement of labor-management disputes and review of wage agreements in the newspaper industry.

Also on the war agenda of the IEB, which meets at a time when the Guild is at peak strength, with 72 percent of the union's members in good dues standing, will be:

Manpower and personnel problems heightened by the virtual elimination of many newspaper jobs from "essential" categories in Army draft orders.

PROGRAM SCHEDULED

A program for the ANG's tenth convention.

A war-tightened ANG operating budget.

The ANG's organizing program.

Recommendations for revision of the union's constitution, proposed by an interim committee.

A question of expansion of Guild jurisdiction to include news vendors.

WLB Panel Reconvenes In Chicago

CHICAGO—The War Labor Board's special newspaper industry panel reconvened this week to consider cases whose settlement was expected to be influenced by application of President Roosevelt's stringent "hold-the-line" inflation order.

While the American Newspaper Guild and other unions in the industry awaited clarification and interpretation of the President's anti-inflation policies affecting them, the special six-man panel prepared to open hearings April 14 on a citywide San Francisco-Oakland Guild contract dispute.

825 AFFECTED

At issue in the West Coast case were conditions involving 825 employes of five Bay area newspapers—Examiner, Call-Bulletin, Post-Enquirer, Chronicle, News—in the largest single Guild contract.

ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks, alternate CIO member of the panel, represented labor at the hearing.

The Guild's case was presented by ANG International Representative Urcel Daniel, the union's research director, who prepared a 52-page brief following preliminary negotiations which she conducted in San Francisco on loan assignment from ANG headquarters in New York.

Arthur Gilbert, former president of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, was delegated to represent the local at the hearings.

A brief for managements of the five newspapers was prepared by Harvey J. Kelly, Hearst labor counsel, and E. F. Bitler, secretary of the San Francisco Publishers Association.

$5 BOOST ASKED

Principal points at issue for the WLB panel included Guild demands for a general $5 pay increase, wage adjustments, new job classifications, promotions

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WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Fight Against Inflation Faces Very Tough Going

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON, D.C.—It seems to me that the toughest propaganda battle of this war is being faced on the anti-inflation front.

How can you convince a guy with words and music that a wage increase may ruin his life?

I have been reading the speeches of government officials and OWI handouts on the subject and nearly all of them are strangely remote and unpersuasive.

MINERS UNCONVINCED

I haven't read anything that would make a coal miner go down to the union hall and demand that John L. Lewis stop asking for a $2-a-day increase.

The President's newest order tightening up wage and price controls makes the issue an extremely lively one.

For one of these days, perhaps in the immediate future, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Lewis may have a large-scale national debate with vast consequences to the war effort.

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Without prejudging the merits of the miners' case, it looks at this moment as if the President is starting the debate with a major handicap.

Unless some miraculous compromise is devised, he will have to argue the proposition that a substantial wage boost now would not do the miners any good and might do the country a lot of harm.

"CHANT" IS "SIMPLER"

This is a complicated point.

Mr. Lewis's argument is much simpler.

He can make some elegant remarks about economists, kick the professors in the pants and keep repeating the chant:

"The coal miners need more dough for their wives and kids."

And somehow, perhaps because of the peculiar limitations of the human mind, many miners are

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Manpower Draft Is Aimed at Papers

A snowstorm of new regulations affecting manpower in the newspaper industry has descended in the last fortnight both from Selective Service and the War Manpower Commission itself.

All indicated a tightening up of rules to cope with the increasingly stringent manpower shortage.

3B IS GONE

Of prime interest to newspaper workers was elimination, on April 12, of the 3B draft classification, a deferment group which led a short life and a merry one.

The disappearance of this group bore out information which was obtained by the American Newspaper Guild's Manpower Committee in its visit to Washington in February.

At that time the Planning Division of the WMC warned that the occupational deferment list would soon be cut because of the impossibility of filling draft quotas if the then existing rules were adhered to.

"ESSENTIALS" LEFT

The new regulations disposed of automatic deferment of those in essential occupations and confined deferments to those essential in essential jobs.

Despite the previous regulations, this follows what had become the practice with most draft boards which were disregarding

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Times Men Give Unanimous Vote

Maintenance employes of The New York Times voted unanimously for the Newspaper Guild in a National Labor Relations Board collective bargaining election.

The count was 123 ballots for the Guild and no votes for "no union," with three of 127 ballots voided and one challenged by management.

Editorial and commercial departments of The Times already operate under New York Guild contracts.

Guild Shop Becomes Issue In Hearst Service Parleys

The American Newspaper Guild and management have locked horns on the Guild shop issue in contract negotiations in New York with International News Service and International News Photos.

The Hearst agencies sought to deny union security to their employes despite the Guild shop provision granted Hearst newspaper employes through the union's National Hearst Memorandum.

Highlight of recent negotiating sessions was a joint meeting, packed by observers of both units, on the Guild shop issue. In addition, Richard Yaffe and Peter DuBerg appeared as official observers from New York Journal American and Mirror units, respectively.

Management, represented by E. M. Gundy of King Features Syndicate, Ward Greene and Louis Allwell, challenged the fact that

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olorado Guild Wins Contract; ped, Conditions Improved

of which had opened exactly one month earlier.

Twelve sessions were held between the Guild and management befor final agrement was reached.

Embodied in the initial contract are the five-day, 40-hour week, severance pay, dues check-off, standard classification of workers —all revolutionary to management.

The pact provided a substantial increase in salaries, vacations with pay, sick leave with pay, and recognised seniority rights of employes.

Provisions of the ANG model contract were followed in protection of members called to the war service.

IT WAS "MAJOR"

So precedent-making were some of the contract provisions that Frank S. Hogg, Jr., assistant publisher who signed the contract on behalf of the management, termed the proceedings "a major operation."

Despite rapid-fire precision which marked the negotiations, and which, in fact, has characterized the Pueblo Guild's short history, virtually every contract point was contested by management when first presented.

Chief negotiator for the Pueblo Guild was Larry MacLean of the Denver Guild, assisted by Oscar Liden, Denver Guild vice president, and Phil Kerby, Pueblo president.

Chartered in January as the first new ANG local of 1943, the Pueblo Guild made formal notification to the management on February 1, receiving official recognition as the bargaining agency within an hour.

MEMBERSHIP IS WIDE

Membership includes the editorial department, advertising department, circulation department and business office.

Newspapers involved are The Star-Journal, published afternoons, and The Pueblo Chieftain, published mornings, with a combination paper Sundays.

Frank S. Hogg, Sr., is the publisher and general manager. There are no other daily papers in Pueblo.

Guild membership is 100 percent in the various departments except for the business manager, the two city editors and a confidential secretary to the publisher.

Provisions of the five-day week apply to all except those four and the society editor, whose 40 hours may be spread over six days.

Considering that this was the first contract for the Pueblo Guild, coupled with the fact that hostile labor legislation was adopted by the Colorado legislature and signed by the governor on April 1, members of the Pueblo Guild were highly elated over the success of their undertaking.

The standing committee for the Pueblo Guild is composed of Joseph M. Neary, chairman; Jack Craddock, and Miss Hazel Smith.

e Guild Aids CIO Council

William Smith, International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers regional director, was elected temporary secretary-treasurer. Headquarters of the state council will be in IUMSWA offices at Rooms 314-316 of the Duval Building, 35 East Bay, Jacksonville.

"One of the main ideas back of this organization is to give the organized workers of Florida a more powerful voice in state politics," said Smith.

It was also decided to investigate possibility of publishing a state CIO paper. Nation will present a report on this project at the convention.

News Unit Names Leaders uing Organizing Drive

surer of the CNG in its early days and was a delegate to the ANG's Toronto convention, was named a delegate to the executive board of the CNG. The unit chairman serves as an ex-officio member of the board.

Attesting to interest in the new unit was quick response to request for the publishing and distribution of a unit shop-paper, "All the News."

An editorial board composed of Sydney Harris, feature writer; Howard Diehl, regional editor; Emory Hutchison, city staff; and Bert Holly, financial staff, was designated.

Al Jackson of the Chicago Times, president of the CNG, conducted the meeting before the election and explained the contract with the Guild under which the Times management is operating.

John Weilburg, international representative of the American Newspaper Guild, outlined the structure of the union.

Chairman Marvin said he believed the specific reason for Guild organization at The Daily News was to obtain minimum standards of wages and working conditions which will be comparable with standards of wages of papers of similar size and in similar financial circumstances.

MEETINGS PLANNED

In addition to providing for the publication of the unit shop-paper, the group has planned departmental meetings to discuss specific problems of photographers, artists, sports writers, and other branches in the field.

The major organizational effort at The Daily News came on the heels of the successful campaign which resulted in a clear-cut four-to-one victory for the Guild at The Chicago Sun in a National Labor Relations Board election.

ute Heads for WLB

Management remained adamant in its refusal to grant increased wages despite efforts by U. S. Conciliator Justin McAghon to resolve the dispute.

The Guild was represented in negotiations by the Guild's New England District Council panel of negotiators, headed by Executive Secretary Alwyn J. Lawson and President George A. Harris of the Boston Guild.

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publisher's agent, "she has had a raise of 43 percent since 1941 and it is too, too much."

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The Guild negotiator passed by her in the editorial room during the negotiations and was handed the following poem:

DESIRES

For joining up with CIO
I've oft been criticised,
But when all's said and done, you know,
I'm quite well satisfied.
One want—yes, two—remain to me.
I need a dictionary—
One nice and big, replete, you see,
With definitions many.
And last—yes—most of all, I think,
A pastepot and a bottle of ink.

* * *

This is what the little lady wanted.

The Guild insists that she gets it—and her 15 percent.

Panel Report On Rochester Is Unanimous

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tional employes in the editorial department, it shall apply to the Guild for candidates.

"If the Guild supplies within 48 hours candidates satisfactory to the publisher, they shall be required to join the Guild.

"If the Guild fails to supply candidates satisfactory to the publisher within 48 hours, the publisher may select any persons he desires and they shall not be required to join the Guild."

On a third point of contention, the panel recommended that a question of seniority and job protection for employes leaving for civilian war service be reopened for negotiation in 90 to 120 days if the federal government has not acted in the matter.

ALL SIGN REPORT

The report was signed by Robert L. Hale, Columbia Law School professor, public member of the panel; Herman C. Brooks, president of Coty's Perfume Company, industry member, and Joseph Konowe of the CIO United Retail and Wholesale Clerks, labor member.

The panel heard the case March 11 in the Hotel Commodore, New York City, where the Rochester Guild was represented by Warren W. Phillips, president; Roy Elliott, negotiations chairman, and Louis Regner of the negotiations committee.

Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Urcel Daniel, research director, appeared for the American Newspaper Guild.

The Gannett Company was represented by Fred A. Glover, Times-Union business manager; Neal Murphy, Democrat and Chronicle business manager, and T. Carl Nixon, attorney.

STARTED IN FALL

Negotiations between the Guild and the company started early last Fall and continued to December 29, when a representative of the U. S. Conciliation Service, at the request of the union, met with the parties but was unsuccessful in resolving the points at issue. The contract had expired October 31.

Publisher's representatives refused to make any offers of increases for those over the minimums, and although they said they were prepared to bargain for those on the minimums, made no concrete offers.

The Guild asked increases of approximately 15 percent in each minimum and an increase of 15 percent for those above the minimums.

COL IS CITED

The publisher's contention that above minimum salaries should not be increased to help meet increased living costs was overruled by the panel in this language:

"The panel is of the opinion that changes in the cost of living cannot be entirely ignored in determining the salaries, whether above the minimum scale or not."

The 17.7-cents-an-hour figure was arrived at by taking 15 per cent of the average hourly rate on both papers as of January 1, 1941. The Times-Union average was $1.11, and the Democrat and Chronicle, $1.24, making a combined average of $1.18.

AP Cases Prepared For Panel

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from within plants; leaves of absence, dues checkoff and contract retroactivity.

Meanwhile the Guild and the Associated Press were ready to give the WLB panel briefs in contract disputes involving the union and AP bureaus in Philadelphia, Kansas City, Boston, San Francisco, Detroit and Atlanta.

Submission of the briefs and designation of specific points at issue were agreed to in New York conferences between Eubanks and E. V. McKeown, AP attorney.

A principal point in the Guild's case against the AP was payment of equal pay for equal work in all AP bureaus and elimination of a differential in pay between New York and other bureaus of the wire service.

Other broad issues involved were union security and a Guild demand for contract retroactivity to July 12, 1942, when pay increases in the current Guild-New York AP bureau agreement became effective.

DISCRIMINATION TRIED

The AP had offered to make the New York contract's military clause, covering job protection for employes drafted into military service or into war industry, effective for five of the six bureaus —but not Atlanta.

Boston, Philadelphia, Kansas City and San Francisco Guild-AP contracts are subject to renewal. Initial agreements were sought by the Guild for the Atlanta bureau and for Detroit and out-state Michigan offices of the news agency.

The San Francisco-Oakland and AP cases were among many in process of being cleared to the special panel or from it to the National War Labor Board in Washington.

A half-dozen Guild-management agreements involving increased pay have been recommended by the panel for approval by the board in Washington.

New Program In New York Hits Snags

Meeting to explore the possibilities of joint negotiations between the New York Newspaper Guild and four publishers now under Guild contract, representatives of the local and managements involved quickly found themselves at odds over a retroactive clause and the question of union security at The Times.

Following the preliminary meeting in the Murray Hill Hotel, a session was held with management of The Times at which the latter indicated that in view of the Guild's insistence upon a union security provision it would withdraw from the joint negotiations.

LETTER IS WRITTEN

On the same day the local addressed a letter to The Times, Daily News, and Hearst Journal-American and Daily Mirror stating "that it is the unanimous conclusion of the Guild's representatives that joint negotiations will not be possible unless the principle of retroactivity is accepted in advance of collective bargaining."

Writing in behalf of the New York local, Nat Einhorn, executive secretary, asserted that at an informal meeting held several weeks earlier F. M. Flynn, business manager of The Daily News, had stated that a retroactive date could be agreed upon.

When the conference opened last week, however, management representatives denied this, adding that it was their unanimous decision to oppose retroactivity. Flynn was not present at the session.

The management position was taken in response to the Guild's proposal that all four contracts to be negotiated be retroactive to expiration dates of current agreements.

PROVISO ATTACHED

When asked if the other three managements would continue negotiations in the event of a withdrawal by The Times because of the Guild shop issue, Thomas A. Brennan, Hearst counsel, indicated they would, provided it was understood that no joint offer made would become effective unless all the units involved approved.

The conference agreed in principle to the idea of a limited period for negotiations but set no specific period pending further meetings.

It also was indicated by Brennan that the two Hearst managements might agree to discussion in the negotiations of all clauses in the union's National Hearst Memorandum with the possible exception of its Guild shop provision.

AGREEMENT REACHED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANCHESTER, N. H.—Tentative agreement has been reached on pay increases at The Manchester Union-Leader by the Manchester Newspaper Guild through its chief contract spokesman, Executive Secretary Alwyn J. Lawson of the Boston Guild.

Gerald Havey, unit chairman at The Boston Herald-Traveler, is the other member of the negotiating committee.

PACT REOPENED BY SALEM GUILD

SALEM, Mass. — Through George A. Harris, president of the Boston Newspaper Guild, The Salem News has been requested to initiate negotiations for a new Salem Guild agreement, replacing one expiring April 26.

President Frank Reynolds of Salem and a committee prepared new proposals.

EQUIP HOSPITAL

The CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers will equip a 1,000-bed hospital in Soviet Russia as a contribution to Russian War Relief.

NEW YORK STARTS JOINT PARLEYS



—Photo by S. O. Wally, New York Guild

This conference marked first attempts by the New York Newspaper Guild for joint contract negotiations with the city's publishers. In the left background is Urcel Daniel, national Guild research director. At the table, from the left foreground, are New York Guild representatives; Peter DuBerg, Mirror; John F. Ryan, general organizer; Nat Einhorn, executive secretary; Tom Murphy, organizer; Irving Gilman, Times; Tom Black, Journal-American; Arthur Siebelist, News; John T. McManus, president. From the right background, publishers' spokesmen: C. C. Lane, Times; Louis M. Loeb, Times; P. B. Stephens, News; Thomas Brennan, Hearst counsel; T. E. Crowley, Journal-American, and J. F. Cullen, of The Mirror.

Sacramento Bee Tries To Sting Guild Leaders in Firing Action

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—In the face of management's efforts to hire additional employes, Harry P. Bagley, president of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild and a member of a committee which obtained an initial contract with The Sacramento Bee, has been dismissed "in the interest of economy."

The dismissal notice, signed by F. B. Moore, managing editor, said:

"Your employment by The Sacramento Bee is terminated to reduce the force in the interest of economy."

"WITH WARM REGARDS—"

"Your chief duty on The Bee has been to furnish a weekly article for the Saturday magazine. . . .

"Effective next week we are discontinuing the present form of the weekly magazine which carried your articles. Hereafter a new tabloid magazine will not carry this feature. . . .

"With warm personal regards and all good wishes,

"Sincerely yours,
F. B. Moore."

Bagley's dismissal culminated a series of incidents which developed after January 12, the date when the new Bee contract became effective, excepting for a new wage schedule which awaited final action by the War Labor Board.

"STING" IS "FELT"

Eleanor Doyle, society editor, and Ronald D. Scofield, music critic, drama editor, vice president of the SVNG and a member of the unit negotiations committee, together with Bagley, have felt the sting of The Bee.

The contention started at the termination of a 30-day period agreed upon by the Bee Guild unit to aid the management in changing over from a six to a five-day week.

Under a new work schedule occasioned by change, The Bee rearranged Mrs. Doyle's starting time on Saturdays from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m. in a manner which cut her income $6 weekly.

The unit charged The Bee with discrimination and the case now is in arbitration.

The new hour schedule also affected Scofield. His starting time, 10 a. m.—which had prevailed for about eight years—was changed to 8 a. m.

HE WAS "TARDY"

Scofield was "tardy" on four occasions during the week following the posting of the new schedule. On three occasions transportation difficulties held him up from 15 to 30 minutes.

On the fourth occasion, after working until 2:30 a. m. covering a show and writing a review, he did not reach the office until 9:30 a. m.

Notwithstanding the fact that management had designated the hours schedule as a tentative proposition, subject to change, Managing Editor Moore reprimanded Scofield and followed his tongue lashing with a formal letter.

The unit standing committee, Bagley and Vincent J. Halloran, attempted to straighten out the situation, but Moore refused to alter his dictum that Scofield must report for work at 8 a. m.

Scofield turned in his resignation and at Scofield's request no further action was taken by the unit.

Bagley's dismissal notice came just two days before the opening session in the arbitration case of Mrs. Doyle.

Bagley, a member of the tripartite panel which is reviewing the case, is a newspaperman of some 30 years' general experience.

The notice also followed a three-week period of silent treatment imposed by editorial executives.

Since Bagley's dismissal, a new editorial employe has been hired by The Bee.

The San Francisco - Oakland Newspaper Guild and the American Newspaper Guild have indicated they will back the Bagley case to the limit.

Guild Fights Dismissals In New Michigan Local

DETROIT—The Detroit Newspaper Guild and the American Newspaper Guild stood solidly behind the newly-organized Mt. Clemens Newspaper Guild this week in a battle against a "purge" which included firing of five Guildsmen.

A week after the Mt. Clemens Guild demanded recognition, Publisher Paul McKee announced that he was changing The Mt. Clemens Monitor-Leader from a daily to a tri-weekly.

SEVEN DISMISSED

Seven employes were discharged. One was a part-time worker. Another was not a Guild member.

By a strange coincidence the non-member was immediately put back on the staff.

The firings occurred one day after DNG Executive Secretary Paul Weber, acting for the ANG, filed a National Labor Relations Board petition for an election at The Monitor-Leader.

The Detroit Guild executive board immediately authorized Weber to give the Mt. Clemens local "all possible cooperation," and established a fund for expenses of the fight with McKee.

"ACTION" PROMISED

At a meeting attended by nearly all Monitor-Leader Guildsmen, including those remaining on the staff, the Mt. Clemens Guild served notice on McKee that unless he talked with the Guild, as an employe's committee, the Guild would take appropriate action.

In a personal telegram to McKee, Weber pointed out that while all CIO unions are pledged against work stoppages, "I cannot force people to work for you."

Case Is Lost At Inquirer In Firings

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia Inquirer won an arbitration award against the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild, which contested the newspaper's right to dismiss a category of 12 circulation district managers.

The Inquirer insisted the purpose for which the men were hired was completed and that they were doing "made work."

The Guild contended that the men were still doing the same work for which they first were employed, that supervision over part of premium subscription work was only temporary.

"SECURITY" UPHELD

Arbitrator Paul J. Hoh, professor of homiletics at the Lutheran Seminary, upheld the principle of job security, but said he felt that management should have the right to dismiss men at the expiration of a contract if it was acting in good faith.

He ordered The Inquirer to pay severance pay up to the time of the actual firing, although Eugene McKinnon, manager of the Philadelphia Publishers' Association, who handled the case for The Inquirer, argued that dismissal pay should have been only up to August 1, 1942, date of the expiration of the old contract.

E. & P. IS ISSUE

McKinnon startled Guild members during the arbitration when he referred to Editor & Publisher as "impartial."

After the decision was handed down Editor & Publisher carried a story in which it quoted the Philadelphia - Camden Guild as claiming that it had been the originator of "job freezing" in Guild contracts.

Guild officers denied that the local ever advocated "job freezing," but rather had fought for job security as protection against unfair dismissals.

They pointed out that Editor & Publisher had again failed to ask the Guild for a statement on a story involving the union.

Childless Guildsmen Face Immediate Army Service

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the 3B classification even before it was eliminated.

The list of essential jobs in the Guild's jurisdiction was redefined in another occupational bulletin issued by Selective Service Headquarters.

The jobs are: cost accountant, managing editor, news editor, personnel manager, photographer, war correspondent and wirephoto operator.

The mere fact that a draft registrant holds one of these jobs is not ground for his deferment. His employer must also prove that he can not be replaced and that it is impossible to train anyone to replace him.

CALL IS SOUNDED

The new regulations mean almost immediate induction for ablebodied Guildsmen who do not have children. Those who will obtain occupational deferment are negligible.

Fathers are exempted for the time being, but it is anticipated that boards will begin to induct them about mid-summer.

Little progress has been made in application of the 48-hour week to newspapers, according to reports coming into ANG headquarters.

Two Guild contract towns were added to the list of areas slated for the 48-hour week. They were Gary-Hammond, Ind., and Portland, Me.

Elsewhere, there has been a delay in making the change.

Newspapers in Washington, D. C., have been excluded, at least temporarily, from application of the order.

GUILD CONSULTED

In Detroit, the Guild has been busy conferring with the publishers, other unions in the field, and the WMC.

An appeal has been made for an extension in time. The regional WMC office there has said that the order may be applied by departments and may be applied separately or to all three papers at once.

That part of President Roosevelt's executive order on price and wage stabilization which refers to a possible prohibition of the hiring of any employe at a higher rate of pay by the WMC was being studied this week by ANG officers to determine its possible effects on Guild jobs.

ORDER INCONCLUSIVE

The order refers to regulations which "may be issued," and pending them there was little on which to base any conclusions.

The Austin-Wadsworth bill, labor draft measure, which the CIO and all labor organizations have been fighting vigorously, would, if enacted, drastically revise the whole current approach to a solution of the manpower problem.

The state Selective Service Directors, who met in Washington to help formulate the new draft regulations, endorsed the bill in principle but the measure in meeting with stiff opposition, even from the National Association of Manufacturers.

ANG Leaders Back Cary In Ehrlich, Alter Issue

Top administrative officers of the American Newspaper Guild have endorsed a "forthright address" by CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey at a memorial meeting protesting execution by the Soviet government of Henry Ehrlich and Victor Alter, Polish labor leaders.

ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers told CIO President Philip Murray that Carey's speech, denouncing the executions and deploring Communist Party practices here, "deserves commendation of all CIO union officers."

MANY JOINED

Carey was joined by many other liberals and labor leaders, including President William Green of the AFL and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York, in the protest rally in Manhattan's Mecca Temple, which was jammed by 3,000 trade unionists.

Eubanks was introduced to the meeting from the platform by David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, who presided.

In addition to Carey, Green, LaGuardia and Dubinsky, speakers included Senator James Mead of New York, Representative Jerry Voorhis of California, Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr of the Union for Democratic Action and J. B. S. Hardman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Carey, after paying tribute to the "incomparable heroism of the Russian people," said that the execution of Ehrlich and Alter was "a grave blow to our vision of world labor unity," that the Soviet government's liquidation of the Polish Socialists was a war "tragedy."

"—LESS—AND LESS—"

"I have read and reread the explanation submitted by Ambassador Litvinov," the CIO leader said, "and each time the explanation appears less — and less—convincing.

"These men were leaders of labor. They were anti-Fascists. They were Socialists. They were Jews.

"Their lives were a record of uncompromising resistance to the intellectual and physical barbarism which reached its climax under Hitler. . . .

"Are we to believe that they urged the Russian armies to cease fighting against Hitlerism? . . . From every free man will come the answer: 'No!' . . .

"We of the CIO mourn the memory of Alter and Ehrlich; but we believe they would have hoped



JAMES B. CAREY
"We of the CIO . . ."

that their martyrdom would strengthen, not destroy, the solidarity of the working people of the world. . . .

"WE BELIEVE—"

"We believe that the shaping of a new world is the fundamental responsibility of labor in all countries; and we of the CIO are dedicated to that goal.

"That is why the CIO has sought the creation of an international labor committee representing American, British and Soviet workers. . . .

"Having made this clear, let me make equally plain that we do not view this program for common action as a one-way partnership.

"We recognize that the execution of Alter and Ehrlich has been a grave blow to our vision of world labor unity.

"While recognizing the debt all people owe to the Soviet workers for their heroic resistance against Nazism, there can be no true unity achieved unless the Soviet government acknowledges its responsibility to the workers of other countries. . . .

"—NO REAL UNITY—"

"There can be no real unity if only those labor leaders who have blindly worshipped the emissaries of the Communist International are welcomed by the Soviet unions at the international council tables. . . .

"The Soviet government can dismiss the crocodile tears spilled by the Hearst press and other traditional foes of labor over the execution of these two men.

"But it cannot dismiss the questions and the fears stirring in the minds of millions of workers all over the world who know the record of Alter and Ehrlich. . . .

"It is a tragic fact of our time that American workers have had little chance to know and understand the workers of the Soviet Union; and I believe the reason is two-fold.

PRESS SPREADS "GAP"

"The first is that for two decades most of the American press has deliberately endeavored to widen the gap between us, to prevent us from knowing the real achievements won by the Russian workers in their quest for economic security. . . .

"The other key fact is that the Communist Parties operating in this and other countries have proclaimed themselves the only true representatives of the Russian workers.

"It is my considered opinion that the activities of the Communist Party in this country, with its savage vilification of all who refuse to follow the party line, with its sudden reversals of policy and its ideological habits of mind and ways of action, remain a major barrier to true American-Russian understanding.

"As long as the Soviet government lives in the delusion that the Communist Party represents American workers, it cannot conceivably appreciate the problems that divide the workers of our countries."

Army Takes Ray Kringer

ST. LOUIS—Ray Kringer, three times president of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild, entered military service this week.

Delegate of his local at Toronto, San Francisco, Detroit and Denver conventions of the American Newspaper Guild, he has been active in the union since 1936, when he was first president of the Decatur, Ill., Guild.



FLETCHER

John Fletcher, first vice president of the St. Louis Guild, became acting president in place of Kringer, a Star-Times editorial staffman.

Fletcher, a St. Louis delegate at the ANG Detroit convention, is a member of the Post-Dispatch editorial staff.

Pioneer Los Angeles Guildsman Dies

LOS ANGELES—Jimmy Hargaden, 46, pioneer Los Angeles Newspaper Guildsman, is dead.

Statehouse reporter for The Los Angeles Herald-Express, Hargadon suffered a heart attack a few hours after his city editor told him to leave his beat and go home and take a rest.

Hargadon literally died on his [illegible] despite weakness and ill health the last few months of his life.

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A slender, mild Irishman, Hargadon was one of the most universally loved newspaper men in Los Angeles.

He was one of the first joiners when the Guild was organized here and continued a loyal Guildsman to the end.

GUILD RECRUITS FARM WORKERS

PHILADELPHIA—It's back to the farm for Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guildsmen.

Laura Lee, Bulletin, and Arthur Riordan, local Guild president, attended a conference of Junior Chambers of Commerce, the Navy Service League and various white collar organizations to coordinate plans for the Crop Corps.

They will recruit persons to work on farms during vacation periods and help reduce shortage in farm labor brought about by the war.

MEMPHIS ENDORSES ANG ADMINISTRATION

MEMPHIS—The Memphis Newspaper Guild at a monthly meeting unanimously endorsed the present administration of the American Newspaper Guild and, in particular, Vice President Harry Martin, member of the local now in Navy.

Court Upholds Citizen-News

SAN FRANCISCO—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld The Hollywood Citizen-News in "constitutional" contentions stemming from National Labor Relations Board proceedings started in March, 1938.

Involved in the five-year-old case was a complex series of NLRB complaints against management activity, hostile to mechanical unions and the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild, which waged at 13-week strike against the paper in 1938 to win a contract and reinstatement of five dismissed employes.

"RIGHTS" CITED

The court, in effect, held that The Citizen-News was within its constitutional rights in refusing to post certain NLRB notices, and that supervisory employes had the right to express opinions about unions.

Despite NLRB evidence, the court ruled that the paper had not refused to bargain collectively and that since the Guild strikers had been reinstated, there was no basis for the NLRB order to post the notices.

UNION STARTS PAPER

CHICAGO (FP) — The CIO United Farm Equipment & Metal Workers, keeping pace with its rapidly expanding membership, have a new eight-page official organ, The FE.

Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

Now that the special interests of a handful of our population have been protected, perhaps we can move forward with the problem of winning the war.

The war and its prosecution were running a poor second in the halls of Congress until those special interests, represented in the salary ceiling of $67,200 a year, had been cared for.

The war and its aims are still a poor second to the militant band of reactionaries who are determined that, at all costs to the national interest, That Man must go.

The national interest is of small concern to that larger group which has devoted itself to destroying the liberal progress of the last decade.

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On a dollar and cents basis, defeat of the salary ceiling was of peanut importance—a fact attested by the peanut stature of the politicians who most concerned themselves with it.

Actually, that ceiling was a symbol—a symbol of that unity of sacrifice to which we have pledged ourselves. It meant that all of us are in this war to the last ounce of our strength and effort.

Some of those best able to sacrifice declared themselves out, however. **They wept over their lost dollars with a deeper mourning than a mother weeps for a lost soldier son.** And their wailing won the hearts of too many Congressmen.

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Probably the best thing to do about the salary ceiling and those who benefit by its repeal is to say the hell with it and with them.

Let them have what comfort their conscience gives them.

But let's not forget it.

Let's not forget the cynical trick by which this repealer was tacked to a vitally important bill that could not be vetoed.

Let's not forget those Congressmen who betrayed their trust to make this grab.

And let's remember, when peace comes, that those who refused to share the sacrifice and the suffering of war have no place in the councils of peace.

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In the meantime, this instance can be a lesson and a warning to us. It should increase our vigilance over those purporting to represent us in Congress.

It should increase our determination that we shall not be misrepresented. **It should mobilize us for greater effort to defeat future—and pending—blows to national unity.**

In this lesson we can learn the power of the group insisting on the Robins bill. This pretty piece of legislative thuggery is now before the Senate.

It has been dressed up as a curb on "improper" union practices and its opponents are confronted with the tortuous question:

"Are you defending extortion and racketeering?"

Hobbs and his backers are as cynical in pressing this bill as were the backers of the salary ceiling repeal.

Their intent is clear—to strike a blow at organized labor. That blow will be followed by others.

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I cannot get over the belief that our best bet for eliminating these distractions is to eliminate from Congress the people responsible for them.

If all of the millions of union members and the other millions who share with us a desire to win the war will mobilize for an election effort, we can have a Congress to win the war.

An Army Captain Reports From the African Front

MEMPHIS — Captain John Hutchison, former Commercial Appeal reporter and Newspaper Guild leader here, now in active service as an aide to General Patton in North Africa, wrote his union's local:

"I'd like the Guild to know . . . that I'm mighty proud of the way it keeps its members in mind, and of the way the Guild seems to be increasing in vigor all the time.



CAPT. JOHN HUTCHISON
"... a comfortable feeling ..."

"It's a comfortable feeling to know that somebody back home is an influence in favor of my having an economic footing when I get back from this war.

"When the war is over, there will doubtless be a severe economic reaction in which a lot of people are going to be hurt, and strong unions are going to be one of the few bulwarks against hardships.

"I'm sure that the hard work the Memphis Guild is doing now, for the war and for its members, will make it stronger than ever."

CIO COUNCIL STAGES REVUE

DETROIT (FP)—The soldiers of the production lines will be the stars of a musical revue, "Roll Up Your Sleeves!" angeled by the Michigan Industrial Union Council and due to appear coast-to-coast in war production centers beginning in May.

Music, lyrics and idea for the revue are the work of Leonard Keller, an aircraft worker at the Cadillac-Allison engine plant in Detroit, now turning out engines for the air forces.

—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

Unit Formed At Dispatch In Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio—A unit of the Columbus Newspaper Guild has been established within the editorial department of the paternalistic Columbus Dispatch in a move that was a complete surprise to many of the Ohio capital's newspapermen.

It followed a speedy but quiet campaign which started less than two weeks earlier and gathered members almost daily.

NAME OFFICERS

The opening drive culminated with formation of a unit headed by these officers:

Chairman, Lester C. Ealy, longtime labor reporter; vice-chairman, I. A. Fleeharty, copydesk; secretary, Hannah Taylor, reporter, and treasurer, E. M. Fosnaugh, reporter.

First action by the new unit was an informal call the following day on the Dispatch management "to bring the Guild movement into the open."

Accompanying Chairman Ealy was Bill Davy, executive secretary of the Northern Ohio District Council, and George De Nucci, secretary of the Columbus CIO Council.

CONFERENCE HELD

Perry E. Morison, president of the Columbus Guild, conferred with the three prior to the meeting with management, which he was unable to attend.

Representing management were Arthur C. Johnson, Sr., associate publisher and editor; George Smallsreed, managing editor, and A. E. Campbell, business manager.

Dispatch representatives accepted with apparent goodwill disclosure that the Guild was in the plant, conferees said.

A quick Guild sign-up of a majority of editorial workers was predicted by Chairman Ealy on the basis of enthusiasm which greeted first contacts.

From the outset, Dispatch unit leaders worked under the advice of Davy, who has been credited largely with recent successful organization of The Cleveland Plain Dealer.

PARALLEL SEEN

Both papers long have been known for the paternalistic attitude of their publishers and immediate parallels were drawn with the appearance of the Guild at The Dispatch.

Also in close contact with the developing situation were executive committee members of the Columbus Guild, and officers of the newly-created Ohio Valley District Council.

Shuptrine Is Reelected By Memphis

MEMPHIS—R. C. Shuptrine, Commercial Appeal news editor, has been reelected president of the Memphis Newspaper Guild.

Also named to Guild office were:

Sam Kahn, Commercial Appeal Sunday editor, first vice president; A. L. (Pete) Swim, Press-Scimitar reporter, second vice president, reelected; Ida Clements, Commercial Appeal women's page editor, third vice president; W. A. (Red) Copeland, Press - Scimitar, tri-state editor, secretary - treasurer, reelected; Louise Nolan, Press-Scimitar librarian, recording secretary.



SHUPTRINE

Swim recently was elected president of the Memphis CIO council.

It Seems to Us . . .

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

"IT IS A THRILL," ARMY CAPTAIN SAYS

SOMEWHERE IN NORTH AFRICA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

It is a thrill to receive The Guild Reporter here in North Africa. I have just received the January 1 issue, and it has enabled me to find out a few things that have happened in my peacetime profession.

The Guild Reporter—like the good reporter of song and story—has tracked me down, although I have traveled in several directions since I left Selfridge Field, Mich.

How do I pay my Guild dues?

CAPTAIN
VLADIMIR L. POSVAR,
Indianapolis Times Unit.

ARMY MAN SUGGESTS PROGRAM FOR LABOR

ARMY AIR BASE
ALLIANCE, NEB.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Most soldiers I know are pretty much fed up with the civilian populace right now. This includes the farm bloc, the war profiteers, and the gripers-about-rationing as well as labor; and I would like to suggest a few ways by which labor could improve its prestige at the expense of the others.

I do this as a union member, reporting facts, and concerned with the post-war-attitude of the men in this army.

First, ask for all future wage increases in war bonds or stamps. I doubt if this would hurt anyone very much; and it would be a good publicity point.

Secondly, make every effort to use union resources to entertain and help the soldiers. The USO does a good job; but is too indiscriminate in it. Above all, most soldiers would like a chance to talk shop with members of their former professions.

Why don't the various Guilds get together with the mechanical unions and sponsor beer parties, dances, etc., for the men of the newspaper trade in the army?

Why don't they hold open house for all newspapermen in the army in the union halls every Saturday night?

No need to ask all soldiers in a camp—just put a notice in the camp newspaper asking members of the news business to come. The same theory would hold for unions in other trades.

These unions that have their own orchestras and that put on their own musicals would be doing a great service to the soldiers and the cause of unionism if they put on these shows at the army camps. Propaganda is out; the soldier gets it all day long. Girls, girls, girls, and hot music's the stuff. Maybe some unions that haven't tried could think of something.

The hardest thing would be to reach the soldier stuck off in the middle of the prairie or the Louisiana swamps. Soldiers living near a large city have plenty of entertainment, sponsored and unsponsored.

Above all, do something to get favorable publicity to counteract the stuff Rickenbacker and his ilk are spreading.

CORNELIUS J. DWYER,
Greater Kansas City Guild.

SAYS CLARE LUCE IS "DOING ALL RIGHT"

WASHINGTON.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I voted against MRS. Clare Luce last year. Yet I now desire to speak up for her.

What's all the shouting about Clare? So far, on labor bills she's doing all right.

Representative Luce indulged in an off-the-record bull session with Guild members at a Guild meeting in Washington, but it is no secret that her remarks there echoed her progressive stand in public on such issues as Negro discrimination, the Hobbs Bill, Dies Committee, poll taxes, absenteeism and the Ruml plan.

Take Negro discrimination. Jimmy Wechsler ridiculed the lady from Connecticut in the Guild Reporter recently, but this week Jimmy, I. E. Stone, Len de Caux and others were lined up with her in fighting for minority rights.

While Jimmy et al were fighting for equal eating rights, trying to end the National Press Club's lunch-law which bars Negroes from eating there, Mrs. Luce was fighting for equal membership rights for Negro women in the New York Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

"We must work for brotherhood and tolerance—not merely talk about it," she wrote the club, which is embroiled over the issue.

Furthermore, Clare Luce knows that stamping out discrimination at home is part of the world struggle against fascism: "Differences of color, creed and faith cannot enter into a picture that is honestly democratic. Until we realize this and practice it in our daily contacts, we will continue to lay the foundations for other wars and crueler sufferings for humanity."

Jimmy, would you still say, "Unmistakably and beyond dispute, she talks too much"?

What does Clare's record look like?

Well, she accidently snubbed the Danbury hatters, turned a social reply to the President into a political publicity stunt, and globalunied Vice President Wallace. But these actions do not make her the anti-laborite which the Connecticut communists, fellow-traveler George Seldes and my good friend Jimmy Wechsler imply.

Mrs. Luce signed the petition to drag the poll tax bill out of committee.

She voted against continuing the Dies Committee.

She didn't just oppose the Ruml plan. She was one Republican who spoke out against it, bringing down on her head a flood of snotty wires from the rich boys in her constituency.

In the House Military Affairs Committee, she has asked some highly intelligent questions on labor bills, indicating her belief that Congress can't solve absenteeism or manpower problems by legislation, nor expand war production by smacking labor.

She doesn't want the Wagner Act emasculated or collective bargaining retarded by any Hobbs anti-labor bill.

While some state legislators are jumping on labor, she is on record for passage of a baby Wagner Act in her home state.

How can one size up potential friends by attacking them before finding out what really makes them tick?

Let's inquire before we square off. Maybe we'll find more friends than we know.

HERMAN WOLF.

AKRON MEMBER HAS OBJECTIONS TO GR

CUYAHOGA FALLS, O.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

As a member of the Guild for almost nine years, I have become increasingly disturbed of late by the apparent anti-newspaper philosophy of the Guild Reporter.

I realize that all newspapers are not Utopian projects, that all publishers are not God's children. But neither are all doctors, all lawyers, all merchants, all industrialists or all union organizers gifts of Providence.

For 21 years I have worked on newspapers. I have earned a livelihood. I have been happy in my work. I have held a great respect for the newspaper business. I have paid dues to the Guild—dues and pay expenses for Guild leaders—because I have felt that the Guild has accomplished many worthwhile things, has raised salaries, bettered working conditions.

But if one reads the Guild Reporter thoughtfully he can come to no other conclusion than that the Guild Reporter is ashamed of the newspaper industry.

Week after week, page after page—publishers are jabbed at, newspapers are scoffed at. The only publisher who ever gets credit in the Reporter is the publisher who gives the Guild everything it wants in the matter of a contract—and then he doesn't get much credit, for it is always reported as a major Guild victory.

The Reporter seems to have accepted that very questionable theory held by many members of the national administration in Washington that newspapers are something that must be tolerated, but cracked whenever the opportunity arises.

Any union, no matter how badly it is operated, is to be preferred, if one reads the Reporter correctly, to the newspaper industry. Story after story indicate that attitude.

Take the matter of the Guadalcanal ship story. We may all have our personal views on the matter, but the case is in the courts and some time, we hope, there'll be a court decision and the entire story will be told. But what right has the Guild Reporter to use a headline, "This Is How the Smear Started," over an engraving of the Akron Beacon Journal's front page? What right has the Guild Reporter—which to use its own word smears many—to say that the Beacon Journal's story was published as a labor smear?

Sure, the maritime union said it was a smear. That's enough for the Guild Reporter. And those denials from Washington—surely newspapers should have published them, but those denials in themselves are not enough and should not be enough for newspapermen who have followed the national scene over a period of years.

I still think there are a lot of newspapermen and women who are in the newspaper business because they like and respect it.

MURRAY POWERS,
Akron Beacon Journal Unit.

—ON PAY DAY, BUY BONDS—
—BONDS BATTER HITLER—

Another Unit Is Organized In Florida

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The American Newspaper Guild advanced in Jacksonville last week by signing up the editorial room of The Florida Times-Union, conservative stronghold and owner of the largest circulation in Florida.

A large majority of Times-Union newsmen came out for the Guild after a whirlwind organization campaign.

This established Jacksonville, Florida's gateway and largest city, as a solid Guild town.

Arnold Finnefrock, veteran Times-Union sports writer, was made chairman of the new unit, which immediately informed the management of its affiliation with the ANG.

The ANG victory more than doubled the membership of the Jacksonville Newspaper Guild.

Jacksonville Journal editorial employes have been organized for several years. The Journal unit has been consistently under management fire, but has stuck to its program and steadily improved its contract bargaining position.

CIO Program Is Sparked By Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Recent affiliation of the Syracuse Newspaper Guild with the Syracuse Industrial Union Council has resulted in new activities and honors for Guildsmen.

Ronald Graham, one of the Guild's delegates to the council, was chosen secretary of the council and, as a new member of the executive committee, has had a part in shaping CIO policy in Central New York.



GUPTILL

He also has been appointed a member of the labor advisory committee of the Syracuse district office of the OPA.

Graham and Guild President Philip H. Guptill have been active in a committee on labor and religion of the Syracuse Council of Churches and a recently organized CIO-AFL labor cooperation committee.

Alfred M. Green, member of the Guild executive committee and a delegate to the ANG's 1942 Denver convention, has been chosen one of four CIO members of a War Labor Board panel from which will be chosen three-member boards to act on labor disputes in the Syracuse area certified to the WLB.

Hearst Services Offer Little In New York Contract Parleys

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the Guild shop proposal was sought by the members.

The Guild presented a brief on the Guild shop, refuting management objections, and stressing the necessity for guaranteeing survival of the union in wartime to insure that contract benefits will be maintained.

Despite implied assurances that a new counter offer would be forthcoming on INP contract points at issue, including minimum salaries, management failed to submit anything new. However, a new offer was promised.

OFFER FEW RAISES

INP management had offered very few increases over current minima—and then by adding another year to the experience rating.

Cost of living was ignored completely in both INP and INS counter proposals. No general increase was offered, and in the INP contract, a $3 increase last year applying to all paid under $50 per week was forgotten in the new proposal.

This attitude was flayed by the INP unit in New York at a special meeting.

A similar protest was voiced at a joint INS-INP Guild meeting in Washington.

Wilbur E. Bade, ANG organization director, is in charge of both INS and INP negotiations.

Other Guild negotiations for both contracts included Rodgers, Bergman and Tom Murphy, New York Guild organizer; Arthur Rosenstock, Bronx Home News; Joseph Colangelo, Journal-American, and Mary Ellison, The Nation.

William Kenney, New York INP unit chairman, led the observers.

The Guild Goes to Press

OUR DAILY BREAD



—Cartoon by Sergeant Dick Browne, New York Guild

"Who, when, where—and what will you take for his shoes?"

No. 2 of Vol. 1 of CITIZEN GAB reported that a half-hour after No. 1 had appeared, management of The Brooklyn Citizen "unlimbered its heavy artillery" and shook up heats, assignments and hours of members of the new Guild unit. "NET RESULT: THE BROOKLYN CITIZEN WON TWO NEW MEMBERS."

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GUILD LETTER of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild, in an editorial addressed to "New Guildsmen," reviewed the union's history, pointing out that: "The new Guildsman, no less than the old, is the Guild" and that "he has responsibilities."

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NEW LEAD adopted "DON'T CELEBRATE—ORGANIZE!" as a slogan for the New York Herald Tribune unit's continuing membership campaign among commercial employes following signing of the Guild's first editorial contract with the paper.

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In Chicago, ALL THE NEWS of the Guild's new Daily News unit used an editorial, "We Like Our Bosses," to dispose of "anti-Guild prejudices" and "fallacies" that the Guild is composed of professional gripers and boss haters," that "only incompetents and 'second-raters' join the Guild to protect their jobs."

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RACING GUILD REPORTER gave "hearty thanks" to New York Racing Form and Morning Telegraph chapels of the Typographical Union's Big Six for "effective moral support given our unit."

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INS and INP Guildsmen were told by NEGOTIATIONS BULLETIN about a footnote on democracy in contract negotiations with E. M. Gundy, Hearst management spokesman. He said he did not "think the will of the majority should necessarily prevail" in determination of such things as Guild shops.

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And the New York Herald Tribune unit's NEW LEAD ran a poem entitled "I Sit on the Fence." Typical refrain:

If the union is beat, I'll cheer with the rest,
And accept the raise in pay;
I'll hop off the fence to count my pence,
Then I'll hop on again and survey!

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SUN DIAL of Chicago's Sun unit, recounting management opposition in initial contract negotiations, pointed out that most of the staff of the Marshall Field paper joined it "with every intention of making The Sun one of the greatest newspapers in the United States," that their "interests and those of management are identical insofar as we all want to see The Sun develop into a successful, thriving newspaper."

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In New York, THEATRICAL REPORTER of the theatrical press unit protested "management's manners" at a grievance session called to work out office problems. A management spokesman said this cooperative effort was a "waste of time."

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Twin Cities' GUILD REPORTER promoted a party for unit dues collectors "in recognition of their long-suffering and effective work."

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NEW LEAD, reporting a Herald Tribune unit party in observance of signing of its first contract, said the New York Guild Club's bar "laid out four kegfuls of free beers, and at an expert's estimate of 280 glasses in a keg, that's 1,120 drinks on the house."

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Buffalo's GUILD REPORTER reported an incident in the Army life of Art Reed, a former leader of the local: "The cook got pie-eyed, and Art had to cook a meal for 250 soldiers."

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New York's citywide GUILD-PAPER reported that a "farewell" dinner for Milton Kaufman "turned into a demand that he come back to the Guild" from the Oil Workers Union "as soon as he's fired" from an organizing job he took in February. Kaufman, former ANG executive vice president, had been reported as listed for dismissal in a CIO reorganization of the Oil Workers' staff.

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L. A. GUILDSMAN in Los Angeles gave its "policy aim" under new editorship of Wayne Parker. A page one statement said that "editorial slanting will be in accord with an accurate statement of the facts," but that the "viewpoint of the (John Cohee) administration has a right to be clearly set forth . . ."

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Detroit's GUILD MEMO runs a caustic column on policies and practices of the city's press. Column head: "Needle Work."

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New York's International News Service unit, in INS GUILDSMAN, runs notes and comment under "INS-TANCES."

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GUILD NEWS in St. Louis came out with a new printed masthead for its mimeographed sheet, which was lengthened to "provide space for letters—of complaint or praise—pertaining to Guild business."

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The Look magazine unit's LOOK NEWS started a series of profiles of staff members, with caricatures and biographical sketches. First subject: Charles Burns, "One of the original Lookers," now "in charge of national and international affairs," whose hobby is American Indian anthropology.

WLB Referee Hears Case In Detroit

DETROIT—Regional War Labor Board Chairman Edwin H. Witte advised the Detroit Newspaper Guild that he has received instructions from Washington to appoint a referee to hear its wage dispute with the Hearst Times.

The Times management and the Guild have agreed upon a complete contract, with the exception of these four clauses:

1) Level increase is pay of 15 percent asked by the Guild for all whose pay is not been so increased by operation of new minimums, raised 15 percent.

2) Management's demand for exclusion of three new classifications from the contract, itself. This would withdraw the right of the employes in these jobs to collective bargaining, and wipe out their severance pay credits.

3) Management's demand for exclusion of 22 classifications from the 8-hour day and 5-day week. The persons affected would work only 40 hours but their working hours would be distributed over the week as the management sees fit.

4) Retroactive date of the contract. The management's last offer was January 1. The Guild claims raises should start with expiration of the old contract on September 18, 1942.

SPEAKERS LISTED FOR CONVENTION

BOSTON—CIO President Philip Murray, Massachusetts CIO President Joseph Salerno, Governor Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts and Mayor Maurice J. Tobin have been listed among speakers at the 1943 American Newspaper Guild convention.

Preliminary details of the convention, which opens June 14 at the Hotel Statler, were formulated last weekend in conferences between ANG International Representative Wilbur E. Bade and Boston Guild leaders headed by George A. Harris, president.

COL RAISE GENERAL

Cost of living in February rose in 61 of 70 cities surveyed by the Industrial Conference Board, employer organization.

IT'S LABOR'S WAR
LABOR KNOWS THE SCORE
—ON PAYDAY BUY BONDS—

New York's International News

Columbus Acts for All Unions In 'Victory Corner' Bond Drive

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Proud of its selection to represent organized labor in the sale of war bonds and stamps at the Victory Corner here, the Columbus Newspaper Guild also can boast of a two-day sales record totalling $10,729.50, which compared favorably with sales made by other groups.

Six $25 bonds were purchased by the Columbus Guild treasury by unanimous vote of its executive committee.

PRESIDENT ON AIR

The Guild's participation in the Victory Corner sale was preceded by a fifteen minute radio program over Station WHKC in which Perry Morison, president of the Columbus Guild, was interviewed.

Nine members of the Guild worked at the Victory Corner on their own time and were officially commended for the results they obtained.

Previous to the sale the Guild sent bulletins to local CIO and AFL councils announcing the Guild's bond selling dates. The councils responded with citywide notices to their units.

TELLS GOOD STORY

Morison in the course of his radio interview preceeding the bond sale said in part:

"I have been a reporter here in Columbus 22 years. I should and do know hundreds of men and women in Columbus.

"I have written about their joys and their sorrows, too, all these long years.

"I have been connected with and a member of organized labor for more than 25 years.

"I wasn't a new toy or something to trifle with when the Newspaper Guild came along, as far as I was concerned personally.

"It was a concrete idea that reporters and the other men and women who make up a newspaper or press association were entitled to an organization of their own, too.

"We Guildsmen have our homes here, our children go to school here.

"SOME SOUND IDEAS"

"We are notoriously anti-joiners—that is, we are poor club members as such, but we have, we believe, some sound ideas on good government and what makes it tick.

"We have seen government at work and written about it for years and years. Maybe some of us has helped make this city and this state and this nation a better place in which to live despite the claims of a paperhanger from Bavaria . . .

"Labor knows what happened in Germany in 1933 and what happened in all the other countries ridden over by this Bavarian madman.

"Labor is free in this republic. It will stay free.

FREE SINCE 1776

"Labor has been free in America since the Carpenter's Union in 1776 loaned its hall in Philadelphia for a great cause.

"Remember what came out of that hall July 4, 1776? The Carpenter's Union brags about it to this day . . .

"We Guildsman are proud tonight that we are the first labor union here, of the more than 200 in Columbus, chosen to sell war bonds and stamps in Columbus Victory Corner.

"It will be a new experience for many of us. We have been buying 'em Monday and Tuesday we'll sell them — and be proud!"

GIRLS GIVE SERVICE SENDOFF PARTY



The men of the Youngstown Newspaper Guild have been giving going-away parties for members who go into war service, but when Mary G. (Jerry) Adams, Guild treasurer, joined the Red Cross for overseas duty, the women ran the show. This chorus line indicates what a satisfactory show it was for the men she left behind. From the left: Francis and Mary Scott, sisters; Rita McNeeley, Katherine Tkach.

Syracuse Guild Leads Drive For Red Cross Contributions

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Due to efforts of the Syracuse Newspaper Guild's war activities committee, the editorial department of The Post-Standard led all other departments by better than two to one in a recently completed Red Cross war fund solicitation.

Thirty-eight editorial department employees gave a total of $84. Many donors and all who did not give through the office also had been solicited at their homes.

The war activities committee also has signed up 15 blood donors, some of whom will give to the Red Cross when its mobile unit visits Syracuse this month.

Others will help fill an emergency blood bank being prepared by the Onondaga War Council.

In a continuing drive for books for men in the armed forces, more than 80 volumes with the Guild's name on CIO bookplates have been turned over to the library—and more are coming in.

AUXILIARY IS BLUE STAR HOSTESS



—Photo by John Albert, New York Guild

At this table lineup are guests and hostesses at a Blue Star tea conducted by the New York Newspaper Guild Auxiliary. Clockwise: Mrs. Paula Gross, mother of Lieutenant Arthur L. Gross, Herald Tribune; Mrs. Edna Parsont, sister, and Mrs. Marie Gross, mother of Lieutenant Alexander S. Gross, Herald Tribune; Trudy Whitman, wife of Corporal Edward H. Whitman, News; Pat Aleskovsky, Auxilary; Mrs. Anna Dubno, mother of Private Eugene Dubno, Jewish Daily Forward, and two other sons in armed service; Doris Kaplan, Auxiliary; and, standing, Ericka Aronson, Auxiliary, and Mrs. Muriel Bisbee.

News Unit Treasurer Nominated As Champion by San Francisco



KATIE SCHWARTZ
Army likes her, too

SAN FRANCISCO—"The News unit—all members in good standing, as usual."

For three years, that report has been made regularly to the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild's representative assembly.

In Katie Schwartz the SFONG believes it has the champion unit treasurer in the American Newspaper Guild.

AIDS ARMY, TOO

Moreover, Katie has established her record while engaged in war activities so strenuous and effective that she has been made an honorary Army first lieutenant.

Katie has just been elected to her fourth term as news unit treasurer—by acclamation, of course—and the members are breathing easily again, for each year she threatens to "let someone else do the work for a change."

At least 90 percent of the time while Katie has been News treasurer, the unit has been 100 percent in good standing—and it comprises between 80 and 90 members organized in all Guild jurisdictions and scattered on four floors of the News building.

dios, billiard tables, books and other recreation equipment for service posts and units that she long ago lost track.

She's also lost track of the dozens of sweaters, mufflers and the like she has knitted since Red Cross aid to the British Tommies began.

Her latest job was to turn out 150 dress lanyards with the help of Navy wives for a unit at a local fort and she was proud of the scarred hands that resulted from that effort.

Every Monday night, she is a hostess at an enlisted men's wives club.

Every Tuesday night, she attends a Red Cross unit meeting.

ROUTINE IS REGULAR

Every Friday night, she is a hostess at the San Francisco Recreation Center for Service Men, where invitational dances are held for Army, Navy and Coast Guard personnel.

In addition, she makes cookies every week for service dances.

Those are just the regular things—not mentioning innumerable special tasks.

Mrs. Schwartz is a Denver Post alumna who began her Army work in 1917-18 in charge of recreation for a base hospital near Denver.

Her newspaper job is editorial receptionist, together with "Cynthia Grey" and other assignments.

COUNT IS LOST

The same powers of quiet persuasion and business-like efficiency which make her a champion unit treasurer serve the Army.

She has obtained so many pianos, phonographs, records, ra-



—Cartoon by Garrett Price from New Yorker

"Commerce group urges unfreezing of idle inventories! FSA faces fight with House committee over farm program! Republican bloc supports substitute for Ruml plan! Read all about it!"

Indiana Girl Goes to War

INDIANAPOLIS — Madge Adams of The Indianapolis Times has gone to war.



ADAMS

She joined the SPARs.

Before enlisting in the Coast Guard reserve force, Miss Adams was secretary to the advertsing manager of The Times.

Women on the staff of The Times gave her a Newspaper Guild party in farewell, similar to many Guild parties for men who have gone into armed service.

HARRIS, LAWSON AT CIO SESSIONS

BOSTON—President George A. Harris and Executive Secretary Alwyn J. Lawson were Boston Newspaper Guild delegates at the sixth annual state convention of the CIO here.

Sessions were held at the Hotel Statler, where the American Newspaper Guild will convene in its tenth annual convention June 14.

With the AUXILIARY

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

Auxiliaries Urge Grade-Labels

The Congress of Women's Auxiliaries, of which WA-ANG Member Eleanor Fowler is secretary-treasurer, has been a leader in a fight in Washington to strengthen OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown's campaign for grade-labeling on canned fruits and vegetables.

CWA leaders visited Prentiss Brown as part of a delegation of ten national consumer organizations. They argued that price control is meaningless unless price is tied with quality; and that quality is now a more important consideration than ever, since rationing limits the amount of canned goods you can buy.

Before the consumer groups went into action, the betting was ten to one that the canners would beat grade labeling. But joint action has backed the odds 'way down.

CWA asks us all to write to our Congressmen, to OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown and to James Byrnes, director of economic stabilization, demanding grade-labeling as essential to fair rationing and effective price control.

Detroit Backs 'Children's Charter'

At a recent child care conference held by the Detroit CIO Council, Aux members took an active part in the shaping of child care demands made by the conference on behalf of its "Children's Charter."

The charter set forth "Four Freedoms" to which all American children are entitled: Freedom from Want (balanced diet of sufficient food, free hot school lunches, proper feeding in nursery schools); Freedom from Fear (nursery schools, school-age canteens, supervised transportation for children of working mothers); Freedom from Disease (preventive care by school and public health services, proper medical and hospital care when ill); Freedom of Development (the best schooling, vocational training, recreation and cultural training the community can provide).

Lucy Haessler was a member of the planning committee of the conference which drew up this charter, and the Detroit Auxiliary sent two additional delegates.

President Faye B. Collins reports that Executive Secretary-Treasurer Mabel Pollock's stopover in Detroit on her organizational tour powwow with ANG President Milton Murray; lunched with Detroit CWA leaders, and were guests at a party-meeting of the Detroit Auxiliary.

At the meeting Detroit voted to hold a party to raise money to send delegates to the Boston convention the week of June 14.

Aux Member Helps Negotiate

Dorothy Connelly, WA-ANG vice-president, served on the negotiating committee for the new Los Angeles Daily News Guild contract. Dorothy was teamed with her husband, local CIO Leader Philip M. Connelly, on the committee.

The publisher's representative complained ruefully several times during the proceedings that he was a victim of "the Connelly hard and soft treatment."

Dorothy was not the first Auxiliary member to help a Guild contract. Last year Vice-President Frances Dunnuck served on the Indianapolis negotiation committee and proved indispensable because of her ability to demonstrate the cost of living rise, by quoting comparison prices straight from her own kitchen. In this war, women's place may very likely turn out to be in a negotiating committee.

Our WOW in Denver

Legislative Vice-President Eunice Dolan, as this column reported last Fall, took a course in precision tooling so she might qualify for a war industry job. This is to report that Eunice turned out to be a real WOW (Woman Ordnance Worker) with a job in the Remington Arms plant in Denver.

The latest news is that our Denver WOW has now been elected vice president of Remington Arms Workers Local 611 of the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers Union.

The Remington local's newspaper, The Bullet, interviewed Eunice on the subject of her evident liking for union work. Eunice explained it this way:

"I am the mother of two children. Having made up my mind that their future and the future of myself and my husband depend almost solely on defeating Hitler, it was a logical step to join a labor union because I sincerely feel that organized labor is the strongest win-the-war force in America."

All WA-ANG news for THE GUILD REPORTER *should be mailed to Marcia McManus, c/o New York Newspaper Guild, 40 East 40th Street, New York City. Copy should reach the New York address by 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 at day earlier than these deadlines to allow for retouching and engraving.*

Daily News Pact in L. A. Brings New High in Scales

LOS ANGELES—Contract renewal negotiations concluded between The Los Angeles Daily News and the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild brought a new high weekly pay minimum of $61.40 for five-year editorial employes.

Display advertising salesmen were given a top bracket of $66.80, and circulation route men, $48 plus commissions.

TOTAL $30,000

Wage increases under the new contract will total more than $30,000 a year, with individual raises ranging from $3 to $3.80 a week.

The contract also grants increased severance pay, four weeks' war leave bonus, partial holiday pay scale, and maternity leave up to six months without pay.

A scale of $50 a week for street district men for a five-day, 40-hour week was agreed to, with a guarantee of a sixth day at time and a half, bringing the total to $65.

Negotiators were Philip M. Connelly, former ANG vice president; his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Connelly, Auxiliary leader; Vera Partlow, Los Angeles Guild administrative officer; Paul Pangburn, photographer, and George Hutchinson, vice president of the Los Angeles Guild.

The Rewrite Desk

United States Steel ran a full-colored advertisement in this week's *Time* on the institutional theme, **"How good is the helmet your soldier wears?"**

"If you're an American soldier . . . or have a son, brother or husband who is . . . you'll get a lot of comfort out of the answer to this question," said the ad, boasting that USS "is producing practically all" the steel that goes into helmets, that "amazing things are coming out of" its mills.

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This must be one of the worst examples of timing in the history of advertising agencies.

As the Truman committee had just found out, and as USS big shots confessed, the "amazing things" that have been coming out of Big Steel's mammoth Carnegie-Illinois Irvin works included faked inspection records and 26,000 tons of defective war order steel—five percent of its total military production.

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The Fitch Survey, Wall Street investment and speculation handbook, predicts after a study of selected war industries that they are "likely to show larger earnings in 1943," that "a number of industries will be able to approximate last year's performance" even if the combined normal-surtax tax rates are raised to 45 percent.

"Last year's performance" of corporations included net profits that were 62 percent above the 1939 level.

Managements which persist in a don't-tell-me-how-to-run-my-business approach to war operations should study a survey by the International Labor Office of joint labor-management committees in Great Britain.

The ILO found that the committees are obtaining "a substantial increase in output through pooling the technical knowledge of management and labor" and have brought "promotion of morale through better understanding of the problems faced by both sides."

Would it be impolite to suggest a slight qualification of qualifications of Publisher John S. Knight of *The Akron Beacon Journal* for his new liaison post in the Office of Censorship?

A little attention to work of that kind at home, for instance, would have prevented his paper's Guadalcanal "strike" story from doing the harm it did to organized labor, the country's morale, and the war against Axis propaganda.

Representative Clare Boothe (Globaloney) Luce has found a critic in, of all publications, her husband's *Fortune.*

In an editorial entitled "An 'Isolationist' Reaction?" *Fortune,* referring to **"people who now curse the British, say mark-my-words-we'll-be-fighting-Russia-yet, and chuckle over ill-mannered cracks like 'globaloney,'"** commented:

"Of course they are selfish and nationalistic . . ."

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And in an article, "Logic of the Air," *Fortune* had further comment on "her controversial freshman speech before Congress":

"What was confusing in Mrs. Luce's thesis . . . was that . . . she seemed to want an American 'closed sky.'"

Luceness being tightened with a household wrench?

Note for the statistical and trends-of-the-times departments of *Editor & Publisher*: circulation of labor newspapers is booming—and without benefit of Deathless Deer, puzzles, prizes or the Junior Commandos.

The Auto Worker of the CIO United Auto Workers, edited by Newspaper Guildsman Edward Levinson, has, for example, reached a press run of 750,000.

Floyd K. Baskette of Emory University's journalism department made what was a revolutionary prediction for *The Quill,* published by Sigma Delta Chi for "writers, editors and publishers."

He said "unionization will become much more dominant and widespread in journalism after the war."

"If a typesetter can be assured a decent wage, why can't the same security be made available to reporters and copyreaders?" Baskette asked.

He added that it "goes without saying" that publishers don't like unionization—that the **"press too long has been identified as anti-labor to welcome unions into its own ranks."**

Note to the Dies-Hoffman-Cox-Fish Congressional bloc which is accustomed to refer to *PM* as the uptown *Daily Worker*: the 1943 *Editor & Publisher* yearbook, gospel of the newspaper industry, lists *PM*'s political coloration as Republican.

The Daily Worker itself, it also is fascinating to note, lists *PM* among **"peddlers of anti-Soviet poison," along with the Hearst papers, "phony liberals, Trotskyites," David Dubinsky, James B. Carey and many more loathesome things.**

"My hat is off to members of the Communist Party for their fanatical devotion to their cause and for their loyalty to each other."
—Edward James Smythe, defendant in the seditious conspiracy cases, in a letter to the editor of *The New York Post.*

Move over, comrades, and let him hang his hat.

Representative Clinton P. Anderson exhibited orderly thought processes in wondering:

If (a) former membership in or (b) gratuitous inclusion of a name on a mailing list of a Communist Party front agency is sufficient ground for Martin Dies to axe a government employe, then (c) what in hell is J. B. Mathews doing on the federal payroll?

Mathews, Gestapo chief of the Dies committee, was a notorious organizer and leader along the CP front.

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Representative Howard McMurray also had a question for Dies: did the Texas terror do any exposing along the Nazi front—such as the tieup between George Hill, Representative Hamilton Fish's secretary, and Nazi Propagandist George Sylvester Viereck?

When Fish arose at Dies' side to protest this ungentlemanly inquiry, another curious circumstance came up. It seemed that Hill, released from prison and a term for Viereck case perjury, had a job with a war contractor.

This circumstance suggests some more interesting questions for raising in Congress.

AP UNIT SLICES A BIRTHDAY CAKE



Members of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild's Associated Press unit mark its ninth anniversary here with a cake-cutting ceremony. Front row, from the left: Richard J. Fry, Wilbur A. Sanders, Patricia O'Connor, Retiring Chairman M. A. Raiser, Incoming Chairman Richard Cushing, Eldon Ottenheimer, A. L. Francis, Clyde G. Bartel, Cleland Crook. Rear row: Rembert James, Leonard G. Milliman, Kathleen Davis, Charles D. Wood, Asahel Bush, William A. Warren and N. R. Wilson, awaiting slices.

Pay Problems Are Unsettled

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going to feel that Mr. Lewis is saying what they think and that Mr. Roosevelt is trying to pull a fast one.

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I am not being snooty about the IQ of the miners when I venture this prophecy.

It happens that I went to college and studied a lot of economics and learned all about the "inflationary spiral" and so I ought to be well-prepared for an era of wage-controls. But I have been pondering this (academic) possibility:

Suppose the boss came around tomorrow and told me he wanted to give me a pretty fat raise because he heard that someone was trying to "pirate" me.

PROPOSITION POSED

Suppose he winked at the regulations about review of such wage boosts, said he'd juggle the books and never tell a soul that J. Wechsler was getting a bootleg increase.

According to all the patriotic textbooks, I should look him in the eye squarely and tell him to get the hell out of my sight before I reported him to the government.

Fortunately I am not confronted by this devilish dilemma.

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But my point is that we have so far failed to discover the language and symbols which will make inflation appear pretty frightening.

This is no indictment of the OWI or anybody else. A lot of us who work on newspapers have made the attempt to lick inflation with words and have not even succeeded in truly convincing ourselves.

My only thought in this confusion is that perhaps the failure stems from the essential inequalities of wartime life as much as from the inadequacy of our language.

HARD TO "SCARE"

I suspect that it is difficult to scare the coal miner with the picture of inflation as long as he has the vague, uneasy feeling that "the big guys" are still getting away with it, and he therefore concludes that two bucks in his pay envelope are worth much future risk.

When the miner finds the coal operators (and the editorial writers) arguing in one breath for wage freezing and then denouncing the $25,000 salary limitation as un-American, his suspicions are multiplied.

In that sense I believe that FDR's insistence upon the salary limitation is the most crucial propaganda weapon of the home-front war. If he wins that battle he may be able to save himself many words.

Meanwhile, however, a contemporary artist ought to try to paint a portrait that would give inflation some resemblance to Adolf Hitler.

The National Press Club is the gathering-place for most Washington correspondents. It is a private club to which admission must be sought by recommendation and other club routine.

But it is one of the centers of newspaper life in Washington.

GUEST IS SNUBBED

Recently I. F. Stone, a club member, invited Judge William Hastie, former civilian aide to Secretary of War Stimson, dean of the Howard Law School, and a widely-respected citizen, to lunch at the club.

They sat down at a table in the restaurant and waited to be served. They were denied service.

Judge Hastie is a Negro.

There is no formal club rule barring Negroes but it seems to be an unwritten law that is still being faithfully observed.

Under club regulations any member can bring up such an issue if he obtains 25 signatures, and force a club decision. Stone was only able to obtain nine signatures.

Many of the men who refused to sign the petition, it should be stated in fairness, have waged a lot of battles—in print and outside—against discrimination.

They took the stand, however, that precipitating the issue inside a private club would confuse the general fight against discrimination and would project the issue of "social equality" at a time when far more elementary rights are denied to Negroes.

They pointed out, for example, that Negro reporters do not have the simple privilege of entering the press galleries at the Capitol or of attending White House press conferences.

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I make this simple counter-proposal:

That a campaign be launched at once to break down the barriers against Negro correspondents now prevailing in the Capitol press galleries and at the White House conferences.

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