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IEB ASKS FDR POLICY CHANGE

IEB Names Denver Man As Organizer

Larry MacLean, veteran newspaperman most recently on the staff of The Denver Post, has been appointed an international representative of the American Newspaper Guild.

An active member of the union since the Guild's early days in Seattle, he helped organization of the new Pueblo, Colo., Guild and was its chief negotiator for its initial contract, working as a volunteer.

MacLEAN

MacLean's appointment to the ANG staff as organizer was authorized by the international executive board at an April 17 session in New York City, and he assumed the post April 19.

The new international representative, whose first ANG staff assignment was assistance to the Denver Guild in Post contract negotiations, has covered police, sports, copydesk, makeup, rewrite and advertising assignments for newspapers.

In addition to The Denver Post, he has worked for the old Butte Miner, Chicago Times and Herald-Examiner, Grand Rapids Herald, Tacoma News Tribune and Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

HELD DENVER POSTS

In Denver, MacLean has twice been head of the Guild's Post unit, a member of the local's city-wide executive board, and Guild representative on the Denver Council of Newspaper Unions.

MacLean, a Yale graduate who served with Canadian forces overseas in the first world war, organized locomotive firemen on the Arizona Eastern Railroad, obtaining their first union contract, and once was salaried grievance representative of the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen on the Santa Fe Coast Lines.

THE TEAM NEEDS A SAFETY MAN

—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild, from Justice

N. Y. Disowns Carey Stand

The international executive board of the American Newspaper Guild and the executive committee of the union's New York local have clashed over support given by ANG administrative officers to CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey's protest at a mass meeting against execution by the Soviet government of Henry Ehrlich and Victor Alter, Polish labor leaders.

The IEB, replying to a resolution unanimously adopted by the New York committee which said that it "disassociates itself" from the ANG officers in their position,

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Text of IEB Resolution On FDR's Order on Pay

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt in April, 1942, announced his seven-point economic stabilization program designed to prevent disastrous inflation in this country, and

WHEREAS, all that remained of that seven-point program prior to April 8, 1943, was a curtailment of wages and salary increases, and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt on April 8, 1943, issued a new executive order described as a "hold the line" order to stop inflation altogether, and

WHEREAS, this new executive order, while still conferring on Director of Economic Stabilization James F. Byrnes the authority to approve wage and salary increases designed to correct inequalities and inequities, appears to remove this authority, previously exercised, from the National War Labor Board, and

WHEREAS, the failure hereafter of the National War Labor Board to exercise this authority which it has heretofore had regarding the elimination of inequalities, will create the most dangerous confusion in our industrial life, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the international executive board of the American Newspaper Guild, in meeting assembled, hereby unanimously calls upon President Roosevelt for immediate clarification of the executive order of April 8, 1943, in a manner which will restore to the National War Labor Board ALL of the authority which it previously had and exercised, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while approving in principle the President's April 8 "hold-the-line" executive order, unless the stated purpose to "roll back" prices to the September 15, 1942 level, actually is realized and price ceilings are effectively enforced, and unless the further stated demand upon Congress for taxation to eliminate excessive profits during wartime actually is fulfilled, the international executive board of the American Newspaper Guild reiterates its publicly-stated demand of January, 1943, that because wages and salaries have been stabilized out of all proportion to the stabilization of prices and profits, the Little Steel formula must be modified to further offset the rising cost of living beyond the price levels of September 15, 1942.

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD,
AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD.

Wage Order Is Viewed As Faulty

The American Newspaper Guild, representing workers in a vital sector of the war front, has called on the government for realistic revision of national policy involving organized labor.

Deeply disturbed by recent orders and trends in Washington which again appeared to place all of the burden of President Roosevelt's equality-of-sacrifice wartime program on labor, the union's international executive board:

1) "Viewed with misgivings" President Roosevelt's anti-inflation order, although it "is another step in the long journey from a non-war to a war economy."

PROFITS IGNORED

2) Pointed out that the President's order, which "clamps rigid controls on wages," does not "deal with profits in any definitive fashion," that it only expresses "the pious hope that Congress will cooperate with the spirit of the order" in "hold-the line" control of prices and profits.

3) Demanded that "one positive defect" in the President's order be remedied by restoring to the War Labor Board "its authority to determine the validity of either voluntary or disputed wage agreements which eliminate gross inequalities and inequities in the wage structure."

4) Noted that the War Manpower Commission "has issued the regulations authorized in the order and has instituted what appears to be a job freeze."

5) Demanded that "the administration proceed to enforce the price sections of its program with the same speed it has made effective that part of the program which applies to wages."

FIELD NOT COVERED

6) Approved "in principle" the President's order and endorsed "in complete agreement" its "stated purpose" to "stabilize the cost of living," but pointed out that prices, profits and taxes had not been brought into the "hold-the-line" field.

7) Reiterated its "publicly-stated demand of January, 1943," that the WLB's Little Steel formula be adjusted to realistic cost of living conditions—unless these conditions are met by an actual "roll-back" of prices to the September 15, 1942, level, unless price ceilings are "effectively enforced" and unless excessive wartime profits are eliminated.

This Newspaper Guild policy program was adopted by the union's executive board in a resolution and an accompanying statement unanimously voted at sessions April 17 and 18 in the Hotel Lincoln in New York City.

The IEB met at a time when vital phases of the Guild's wartime collective bargaining program seemed to be at stake in

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WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Dies Draws Up Big Guns For War Against OWI

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON — Breathe deeply, men, the Office of War Information is about to be exposed by Martin Dies.

I give you this information free of charge and through the courtesy of The Washington Times-Herald, directed by Cissy Patterson and dedicated to the all-out war against the man without a mustache—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

HE'S "SURROUNDED"

According to a series of exclusive prophesies appearing in that journal, the Dies committee will shortly reveal that Elmer Davis is surrounded by redmen. Moreover, some of them are under 38.

In my mind's eye I already see John O'Donnell advancing upon his typewriter, boldly seizing that instrument and firing when he is ready.

Among the sinister disclosures soon to confront the world is the inescapable fact that some of the OWI's formerly worked for Marshall Field.

It is also true that a large number of Davis boys were once in the pay of Roy Howard, but this

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GUILD PACES CIO WAGE POLICY

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interpretations and applications of the President's order by the War Labor Board and the War Manpower Commission.

ANG IN FRONT LINE

The Guild was one of the first unions to point to defects in the newly-pronounced labor rulings by the administration and to announce an unequivocal position.

The IEB's policy was in line with positions taken by responsible leaders of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labor who said that a wartime mistake in labor relations had been made—and that it must be corrected if wartime morale is to be sustained.

Of immediate concern to the union was effect of the executive order on already-negotiated wage increases in Guild contracts now pending for approval before the War Labor Board in Washington.

CLEARED BY PANEL

These contracts were among many cleared by the WLB's special newspaper industry panel in Chicago prior to April 8, the date of the President's order.

ANG Executive Secretary Sam B. Eubanks, alternate labor member of the panel, representing the CIO, reported to the IEB that there was no clear indication of the WLB's position on the newspaper cases.

The panel, which reconvened this week in Chicago to make recommendations in a citywide San Francisco-Oakland Guild contract, was set up in February on a 90-day experimental basis as an advisory group to expedite agreements and settlement of disputes in the industry.

Unlike other industrywide WLB panels, the newspaper group, as constituted, lacks final authority to decide cases.

LOOK TO BOSTON

The IEB, after reviewing the complicated collective bargaining and employment problems, looked ahead to the union's tenth annual convention at the Hotel Statler in Boston June 14 to 17, when a special committee on collective bargaining will be proposed as a topmost order of business.

(ANG Vice Presidents James Francis Crow of Los Angeles, Harry Martin of Memphis and Ralph Foster of Toronto did not attend April sessions of the international executive board.

(Crow notified ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers that he was unable to arrange the trip to New York. Martin, now a yeoman in the Navy, reported he was unable to obtain sufficient leave for the meetings.)

The importance of these phases of the Guild's program will be further emphasized by a new project—clinics on specific bargaining and organizing problems of local Guilds which will be conducted by ANG staff members in advance of the convention.

Locals and district councils of the union will be urged to send representatives—convention delegates or administrative officers—to the clinic sessions at the Statler June 11 and 12.

AGENDA TRIMMED

A tentative convention agenda, trimmed sharply to a minimum of formal speech-making, was designed by the IEB for a schedule of four days of sessions instead of the usual five and six, with two full sessions devoted to committee meetings.

Another prime point on the convention's order of wartime business will be labor's public relations, education of union members in the labor movement, and education of the public in labor's objectives—all of them vital programs in which the Guild is particularly qualified to lead.

The April IEB sessions provided a preview of the Boston convention in most sections of the board's agenda, and Boston delegates will be called upon to decide many issues discussed at the New York meetings.

Members of the IEB pointed out that wire services occupy an increasingly important place in steadily-advancing Guild organization.

VACANCIES FILLED

William Corley, acting chairman of New York's Associated Press unit, and Philip Reed of Washington's International News Service unit were appointed to vacancies on the Guild's national wire service committee.

They take posts left vacant by George Wells, who left the AP in New York to join the staff of Newsweek, and by Julius Edelstein of the Washington AP, now in Navy service.

The IEB, observing continuing ANG policy, denied a request by the Los Angeles Guild for authorization for affiliation with it of news vendors in the city, now organized in a CIO federal union.

Guild affiliation of the same vendors was refused by the ANG's San Francisco convention, the Toronto convention took a similar position, and previous IEB rulings were against such extension of Guild jurisdiction on ground that Guild structure was not suited to assimilation of vendors in proper bargaining units.

BACK EUBANKS, RODGERS

Unanimously, the board supported ANG Executive Vice President Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers in their endorsement of a protest by CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey against execution by the Soviet government of Henry Ehrlich and Victor Alter, Polish labor leaders.

In endorsing the stand by Eubanks and Rodgers, the IEB said it "deplores" a disavowal by the New York Guild's executive committee of the ANG leaders' position.

Revocation of charters of inactive Guild locals in Toronto and Montreal was recommended by the IEB.

The ANG's interim constitution committee will recommend at Boston that Canada be abolished as a separate ANG region and that Canada be incorporated with contiguous United States regions.

The IEB also:

Asked the National Labor Relations Board to move for a rehearing or appeal of two cases, arising out of the Guild's Hollywood Citizen-News strike, which were decided against the Guild by the Circuit Court in San Francisco.

Appealed to Guild members to serve on local Office of Price Administration panels, taking their places in the national CIO and Guild price control programs.

RECOMMEND SURVEY

Recommended a survey of the Negro press field by the executive officers and Wilbur E. Bade, ANG organization director, following a report by Carl Lawrence of the New York Amsterdam News unit on organizational possibilities on Negro newspapers.

Discharged the ANG manpower committee, headed by Vice President Walter D. Engels, which had completed its assignment.

Ordered distribution of a report on savings funds and retirement annuities by Vice President Jules Schick and referred pension plans for newspaper employes to the Boston convention for action.

Ordered four tickets for the annual dinner of the New York state committee of the American Labor Party at the Commodore Hotel May 16.

Heard Marion Dickerman and J. Noble Braden of the American Arbitration Association in a discussion of its operations in labor relations.

Text of Statement by Guild On FDR Hold-the-Line Order

The President's most recent executive order is another step in the long journey from a non-war to a war economy. It is a step, however, which the officers of the American Newspaper Guild view with misgivings despite the fact that they are in complete agreement with its stated purpose, which is to stabilize the cost of living.

The government has already demonstrated that it intends to use the teeth which are in this order both on the wage front and on the manpower front. The War Manpower Commission has issued the regulations authorized in the order and has instituted what appears to be a job freeze.

Labor has more to lose from runaway prices than any other group in the community. Skyrocketing prices, which mean speculative profits to those who possess most of the goods of the land, mean hunger for the wage earner.

In opposing certain sections of the President's order, we do not subscribe to the theory that inflation is inevitable in this war and that we must only make certain that wages will keep pace in the upward lethal spiral.

The newest order represents a departure from the President's seven-point program in that it drops an important item from the stabilization agenda. While it clamps rigid controls on wages and promises that prices will be held in line, it does not deal with profits in any definite fashion.

That part of any price which represents the profit margin is dismissed with the pious hope that the Congress will cooperate with the spirit of the order.

The order has one positive defect which we believe to be wrong. The taking from the War Labor Board of its authority to determine the validity of either voluntary or disputed wage agreements, which eliminate gross inequalities and inequities in the wage structure, is a step which will tend to destroy rather than improve harmonious industrial relations.

This freeze of one of the basic elements of collective bargaining represents appeasement of those forces in this country which have been busily selling the idea that all wage increases are inflationary.

We submit that no additional income obtained for our members who are below established standards, for the work they are doing, will be used for the purchase of silk shirts, but rather is urgently needed to enable them to buy the necessities of life.

We cannot expect to uphold the morale of these workers, who are now underpaid, when all hope for equality of treatment is removed for the duration of the war.

We submit that there is mistaken emphasis evident when these wage adjustments are considered inflationary, but corporate profits after taxes in 1942 have been allowed to rise 66 percent and Congress has seen fit to kill the $25,000-a-year ceiling on salaries.

It is therefore our position that the authority to remove the inequities should be restored to the War Labor Board, where it properly belongs.

Our qualified support of the remainder of the order is a natural corollary of the previous position of this union on the matter of stabilization.

The officers of the Guild, back in January, deplored the widening gap between the level of wage stabilization and the price level itself and asked that the Little Steel formula be modified to meet the problem.

Our position is still the same with the qualification that we now have an executive order which goes farther than any previous one, designed to "hold the line" of prices.

We demand that the administration proceed to enforce the price section of its program with the same speed it has made effective that part of the program which applies to wages.

We understand that "rolling back" prices is a tremendously complicated undertaking. The labor movement has offered its cooperation in helping to do the job and we know that our members will realize that it is just as important to give help in this drive as it is to unite for the purpose of raising wages.

We, as a union, can help in the price policing job, which will have to be done, if the dollar we earn is to be worth anything.

The remaining fundamental defect of the current approach to stabilization is an omission, not by the President, but by Congress. An adequate tax program, which does not nullify the effects of stabilization by taking from the wage earner the income necessary to support him, must be enacted with the utmost speed by Congress.

Further delay will upset any attempt at stabilization.

The Guild hopes the "line" will be held. It offers its cooperation.

But it hopes also that this program will not degenerate into another wage freeze without a concurrent program that deals effectively with profits, prices and taxes. The problem cannot be attacked piecemeal without the most disastrous results.

INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD,
AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD.

HE FIGHTS—AND WRITES

—Photo from U. S. Marines Corps.

Technical Sergeant Murray Marder of the United States Marines takes a typewriter position here at field press quarters somewhere in the South Pacific, where he's on fighting-writing duty as a combat correspondent. The sergeant, a Newspaper Guildsman, was night city editor of The Philadelphia Evening Ledger, now defunct. The Marines' corps of combat correspondents is largely manned by Guild members.

Phila. Votes Support for ANG Leaders

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild unanimously elected 13 delegates to the 1943 ANG Boston convention pledged to support the Murray-Eubanks-Rodgers administration in any steps which will carry the Guild forward along lines set up by the administration.

The delegates and the conventions which they have attended are:

Jules Schick, Associated Press photographer, ANG vice president. Memphis, Detroit, Denver.

Arthur Riordan, assistant telegraph editor of Record, serving third term as local president. Toronto, Memphis, Detroit, Denver.

William J. Farson, Inquirer advertising solicitor, former ANG vice president. St. Louis, Toronto, San Francisco, Memphis, Detroit, Denver.

Katherine Mulrenan Martin, Inquirer columnist and unit chairman. Detroit.

Constance Myers, Inquirer caption writer. Detroit.

Roberta Bailey, Inquirer cashier, treasurer of local.

Gervase Love, Record labor editor, member of Regional War Labor Board, vice president of local. Denver.

Leeds Moberley, Record city hall reporter. Controller of local.

Harry Robert, Bulletin unit chairman.

Irene Frost, Camden Courier-Post women's page editor, vice president of local. Detroit, Denver.

Henry Beck, Camden Courier-Post.

Bertram Harvey, Chester Times advertising solicitor and active Times Guild striker.

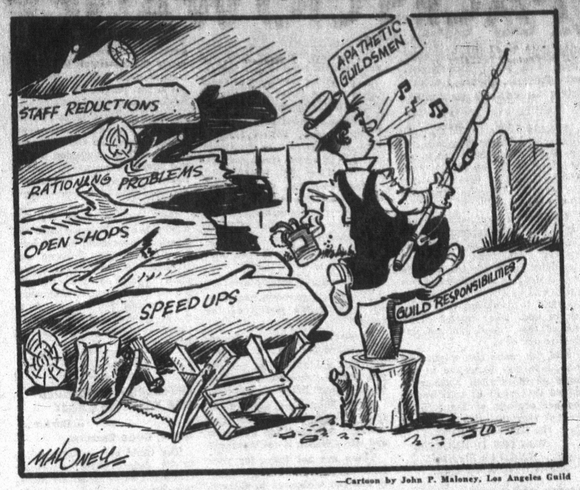
Anthony Palanicola, Norristown Times Herald, vice president of local.

Donnelley Sues Printing Unions

CHICAGO (FP)—Montgomery Ward and Company, the anti-union mail order house, filed suit here against 14 printing trades unions, claiming a total of $105,200 in damages allegedly suffered when organization of R. R. Donnelley and Company held up publication of Ward catalogues last December.

Ward's lawsuit also charges that the unions' demand for a closed shop at Donnelley's was illegal under the National Labor Relations Act because the unions had not been chosen as bargaining agency by Donnelley workers.

THIS IS NO TIME TO TAKE TIME OFF



—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

Clinic on Local Problems Will Precede Convention

Clinic forums on collective bargaining and organization problems of American Newspaper Guild locals will precede the union's tenth national convention.

The pre-convention conferences, an innovation in the ANG's program, will be conducted June 11 and 12 at the Hotel Statler in Boston, where the convention opens June 14.

STAFF WILL AID

Officers and members of the headquarters staff of the Guild will be consultants at the clinics, to which locals and district councils of the union will be urged to send representatives to discuss and find solutions for specific local problems.

ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks, who proposed the new clinical program to the international executive board at its mid-April sessions, said that the conferences should provide a forum for questions that otherwise might not be aired in jammed committee and general sessions of the convention itself.

It was suggested at the IEB sessions that locals and councils each designate at least one convention delegate to represent them at the pre-convention meetings.

June 9 and 10 have been scheduled for IEB meetings in advance of the convention.

The ANG interim constitution commission will meet June 11, and Scripps-Howard and Hearst chain councils on June 13.

The first general session of the ANG convention will open in the Boston hotel at 10:00 a. m. Monday, June 14, with these speakers scheduled:

Mayor Maurice J. Tobin of Boston, Governor Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts, President Joseph Salerno of the Massachusetts CIO, and President Frank E. Connor of the Boston Typographical Union.

PHILIP MURRAY LISTED

President Philip Murray of the CIO and Monroe Sweetland, director of the CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief, have been listed for addresses the second day of the convention, which is expected to end on Thursday, June 17.

In the convention's strictly-business program, the evening session of the second day and the morning session of the third day will be entirely turned over to committee deliberations.

As approved by the IEB, convention committees will be limited to credentials, rules, constitution, finance, collective bargaining, resolutions, war activities and officers' reports.

The committee on officers' reports will be assigned work on wire services, chain papers, labor relations and jurisdiction, organization, publications and labor press, education and associate membership, employment, legislation, and Auxiliaries.

MACHINISTS VOTE ON AFL SECESSION

WASHINGTON (FP) — The 619,000 members of the International Assn. of Machinists are voting on whether or not they will withdraw from the AFL.

DEFLATION HITS 'ABSENTEEISM'

NEW YORK (FP) — Cold figures supplied by the National Industrial Conference Board, an employer organization, deflate the absenteeism campaign against workers and their unions.

Making a survey of a socalled sample group of 29 plants in 13 states where 106,620 persons were employed, the conference board found that "the average number of mandays lost by men per month per male employe from the first of September through December was 0.57½, and for women 0.90."

And the experts are agreed that the irreducible average minimum of absenteeism per month per employe is two mandays.

S. F. Will Pick Four Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild voted at its April membership meeting to send four delegates to the union's national convention—it is entitled to nine or 10—and instructed them to follow the policies of the national CIO.

The motion for instruction, made by Morris Watson, former ANG official, now editor of the CIO Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's publication, at first included the policies of the California CIO, but was amended on his own motion after it was objected that California CIO policies often went further on political issues than the national CIO.

MEMPHIS ELECTS THREE DELEGATES

MEMPHIS — The Memphis Newspaper Guild elected President R. C. Shuptrine, W. A. ("Red") Copeland and LaVerne ("Pete") Swim as delegates to the union's national convention in Boston.

Yeoman Harry Martin of the Navy, regional ANG vice president, was named first alternate.

ANG Delegates Join In Academy Session

PHILADELPHIA—The American Newspaper Guild was one of the many sponsors, including the CIO and the AFL, of a two-day annual meeting here of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

Guild delegates were Jules Schick, ANG vice president; Arthur Riordan, president of the Philadelphia-Camden local, and William J. Farson, former ANG vice president.

SCHICK

The broad range of the "United Nations — Present and Future," was covered by the Academy.

A German refugee, Professor Moritz J. Bonn, now of the University of Pennsylvania, agreed with Sir Norman Angell that Britain's empire should be preserved with alterations.

An assertion by Bonn that Russia is "at least realistic" in its apparent disclination to surrender the former Baltic republics and Eeastern Poland brought sharp disagreement from Professor Oscar Halecki, director of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America.

Halecki insisted that failure to free Eastern Poland might endanger the future peace.

Other highlights of the meeting:

Demands by several speakers that rights of labor and minorities must be protected.

A pledge from the vice president of the Philippines, Sergio Osema, that his people would cooperate fully with the United Nations after the war.

A proposal for an international blueprint for the world of tomorrow by Kinn Wei Shaw, president of the China Institute of Industry and Commerce.

A warning from Clark Eichelberger, director of the Academy's Commission to Study the Organization of Peace, of fear that the U. S. Senate might block administration plans for the future.

Elizabeth Picks Two Delegates

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Two delegates and two alternates have been elected by the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild to the Boston ANG convention in June.

Delegates are Charles E. Crissey, reporter for The Elizabeth Daily Journal, and president of the local; and Franklyn L. Umber, advertising solicitor, member-at-large of the local's executive board.

As alternates the local has named LeRoy S. Barnett, advertising department, vice president of the local, and H. Merrill Manning, telegraph desk.

Nussbaum Elected By Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS — Lowell B. Nussbaum, president of the Indianapolis Newspaper Guild and delegate to the Denver ANG convention, will be the ING representative at Boston.

He was elected at a local membership meeting in a field of five nominees. Robert Stranahan, ING secretary and runner-up in the balloting, was named alternate.

—ON PAY DAY, BUY BONDS—

Schick Urges Guild Locals To Develop Pension Plans

Development of savings and retirement annuity plans by Newspaper Guild locals was urged last week in a memorandum prepared by ANG Vice President Jules Schick, chairman of the union's committee on pensions.

In a report to the ANG's international executive board which will be referred to the ANG Boston convention's collective bargaining committee, Schick said:

"The adoption of a savings and retirement annuity plan is an objective that should be stressed until every Guild member realizes what it will mean to him or her and to their families.

BOTH BENEFIT

"Retirement annuities benefit not only employes but management benefits, too, from operating economies that often offset the entire cost.

"The retirement of older employes raises the efficiency of the working force by increasing the opportunities of advancement.

"Management can also deduct from taxable income the payments made to insurance companies for retirement annuities.

BUILDS "NESTEGG"

"The employe has everything to gain, for his total contributions form an increasing nestegg returnable with interest should he resign or change employers. Thus it is a savings as well as a retirement fund.

"Hundreds of utility and industrial corporations have adopted annuity plans with great benefit, but so far less than a dozen newspapers have done so.

"While few newspapers covered by Guild contract have established retirement annuities the Associated Press did so many years ago.

"Most Guild contracts should eventually include such a plan or a similar one.

"All that is needed is education, to get Guild members to realize that they would be contributing not only to insurance for their old age but also to a savings fund increasing with the years. . . ."

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.

"GEM OF A THESIS" NOTED BY ENGELS

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

According to a head on a recent New York Guildpaper story, it is made to appear that the ANG has declared war on the Soviet Union.

Says the head:

DISOWN ANG ATTACK ON U.S.S.R.

The balance of the story reveals that the New York executive committee (less than half of it participated in the voting) has come up with this gem of a thesis:

1) Eubanks and Rodgers supported the protest against the execution of two labor leaders by the Soviet government.

2) The local executive committee "without judging the merits of the case," disassociates itself from their action.

3) Any criticism of any act of any one of the United Nations, regardless of the merits of the case, is destructive of the unity of the United Nations.

Therefore, if any United Nations government (and don't forget the United States is one of them) does anything that a union or an individual does not like, there are two possible courses of action, if the above type of reasoning is correct:

1) You shut up.

2) You become a traitor to the cause of the United Nations.

The Daily Worker, following this same type of reasoning, went so far as to blame the sponsors of the Alter-Ehrlich meeting for the fall of Kharkov.

The whole performance sounds like Alice in Wonderland except that it highlights a certain technique with which this Guild has had some previous experience.

Once before, a certain group, in attempting to control the policies of this union, used to try to dispose of those who disagreed by smearing them "as stooges of the boss" and "company unionists." Those who disagree now, what with the war, are "disrupters of the unity of the United Nations" and "traitors."

I would hasten to add that this is not the paramount issue facing the Guild. We have a war to win and we have a job on the home front in doing our best to see that the victory will mean something to our members.

But I think that, while disposing of the more important issues that face the Boston convention, we had better take time out to slap down any group which would seek to deny to the officers of this union and to The Guild Reporter the right to speak out against injustice even when committed by one of the United Nations, including our own.

And the convention might add that it is not disruptive to the cause of the United Nations to extend that right of criticism to the pet projects of the self-appointed representative of one of them, the Communist Party.

WALTER D. ENGELS,
ANG Vice President
Daily News Unit.

UCKER PROTESTS NEW YORK ACTION

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Until April 15 last the Newspaper Guild of New York seemed to have composed its differences and was getting along splendidly. Its work was being well done along a debated, approved and written policy—to help win the war, help win the peace, combat a hostile press and strengthen the union.

Into that scene was thrown the disruptive resolution adopted by the executive committee "disassociating" itself from the national leaders of the CIO and the American Newspaper Guild.

There was to have been a truce to all this. I hoped so, I believed so, I supported the men who said so. I have never had their full confidence. I never asked for it. I am not a man to take an order from a source I do not know.

It is not to them, to any of them, but for the Guild that I regretfully say: It's a God-damned shame that it had to happen. I say it while realizing they but exercised the right of free speech.

Consider the resolution. It says: "Because we stand for unity of the United Nations—"

Is that intended to mean that Philip Murray, Milton Murray, Sam Eubanks, James B. Carey and Bill Rodgers stand for disunity? If not that, what?

Since when has the executive committee of the New York Guild become such Pharisees that they may approach the altar of truth, smite their breasts and say:

"We thank Thee, O God, that we are not as other men."

The resolution also states:

"The executive committee, without judging the merits of the case—"

If you did not judge, gentlemen, who judged for you?

If you did not judge, why do you remove yourselves above and beyond your fellow Guildsmen?

If you know more, more of the truth, about the Ehrlich-Alter murders, why not tell all of us and let us reason it out together?

These are not traps for your feet. They are written here openly and not whispered in corners. In answering, it will not be enough to say that by opposing your stand I automatically ally myself with Hearst, Patterson, McCormick, fascists and anti-unionists. I have always opposed political murders. For these others I cannot speak.

The shots which killed Ehrlich and Alter — not my hands — opened the gate to these attacks upon us. For when they attack those who rejoice in the victories of the Russian armies they attack me as well as you.

Again I will ask the man who answers me to remember Sacco and Vanzetti. And I would finally ask him whether he would apply to those glorious men the same judgment that the Daily Worker's columnist applied to Ehrlich and Alter:

"They were executed and so they must have ben guilty."

My remembrance of those words may well be poor. But were I their author I would give all hope of Heaven to recall them. But not one word of this.

WILLIAM A. UCKER,
Journal-American Unit.

"DUBINSKY CROWD" IS CASTIGATED

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The Dubinsky crowd's demonstration against the execution of the two Polish Socialists, reported in your last issue, fails to answer the key question: were they, while in Russia, guilty of anti-Soviet activities or not?

The charge of guilty is made by the Russian Government, the proper agency, just as in this country our Government is the proper agency to handle cases of espionage, etc. But the Dubinsky crowd declares, that charge is false.

Many remember that the same crowd said the same thing about the '36 and '37 Moscow trials. However, our Government's representative in Russia during the trials, Ambassador Davies, reported March 17, 1938, in a confidential dispatch that "sufficient crimes under Soviet law were established by the proof and beyond reasonable doubt to justify the verdict of guilty of treason." Events show that in '36 and '37 the Dubinsky people were wrong. The word of the Russian Government would seem to be more reliable.

The Dubinsky people argue that the two Poles could not have engaged in anti-Soviet activities because (1) they were friends of Dubinsky and the others, (2) they were Socialists, (3) they were union officials.

But that all proves just the contrary. Being a friend of Dubinsky, who has engaged in anti-Soviet agitation for years, or being a Socialist which right now agitates against both Russia and our own war on the Axis, or being a union officer—when the people who organized the New York anti-Soviet demonstration are also union officers—simply indicate the more strongly that the two Poles did in fact pursue the same anti-Soviet lines inside Russia.

So far as I can make out, the Dubinsky folk have no other arguments. Under the circumstances, the reasonable conclusion is that the Soviet Government's charges against the two men are correct, and the Dubinsky counter-charges are false.

Does that not leave the Dubinsky people insisting that the Russian Government should have permitted the two Poles to continue in activities directed against itself? I think so—and many people will be glad, rather than sorry, that our ally has not seen fit to go along with any such suicidal policy as its enemies suggest it adopt.

LYLE DOWLING,
Labor Press Unit.

OFFICERS COMMENDED FOR BACKING CAREY

DETROIT.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The Guild and its officers are to be congratulated for their forthright support for CIO Secretary-Treasurer Carey on the issue of the disgraceful murder of the Polish Jewish Socialist labor leaders, Ehrlich and Alter.

Such occurences as these cannot be brushed aside, even though the Russian government is our ally. We are not true to our responsibilities as labor union members if we fail to criticize undemocratic actions of our own government. By the same token we cannot fail to criticize the undemocratic actions of Allied governments.

The same people who object to any attack on the Soviet government for the Ehrlich and Alter murders have never hesitated to criticize Britain for its actions in India (and on this I have no quarrel with them).

We are too determined in our internationalist democratic faith to be willing to blink at any authoritarian acts, or to be convinced by any special pleading for anybody's twisted vision of Utopia.

JUDAH DROB.

HE HOPES BOSTON "BACKS US UP"

LOS ANGELES.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

As the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild overwhelmingly voted to accept news vendors as members, we of the majority fervently hope the convention backs us up.

We believe that in inviting the news vendors to become members, we are completing the final link in our inevitable aim of full vertical labor organization, thus being true to the basic pattern of the CIO, and at the same time giving ourselves a tremendously increased bargaining power.

The news vendor is a newspaper's direct contact man with the public. A copy of a newspaper passes from his hands into that of the man or woman on the street. He is as indispensable to a newspaper as a clerk is to a merchant. Without the news vendor the newspaper cannot reach the public, ever anxious to quickly know the very latest developments in the war, the various fields of public welfare, and finance.

As it now stands, the news vendor, belonging to Newsboys' Union, Local 75, CIO, could place the ANG in an embarrassing position if it, at any time, would vote an independent strike. As a Guildsman, the news vendor will become an organic part of a whole, and more conscious of the whole picture. He will perceive what affects the bread and butter of the rest of us. We, in turn, will come to perceive his problems and the manifold interrelations of his problems and ours.

Not only can the news vendor play a strategic role in bargaining with publishers where we already are organized, but he can prove an opening wedge into relationships with publishers who have stubbornly resisted unionization. Let us never forget that the news vendor is the one who is indispensable in the matter of selling the paper, the final aim of every publisher, because on circulation depends his chief source of revenue, advertising.

Here in Los Angeles we have hoped that the logic of our accepting the news vendors would not be lost on other Guild locals in these critical times. Let us make no mistake. Human nature being what it is, we are going to need the fullest organic solidarity to withstand the efforts of all the Fascists and economic individualists in high places to undermine the ANG as constituting the most dangerous of all labor unions because of our access to social, economic and political information. The forces of greed in high places are out to divert the war itself to its own ends, which are not the ends of the common man.

TED LeBERTHON.

RIM MAN SAYS HE "WOKE UP"

SAN DIEGO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

In order to make my position clear at the outset, I will state that I am a white man, born in a Negro-hating community in the enlightened state of Indiana, and of Irish and Scotch stock.

I also am a copyreader but not through choice, so that shouldn't count against me.

Only last week I woke up. In 15 years on the rim I probably have written scores of heads in which I thoughtlessly featured the fact that a Negro was arrested or charged with some crime, ranging from rape to gang murder.

I was writing such a head last week when it occurred to me, more or less as a revelation, that it is not necessary nor does it improve a head to stress the fact that a Negro is involved. I wrote just as good a head without using the word Negro and have written several more since then.

I do not recall ever having seen a had in which the fact that a white man was involved in some heinous activity was stressed. A head reading, for instance, "White Man Held as Attack Suspect," would strike us funny, but there is as much reason for writing that kind of head as one in which the word Negro would be substituted.

Consciously, I never have recognized the fact that we have a racial problem in the United States. To me, there are no Negroes, no Jews, no Catholics, and no Protestants—they're just Americans, provided they're right guys. I thought the Bill of Rights took care of that fine, until I found myself writing headlines which indicated differently.

Let my brother copyreaders give the matter thought and write heads accordingly.

FRANK L. GRAHAM,
San Diego Guild.

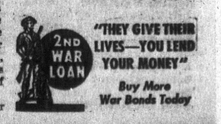
"WATCH YOUR TONE," HE TELLS EDITOR

MINNEAPOLIS.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I second Murray Powers letter to you printed April 15th. No one making a living and happy in their work on newspapers enjoys reading your constant "jabbing at publishers." I've liked my work for 15 years on Minneapolis papers and most of the time publishers have been plenty square. Watch your tone. I find it hard to read the "Reporter" because of it.

F. WORRALL,
Times Unit.



"THEY GIVE THEIR LIVES—YOU LEND YOUR MONEY"

Buy More War Bonds Today

FIRST IN BOND LINEUP

First organization in Philadelphia to buy war bonds in the second war loan drive was the Newsmen's Credit Union, founded by members of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild. It bought $5,000 worth at 12:01 a. m. the first day of the campaign. Here, at the left, Harry T. Locke, Federal Reserve Bank guard, signs the sales order. Guildsmen Alfred R. Werner and William C. Grover put it on the line.

IEB 'Deplores' New York Disavowal Of Carey in Ehrlich-Alter Protest

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unanimously endorsed the stand of the Guild's national leaders and said that the IEB "deplores" the New York committee's position.

"ATTACK ON USSR"

"Disown ANG Attack on USSR" was the headline over a page one story in The New York Guildpaper about the local committee's resolution, copies of which were directed to the ANG, CIO President Philip Murray, Carey, The Guild Reporter and The Guildpaper.

The Guildpaper story said, in a parenthetical note, that Ehrlich and Alter were executed "Because they distributed pacifist leaflets among Red Army men, according to Soviet spokesmen; because they wouldn't truckle to the Russian Communist Party, according to those who sponsored the protest meeting."

ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers accepted an invitation from Nat Einhorn, executive secretary of the New York Guild, to appear before the New York local's representative assembly to debate the Ehrich-Alter case.

Einhorn asked Rodgers and ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks to state their positions at the RA meeting the night of April 28 at New York Guild headquarters. Eubanks was in Chicago at sessions of the War Labor Board's newspaper industry panel.

The IEB directed The Guild Reporter to print the following:

TO ALL GUILD LOCALS:

The international executive board of your union, in session April 17 and 18, adopted the following resolution and directed that copies be sent to the officers of the Newspaper Guild of New York, all other locals of the Guild, and President Philip Murray and Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey of the CIO, together with an appended explanatory statement:

"The international executive board of the ANG deplores attempts which have been made by certain members of the Guild, as evidenced by the action taken by the executive committee of the Newspaper Guild of New York, to make it appear that officers of the ANG somehow have contributed to disunity among the United Nations by taking a public position in the Ehrlich-Alter case.

"The IEB unanimously supports the officers of the ANG who have denounced this cruel and unnecessary execution and rejects the suggestion that the responsible officials of American labor should be gagged

—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild, from Justice

when leaders of a free trade union movement are being murdered.

"The IEB is unable to see how such silence would contribute either to unity among the United Nations or to a victory for the Four Freedoms, but considers that the executions themselves are contributive to disunity."

New York Guild executive committee action referred to by the IEB in its resolution was adoption of the following resolution:

"Because we stand for unity of the United Nations and believe uninformed attacks upon any one of them to be destructive of that unity, the Executive Committee, Newspaper Guild of New York, without judging the merits of the case, hereby disassociates itself from the endorsement by American Newspaper Guild Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers of a speech made by James B. Carey at the recent Ehrlich-Alter meeting in Mecca Temple and from the participation in that meeting of Vice President Eubanks."

Henry Ehrlich and Victor Alter, internationally-known Polish and Jewish labor leaders, were executed by the Soviet government, probably in December, 1942, because, according to Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinov, they had engaged "in hostile activities including appeals to the Soviet troops to stop bloodshed and immediately to conclude peace with Germany."

This statement by Litvinov, which has not been elaborated upon since or supported by any proof of the charges, was given in February, 1943, to AFL President William Green.

He and scores of other labor leaders and liberals had repeatedly attempted to intervene with the Soviet government in behalf of Ehrlich and Alter, who were first arrested by Soviet authorities in Poland in October, 1939, after occupation of Eastern Poland by Soviet troops under the Hitler-Stalin pact.

RECORDS CITED

Public and known records of the two Socialists, and information attested to by the Polish government in exile and by the American Delegation of the Jewish Underground Labor Movement in Poland, showed that:

Ehrlich and Alter, who had eluded the Gestapo in the Polish underground, where they organized sabotage against the Nazis, were held in a Soviet prison for nearly two years, part of the time under sentence of death for "subversive work against the Soviet Union and assistance to Polish Intelligence Organs in armed activities."

After Hitler invaded Russia and the Polish and Soviet governments became allies, Ehrlich and Alter were freed from prison under a general amnesty for all Polish citizens then held on Russian soil.

RECRUITED POLES

They at once appealed to all Polish refugees in Russia to enlist in the Soviet-organized Polish army to fight the common enemy, and later, at the request of the Soviet government, undertook to mobilize a Jewish war committee in Moscow to strengthen ties with the Polish underground.

Ehrlich, meanwhile, had been designated a member of the Polish National Council by the Polish government in exile.

But in December, 1941, three months after their release from prison, Ehrlich and Alter suddenly were rearrested without explanation and held incommunicado. Their execution was announced in February, 1943.

Among many who made appeals, with the AFL president, for release of Ehrlich and Alter, whose lives were a record of the fight against Fascism, but who also opposed the Communist Party within the international labor movement, were:

Philip Murray, president of the CIO; Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President; Major Clement Atlee, labor member of the British war cabinet; Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trade Union Congress and president of the International Federation of Trade Unions; Wendell Willkie; Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; J. B. S. Hardman, editor for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Adolf Held, president of the Jewish Labor Committee; Professor Albert Einstein; Bruce Bliven, editor of The New Republic; Dr. Alvin Johnson, director of the New School for Social Research; Frank Kingdon, chairman of the International Coordination Council; Reinhold Niebuhr, chairman of the Union for Democratic Action; Paul Kellog, editor of The Survey Graphic; Raymond Gram Swing.

Dubinsky presided at the Ehrlich-Alter memorial meeting to which the resolution of the New York Guild's executive committee refers. Other principal speakers included Carey, Senator James M. Mead and Mayor LaGuardia of New York City.

CAREY SCORES CP

Carey, whose "forthright" speech at the meeting was endorsed by ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, said that "the execution of Alter and Ehrlich has been a grave blow" to "world labor unity," which the CIO seeks, and that the "Communist Party in this country" is "a major barrier to true American-Russian understanding" which is necessary to win the war.

The memorial meeting adopted a declaration which "scornfully" rejected charges that the two Jewish labor leaders "were less than wholeheartedly devoted to the war effort of the United Nations, including the USSR," and affirmed the records of Ehrlich and Alter as "fighters against Hitlerism, Fascism and every form of tyranny, oppression and brutalitarianism."

RECORDS AVAILABLE

These detailed records of years devoted to the international labor movement, to cooperation with the Soviet Union in a united front against Hitler, to such causes as support for the Loyalists in Spain, are available at ANG headquarters.

The records have now been besmirched by the Communist Party press here, which, in words of The Daily Worker, concluded that: "These men were guilty or they would not have been executed."

Fraternally,

SAM B. EUBANKS,
Executive Vice President.
WILLIAM W. RODGERS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

THEIR GOAL: $4,000,000

All New York City unions are united in a Labor War Chest campaign for $4,000,000. Working together for special aid to the fighting forces, war relief and community welfare are (left to right) Matthew Woll of the AFL, Frank B. Columbus of the railroad brotherhoods, and Sidney Hillman of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Eubanks Hits Industry Plan In WLB Panel

A reported proposal by "industry members of the National War Labor Board" to disqualify Newspaper Guild representatives as labor members of the WLB newspaper industry panel in cases involving "so-called independent unions" has been exposed by ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks.

In a protest to Chairman William H. Davis of the WLB, Eubanks said that the "Guild objects to consideration of this proposal by the board before its sponsors submit it to full discussion with all members of the panel itself."

"SELFISH ENDS" SEEN

"The fact that it is known," Eubanks said, "that the intention is to bring it to the board without such discussion suggests that interested parties are attempting to manipulate agencies of the War Labor Board for selfish ends."

Eubanks, listing 139 Guild contracts in effect or in process of collective bargaining, said that only nine "independent (non-affiliated) union contracts" existed and that:

"The so-called independents are nothing more than company-dominated employe associations nurtured by management for the purpose of defeating self-organization by employes."

In a corollary protest to Dr. Robert K. Burns, chairman of the WLB's newspaper industry advisory panel in Chicago, Eubanks said:

"Needless to say, I and my associates resent such a proposal and the back-door method by which it was proposed to have the (WLB panel) directive amended."

MEET ON S.F. PACT

The disclosure of the industry move came as members of the WLB newspaper panel, prepared to meet again this week in Chicago to draft recommendations in a citywide contract dispute involving the San Francisco-Oakland Guild and newspapers in its area.

The Guild's case was presented to the panel by Urcel Daniel, ANG research director, with Arthur Gilbert representing the San Francisco-Oakland local.

ANG President Milton Murray is a labor principal on the panel. Eubanks is an alternate labor member of the panel.

MORGENTHAU CONFERS WITH LABOR PRESS

WASHINGTON (FP) — Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, when concerned about something which affects labor, calls in the labor press for a talk.

He did so to assure labor editors that Series E people's bonds will not become negotiable.

Following the last war, workers suffered heavy losses in sale of Liberty Bonds. An orgy of speculation drove down the value of the bonds as low as 80 cents on the dollar.

ACWA MEMBERS WIN "E" FLAG

NEW YORK (FP)—The first Army-Navy E award for excellence granted to a clothing firm in the greater New York area was presented to 300 employes of Solomon, Goldstein & Portnoy. The workers are all members of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

CLARE HOFFMAN HEARS FROM HOME

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. (FP) — Not all is harmony in the family of Representative Clare Hoffman, anti-labor congressman from Michigan.

His nephew, Robert Hoffman, a member of the CIO United Rubber Workers, wrote Hoffman:

"If the workers' rights are to be kept up, the Hobbs bill must not go through."

Organized Labor Is Losing Battle In NAM Drive for Public Opinion

By JULIUS HOCHMAN
Vice President, International Ladies Garment Workers Union

(Written for American Labor Press Association)

Labor cannot afford to lose by default the battle for public opinion.

With large sections of the American public still ignorant of organized labor's aims and ideals, labor must provide the means and machinery for a long-range public relations program to educate the American people and extend labor education to its own members.

NAM IS LEADER

Only through such a program can it counteract the misunderstanding and prejudice fomented against the labor movement by the forces led by the National Association of Manufacturers.

For almost 50 years the National Association of Manufacturers, with unlimited resources at its disposal, has fought every organizational effort of the trade union movement, every piece of social legislation and every progressive trend in American life.

It has used every known avenue of public opinion to spread the legend that business is primarily and exclusively responsible for every great economic and social achievement of the nation.

OUTLETS ARE MANY

Through newspapers, radio, motion pictures, slide films, stockholder letters, payroll stuffers, billboard advertisements, civic-program meetings and large-scale advertising, national and local, the propaganda of the big corporations reaches into every city, town and village in the country and has its effect on virtually every section of the population.

Conferences between educators and businessmen are arranged to promote business propaganda in the schools.

Regional conferences to reach clergymen are organized. Joint "home-industry" conferences are staged, "study courses" for women's clubs drawn up.

No part of the country and no section of the people is ignored in this vast cover-all propaganda program.

The public relations program of the NAM reached its peak in 1942. Its able and expensive talent was put to work to appropriate for "management" exclusive credit for the entire war effort of the country.

WAR IS EXPLOITED

Unfavorable developments were either suppressed outright or diluted beyond recognition, while every effort was made to picture the labor movement as a narrow clique of self-seeking, corrupt job holders without concern for the nation's welfare.

At their last congress in December, 1942, NAM executives pointed with pride to the overwhelming success of their year's campaign. **The scope of this program should be known by labor.**

To reach Americans in their homes, the NAM sponsored a national weekly radio program and three weekly editions of "Briefs for Broadcasters," sent to commentators of 524 radio stations. **Columnists and editorial writers of over 2,000 leading metropolitan papers were supplied with news releases.**

A special weekly paper for 8,000 "grass roots" papers was circulated to the tune of 41,000,00 copies. Leading writers embarked on personal tours to acquaint the public with the success of "industrial ingenuity."

TRACTS CIRCULATED

And more than 2,000,000 copies of booklets and special literature bearing such revealing titles as **"The Closed Shop," "Strikes Since Pearl Harbor," and "Wartime Strikes in American Industry"** were distributed.

NAM spokesmen boast that their propaganda is carried right into our schools—that their booklets are read by two out of every three American high school students. **On the required reading list of American children is the NAM's own version of the history of the American labor movement.**

While "out of pocket" expenditures for the NAM public information program in 1937 amounted to $793,843, the actual commercial value of their program amounted to 36 million dollars, Robert A. Brady has estimated on the basis of figures contained in a report of the LaFollette Committee.

The program has been greatly expanded since this estimate was made.

ADS SUPPLEMENT DRIVE

Corporation members of the NAM supplement the program with their own advertising. Although more than 70 percent of industry is now working on war orders, advertising has not been appreciably affected.

In 1942, 440 million dollars, as opposed to 460 million in 1941 and 450 million in 1940, was spent on such advertising. The general theme has been:

"We Make the Guns," "We Make the Tanks," "We Make the Planes"—and, by implication, "We Win the War."

By December 3, 1942, it was necessary for NAM Executive Vice President Walter B. Weisenburger to warn:

"Let's not harp too blatantly on how industry is winning the war by production. Pretty soon the Marines in the foxholes of Guadalcanal and the Yanks in Tunis may be feeling the need of a press agent to take the victory credit away from industry. Keep it on the 'we helped' basis."

The anti-labor propagandists have again overplayed their hand in the present hysteria over absenteeism. But they still get front page headlines and leading editorial support.

LABOR ON DEFENSIVE

Labor is on the defensive while the blueprints for the next attack are being drawn up in NAM council rooms.

Organized labor cannot ignore this situation.

It must remember the lesson taught by World War I. After the war, organized employers launched a terrific offensive against labor and drove it from many positions it believed it had securely won.

Labor had not achieved sufficient acceptance and recognition by the general public as one of the great permanent and basic institutions in American life.

Labor unionism was not, like the family or the church or the school, taken for granted as an integral part of our democratic way of life—something beyond question or challenge.

If labor today does not wish to remain on the fringe of our national life or stand on trial before large sections of the public, it must create for itself a firm bedrock of public support.

It will then be ready and able to meet any organized offensive against it and to maintain the position in our national life it has attained through great effort and sacrifice.

—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

Guild Tackles Job Of Press Relations

Labor public relations and education have been brought into focus by the American Newspaper Guild as wartime—and continuing—responsibilities of the union.

The Guild's international executive board, which endorsed objectives of the American Labor Press Association in trying to carry labor's full story to the public, will ask for action on the subject by the union's national convention in June.

PROJECT PROPOSED

The Boston convention of the ANG also will be urged to develop specific educational programs for union members—with workers' projects under way at such institutions as Harvard, Yale and the University of Wisconsin as source material.

Members of the IEB pointed out in April 17 and 18 sessions in New York that members of no union are closer in contact with the general public than Newspaper Guild members and that they should be counted upon to lead labor in its approach to the public—of which organized labor is a major part.

The ALPA, in which the editor of The Guild Reporter is a vice president and member of a committee on public relations previous for labor, will meet May 22 to take definitive action on the problems on a national scale.

AIMS OUTLINED

ALPA committee proposals include development and distribution of a labor information sheet and possible use of advertising space in newspapers to combat wartime "institutional" campaigns by anti-labor corporations under the aegis of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Also on the agenda of the ALPA at its meeting at the New York University Faculty Club will be education of union members within the labor movement and intra-union exchange of news and comment.

Meanwhile, at least two locals of the Newspaper Guild took action in efforts to implement a broad national program for telling labor's untold story to the public.

URGE AD CAMPAIGN

In Minneapolis and St. Paul the Twin Cities Guild urged that an advertising campaign be instituted by labor to present its case.

The San Francisco-Oakland Guild adopted a resolution asking the IEB to present to the Boston convention a program so sweeping that all attacks on labor and public welfare may be effectively answered in every community where there is organized labor.

ANPA Views Unionization With Alarm

The standing committee of the American Newspaper Publishers noted with alarm last week, in a report to its 1943 convention, that unionization of white collar workers in the industry is progressing steadily.

"It is true," the committee reported to the ANPA in New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, "that union groups have disappeared in some cases.

"—MORE THAN OFFSET—"

"But this has been more than offset by new organization in other cities and by expansion of organization in the cities where the unions previously existed.

"With the continued growth of white collar unions, problems that publishers have experienced in the past have been seriously multiplied."

The committee, headed by George N. Dale, listed 1,125 labor contracts in the industry — **"an increase of more than 90 percent in the number of contracts reported by the committee only five years ago."**

This disturbing note was one of many sounded in the Waldorf's banquet halls and echoing committee rooms as the publishers met in their second session of World War II.

HEAD RETELLS STORY

These notes were collated in the convention's final resolution, which Editor & Publisher covered in this lead-story headline: **"ANPA Acts to Save Free Press Threatened by Wartime Curbs."**

As at every ANPA convention since Franklin D. Roosevelt became President, the government loomed as the enemy at the gates of the publishing industry.

The "free press" rescue expedition was entrusted this time to a committee of five, charged with carrying out directives of the resolution, which opened up:

"WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of this convention that various agencies of government have sought to restrict newspapers in the performance of their vital function of gathering and disseminating important public information essential to the support of the war effort, and," etc.

NOYES MOVES UP

Linwood I. Noyes of The Globe in Ironwood, Mich., succeeded Walter M. Dear of The Jersey City Jersey Journal as ANPA president.

Dear's farewell address featured his "apprehension that frequently these restrictions are imposed with a motive that does not augur well for the future of a free press."

Noyes seconded this motion in his maiden speech as ANPA president, saying he wished he "could share the optimism of those who believe that the American press —and by the same token the American public—is not in danger at the present time."

He was referring to the menace of the United States government, not to the menace of the enemies with which the nation is at war.

UAW PUBLISHES NEW MAGAZINE

DETROIT (FP) — Ammunition is a new monthly magazine published by the education department of the CIO United Auto Workers. Edited by Education Director William H. Levitt, the initial number has 32 illustrated pages.

NAM BEEF MUST ASTONISH LABOR

EDGEWATER PARK, Miss. (FP)—A complaint that labor leaders had "outsmarted the most brilliant brains in American industry" in getting their message to the public was made here by James W. Irwin, executive assistant to the president of Monsanto Chemical Company, in an address before a "Victory Institute on Public Relations" sponsored by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Irwin suggested that industry hire trained newspapermen and give them executive positions in order to promote a "more intelligent understanding between industry and the press."

Rubber Workers Buy Page Ad In Answer to Beacon Journal

AKRON, Ohio (FP) — "Who knows best — the Beacon Journal or the Government?" questioned the CIO United Rubber Workers in a full page advertisement in the newspaper, answering its attacks on a recent National War Labor Board panel recommendation for retroactive wage increases to workers in Goodrich, Goodyear and Firestone plants.

Contrasted with a menacing picture of inflation, drawn by The Beacon Journal, the union presented statistics showing that tire and tube workers average $49.70 a week and mechanical goods workers $36.98 and then enumerated deductions which leave the worker unable to cope with the rocketing cost of living.

"Akron labor is becoming rather tired of being the whipping boy for the Beacon's editorial animus," the ad continued.

"Delays due to labor are played up on page 1. Delays—many of them of long duration—due to faulty planning, lack of materials and competitive jockeying and other causes, are never mentioned. . . .

"Our only newspaper, instead of forging an unbreakable unity among all Americans of good will, has devoted itself to creating turmoil, dissension and resentment among the workers in our factories and suspicion and distrust among the public generally."

INP Pact Is Stalled; INS Balks

Negotiations for Newspaper Guild contracts with International News Service and International News Photos were entering final stages this week following management declared position that "further sessions would be useless" for the INP agreement.

Discussions, meanwhile, were proceeding on the Hearst INS contract which was encountering the same obstacles management raised for the Hearst INP agreement, with some additional hurdles raised by management spokesmen.

FIND NEW SNAG

A new snag encountered with INS was management's efforts to have all experienced newsmen in the Washington bureau exempted from hours and overtime provisions. To help clarify matters, two members of the Washington unit were scheduled to attend the next negotiating session.

They are Jack Vincent, unit chairman, and Philip Reed, new member of the ANG wire service committee.

Management stood pat on its INP proposals which previously had been termed unsatisfactory by major units.

POINTS UNSETTLED

INS contract points at issue included holidays, struck work, military service, severance pay, Guild shop, night differential. Classifications and proposed salary minimums had not yet been thoroughly aired.

Members of the Washington INP-INS unit adopted a resolution insisting negotiators proceed along the lines of original proposals, to secure Guild shops and the maximum allowed under the Little Steel formula.

The unit requested that the cases be combined for submission to the War Labor Board if agreement were not reached speedily and left to negotiators the matter of WLB procedure. Other units were asked to concur in this action.

Adman Is Prexy In San Jose

SAN JOSE — Charles DeLorenzo, first advertising department employe to head the San Jose Newspaper Guild since its formation in 1937, presided over his first general meeting as president last week.

DeLorenzo was elected to the executive post to succeed Louis Walther, who transferred in midmonth to San Francisco to join the staff of the Call-Bulletin.

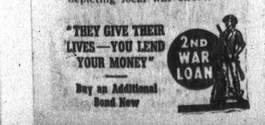
All of the previous Guild presidents had been from the editorial department of The Mercury Herald.

Guildsmen Cop Contest Honors

PHILADELPHIA—Most first awards in the Pen and Pencil-Mercantile Library newspaper contest here went to Newspaper Guild members.

Those who won:

Lorenzo (Pat) Lavey, Record, now in the Army, best news story; Frank Toughhill and William B. Mellor, Jr., Record, best feature story; Jerry Doyle, Record, best cartoon; Harold Weigand, Inquirer, best editorial; Joseph H. Miller, Inquirer, for the story that "did most for Mr. and Mrs. Philadelphia"; Morley Cassidy, Bulletin, best feature series; William Springfield, Record, best picture depicting local war effort.



New Oregon Unit Elects Leaders

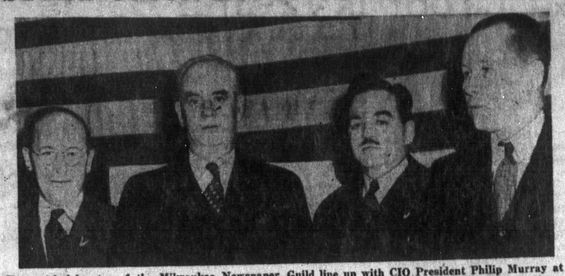
PORTLAND, Ore.—The newly organized Oregon Journal unit of the Portland Newspaper Guild has elected the following officers:

George L. Wilson, chairman; Lonnie L. Hariman, vice chairman; Herbert E. Conklin, secretary-treasurer, and Cecil B. Castor, Floyd Bain and Richard Goodfellow, executive committeemen.

Named to the negotiating committee by Chairman Wilson were William Moreland, John B. McKenna, E. E. Turnidge, Goodfellow, John B. Shanky, L. B. Hall and Dennis Tomlinson.

To the grievance committee were named: L. J. Lampert, L. J. McClung, Burnell Bostwick, Al Sept and W. H. Heppner.

STEEL UNION GIVES GUILD A HAND



Fraternal delegates of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild line up with CIO President Philip Murray at a district conference of the United Steelworkers. From the left: MNG Treasurer J. Nash McCrea, Murray, Ted Moeberg, MNG President John Kykirl. The Steelworkers cheered reports of Guild organizing progress.

Underground Editor in Holland Is Shot But His Paper Goes On

By Netherlands and Netherlands Indies News Agency

LONDON — Frans Tromp was an editor of an underground anti-Nazi newspaper in Holland.

He was a cripple, but this did not prevent him from discharging his self-imposed duties of collecting information that the Germans sought to hide and publishing it for the benefit of his oppressed compatriots.

On March 8, 1942—his birthday —the Gestapo caught up with him. He was held in prison until last October, but refused, despite torture, to give any information to the Nazis.

Finally he was executed.

If the Germans thought that shooting him had frightened the other editors of the paper, they were mistaken.

For shortly afterward the underground paper appeared again with an issue paying unusual tribute to Tromp. Copies of that issue reached London through secret channels.

MANY SHOT DOWN

"Many of our contributors have already been sentenced to death and shot down like mad dogs because they had the courage to fight for their beloved country, for justice and for truth," the paper said.

"The death of Tromp brought anguish to the hearts of his comrades. It is impossible to describe his burning patriotism, his courage, his indomitable energy, his warm humaneness.

"We do not utter here cheap, idle words with which the dead are often honored, but a simple, short testimonial with which, filled with sorrow, we hand him to eternity. . . .

"His limitless bravery inspired the faint-hearted. Now Tromp is dead.

"Though he knew much, he never told the Huns—those cowardly usurpers of his beloved country — anything, despite prolonged torture.

"He kept silent, protecting his friends from that fate that had overtaken him, covering their retreat with his life. . . ."

New Yorkers Are Active In CIO City Councils

Newspaper Guild and Auxiliary members are taking leadership in organization of CIO community councils in New York City.

John T. McManus, New York Guild president, is president of the lower Manhattan council.

Suzon Loomis, Auxiliary secretary, Pat Aleskovsky, Auxiliary, and Anna DeCormis, Time-Fortune, are secretaries respectively of the upper Manhattan, downtown Queens, and midtown councils.

On steering committees are H. Richard Seller, downtown Queens; Irving Gilman, midtown Manhattan; and Kirk Earnshaw, upper Manhattan.

Altogether nearly 100 Guild members are members of the seven councils already organized.

Murray Issues Last Call For Broun Award Entries

Presidents of all Newspaper Guild locals were urged last week by ANG President Milton Murray to submit all remaining entries for the 1943 Heywood Broun Memorial Award competition.

In letters to local presidents, Murray said that entries must be postmarked not later than May 20 and sent to ANG headquarters in New York City.

BOND IS AWARD

The award for the best newspaper job "in the Broun spirit" will be a $250 war bond. The winner of the competition will be announced at the ANG convention in Boston in June.

Judges are Lewis Gannett of the New York Guild, Herald Tribune book critic; Gordon Cole of the Washington Guild, member of PM's capital staff, and Murray.

Last year Dillard Stokes of the Washington Guild and The Washington Post, now headed for Army service, won the Broun Award for a series of stories exposing Nazi propaganda infiltration in the United States.

GR JUDGES NAMED

Second annual Guild Reporter awards for the best news or feature, cartoon and photograph copy in the union's newspaper also will be announced at the Boston convention.

Judges of Reporter awards of $50 war bonds are Murray, ANG Vice President Walter Engels and the editor.

Last year James A. Wechsler, PM labor editor, won the news copy award for his "Washington Roundup" columns.

Rollin Kirby, then of The New York Post, won the 1942 cartoon award. William Bennett of The Birmingham Post was the winning photographer.

Bonds Are Bought By Twin Cities

MINNEAPOLIS — The Twin Cities Newspaper Guild purchased in the second war loan drive an additional $1,000 of war bonds, which, added to those already held, put in the strongbox bonds of $2,300 maturity value.

This subscription was split evenly between St. Paul and split again in Minneapolis in rough proportion to membership of unit, all subscriptions being placed with the employing concerns with which the Guild has contracts.

It worked out: $500 through The Dispatch and Pioneer-Press; $250 through The Star Journal and Tribune, $200 through The Daily Times and $50 through Radio Station WTCN.

Wire Units Hear Leaders In Capital

WASHINGTON — At a special meeting of wire service units of the American Newspaper Guild, Harry Bergman, chairman of the New York INS unit, and Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, appeared to report on INP and INS negotiations and to discuss wire service matters generally.

Grievances on wire service bureaus in Washington were aired, and a grievance committee was set up to investigate and press for adjustment.

Gains in organization and good standing were reported at the meeting.

While in Washington, Bergman and Bade conferred with officers of the INS division of the commercial Telegraphers' Union, discussing plans to make mutual support more effective.

The CTU has terminated its contract with INS, charging a series of contract violations. Included in the grievances were charges INS has refused to pay CTU men severance pay under the contract.

In a bulletin sent to all INS and Hearst units, Guild members were cautioned "against punching or sending news now or at a later date except as such action may be in line with the CTU contract."

Wire Group Meets May 9

A meeting of the American Newspaper Guild's wire service committee has been called for May 9 at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City.

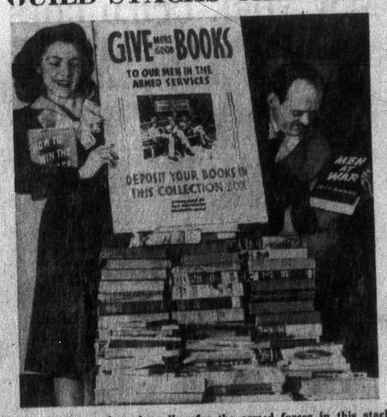
Included on the agenda are INP and INS negotiations, six AP cases before the War Labor Board, plans for future wire service contracts, and general organization.

PREPARE FOR BOSTON

Recommendations and proposals for consideration of convention committees also will be made by the wire service committee.

Wire service committee members include Harry Bergman, New York INS; Murray Brown, New York UP; William Corley, New York AP; Phil Reed, Washington INS; Jules Schick, Philadelphia AP; Dave Warner, New York UP; William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer, and Sam B. Eubanks, ANG executive vice president.

GUILD STACKS THEM UP



There's plenty of good reading for the armed forces in this stack, part of a contribution of books contributed in a Washington Times-Herald sub-section of a campaign conducted by the Newspaper Guild. With the books are Vada Ward and Harry Gabbett, unit drive chairman.

AMONG OURSELVES

Private E. J. MAGNIN, JR., second editor of Guild's Chester strike Reporter, now assistant editor of News Review at Drew Field, Tampa . . . Corporal FRED WILSON, third editor of Chester Reporter, off to Officers' Candidate School at Grinnell College in Iowa . . . ED O'NEILL, first Reporter editor, also in Army.

Corporal NORMAN C. McKENNA, former Detroit and New York Guildsman, editing Who Dat, camp paper in North Africa . . . ARTHUR BUCK back on Indianapolis Star copydesk after six-month Army tour from which he was honorably discharged as over-age . . . WILLARD WEST, former Wilkes-Barre Record police reporter, commissioned second lieutenant at Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

EDWARD B. WILLIS, first Syracuse Guild president, now an Army sergeant at Atlantic City . . . Staff Sergeant ANDY SERAPHIN, former Philadelphia Evening Ledger rewritesman, has been stationed 23 months at Third Air Corps Headquarters, Tampa.

HENRY C. FLEISHER, assistant editor of CIO News, off to Army . . . It's Major ROBERT TINDALL now . . . He was an Indianapolis Times circulation supervisor... Sergeant MICHAEL DRUGACH, formerly of Wilkes-Barre Record advertising department, assigned to Marine Corps headquarters in Philadelphia.

Staff Sergeant YOICHI R. OKAMOTO, former Syracuse Post-Standard photographer, married recently . . . He's at Fort Thomas, Ky. . . . Staff Sergeant BILL MITCHELL, once of Indianapolis Star, attached to Air Corps administration at Birmingham, Ala.

Ex-Indianapolis Star Sportswriter HAROLD HOWENSTINE, now a lieutenant, assigned to California training station . . . Sergeant ROBERT A. McGRATH of Northwestern Indiana Guild is in Salt Lake City awaiting combat assignment as aerial gunner.

Add Syracuse Guild military roster: Private DICK PAGE at Fort Logan, Colo. . . . J. DONALD McCARTHY now an Army Air Corps cadet . . . Private WILBUR (RED) EVANS on photographic duty with Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N. J. . . . Sergeant MARVIN SORKIN at Fort Knox, Ky., in armored force public relation office.

WAUHILLAU LaHAY, member of Chicago Guild's executive board and Chicago Sun movie critic, married JOHN J. WILDBERG, New York producer of "Porgy and Bess" and "Cry Havoc" . . . Daughter for LOUIS SHAFFER of Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, Evening News advertising staff . . . Daughter for WILLIAM CRABB, assistant city editor of Indianapolis Times.

PERRY FOWLER, former Los Angeles Herald-Express photographer, home on leave from Navy, after serving in North African campaign. . . . PAUL DENIS wrote a Billboard series on Negro entertainers and their treatment ("more and better") by the press. . . . Los Angeles Guildsman GENE BRADFORD now an officer candidate at Fort Benning, Ga.

HOWARD CUSHMAN, former Philadelphia, New York and Buffalo newspaperman, appointed director of publicity for the Republic of Haiti . . . Up to paratroop lieutenant: JOSEPH FORESTAL, JR., former Camden Courier-Post reporter . . . Into the Air Corps: Philadelphia Inquirer Rewriteman J. CROSIER SCHAEFER and Record Reporter WILLIAM ASPREY.

Guildsman AL CALAIS, who joined Army from San Francisco Post-Enquirer sports department, hospitalized in Texas for wounds received in North Africa fighting. . . . JOHN HOHENBERG, veteran New York Guildsman, off from Post staff into Army.

NORMAN JACOBY, charter Los Angeles Guildsman, editor of local Guild paper and Guild Reporter correspondent, inducted into Army as volunteer. . . . WAYNE PARKER is his editorial and reportorial successor. . . . S. J. (SPARKY) SALDANA left Los Angeles Daily News for Spanish language post with OWI in Washington.

MAYOR CALLS UNIONS THE 'AMERICAN WAY'

AKRON, O. (FP)—"The union shop is just as American as our government itself, where the rule of the majority prevails."

That was the challenge flung to Akron's reactionaries by Akron's mayor, George J. Harter.

Harter, who was elected with the full support of organized labor, spoke at a banquet sponsored by the Akron Industrial Union Council.

Another Smith Added To S. F. Membership

SAN FRANCISCO—Bob Brown, executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, was sitting at his desk when the man walked in.

"I'm from the Seattle Guild and I want to see about getting a transfer into the local here," he said.

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"Fine," Brown said. "What's your name?"

"I'm Another Smith," the applicant said.

"Glad to know you," said Brown. "I'm another Brown, myself."

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"No," said Smith, "you don't understand. I am Another Smith."

"That's all right," said Brown. "We've got lots of them here. There's always room in the SPONG for another Smith."

"You still don't understand," grunted Smith.

"My name is really Another Smith. I have no middle name. My parents had a sense of humor. They called me Another. I've always been Another Smith, I'll always be Another Smith. Here's my Guild card to prove it."

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Smith, veteran photographer, has been transferred into the SFONG as just Another Smith.

Philadelphia Soldier Killed In Maneuvers in Mississippi

PHILADELPHIA — Private John B. McCann, former Philadelphia Inquirer reporter, was killed in an accident during Army maneuvers near Camp Van Born, Miss.

McCann, who had just been advanced to first class rank, died within an hour after a truck in which he was riding overturned. He was inducted December 7, 1942, Pearl Harbor Memorial Day.

GUARD WAS ESCORT

McCann's body was brought back to Philadelphia with a military guard of honor, which also attended the funeral mass.

A son of Mary and Peter McCann, 5533 Ardleigh St., Germantown, McCann was a graduate of Northeast Catholic High School, where he was treasurer of the class of 1936. He is also survived by a sister.

The family received $450 in death severance pay under Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild contract.

New Orleans Raises Pay In New Pact

NEW ORLEANS—Substantial increases in minimum wages, plus "merit" raises for employes earning more than the minimums, are included in a new contract signed by the New Orleans Newspaper Guild with Item management.

Briefs recommending the salary increases have been submitted to the War Labor Board by Publisher Ralph Nicholson and the Guild.

The new contract gives flat $4 raises for first-year reporters and copy readers and provides for increases on a graduated scale up to the sixth year, setting six-year minimum raises at $4 and $9.

Office boys also were placed on a graduated scale, and correspondents were given a flat $2 raise.

Military service security provisions were amended to include employes who leave to enter government war service.

Staff Renamed In New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Newspaper Guild reelected all its officers for a second term, placing Ward Melody, who has headed the local since its organization a year ago, back at the helm as president.

Other officers reelected were Harnett Kane, vice president; Frances Bryson, secretary, and Elizabeth Wilson, treasurer.

RAF Flier Scores Capt. Rickenbacker

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Edward V. Rickenbacker is "contributing to disunity" in the war by attacking unions, Hewitson Roberts of Australia, former Royal Air Force flier over Singapore, said here.

Roberts, who came to Wilkes-Barre as a speaker for the Wyoming Valley Labor Victory Committee, headed by Vice President Joseph M. Walsh of the American Newspaper Guild, told the Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis Club that there must be complete wartime unity in the United States.

"—DOESN'T SUBSCRIBE—"

"I regret to see that that distinguished flier, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, doesn't subscribe to this belief," the 37-year-old Roberts said.

"Captain Rickenbacker probably feels that he is justified in his stand, but I seriously question this. He is contributing to disunity by his attacks upon unions."

Walsh, CIO regional director in the anthracite area, was chairman of a war bond rally sponsored by the Labor Victory Committee, which netted sales totaling more than $50,000.

ALL-LABOR AUDIENCE

Roberts told the audience, representing CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood members, how labor in Australia and England has "imposed its own restrictions in achieving supreme effort for the war."

He voiced confidence that labor in this country, too, "is measuring up to your responsibility" but warned that "people here just can't seem to understand what rationing means."

Roberts told of privations of Australia and England, "where you get an overcoat once in five years and where women are satisfied if they get four pairs of stockings and two undergarments a year."

The Australian flier, a member of the Teachers' Union of West Australia, is awaiting a chance to served with the U. S. Air Corps as instructor of young pilots.

Former RAF Flier Hewitson Roberts, left, is escorted here by ANG Vice President Joseph M. Walsh to a joint labor rally in Wilkes-Barre which sold more than $50,000 worth of war bonds.

Cameraman Wins In 2 Contests

MILWAUKEE — Twice, within the last month, Al Mahlberg, member of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild, won cash prizes in national photographic contests.

Mahlberg, Milwaukee Sentinel photographer, was awarded a special $50 prize in the Hearst annual contest for a picture, "Hysteria," snapped at a Milwaukee murder trial when the widow of a slain preacher broke down in court.

The other Mahlberg victory came in a Cigar Institute contest in which he won two prizes and a gold medal.

NEW YORK GUILD GOES ON THE AIR

"The News and What to Do About It" is the program subject here at Radio Station WLIB in Brooklyn, where the New York Newspaper Guild broadcasts weekly. From the left are William S. Gailmor, Guild President John T. McManus, Peter DuBerg, Jule Seibel and Richard A. Yaffe. The local rounds up the news.

SAILOR'S STORY AIRED BY GUILD

The New York Newspaper Guild interviewed Seaman John Hess, just returned from North Africa, on its weekly "The News—and What to Do About It" program over Radio Station WLIB.

Hess, a member of the National Maritime Union, which is delivering the goods to all fighting fronts and has left 4,000 of its members at the bottom of the sea, was an angry man. He explained what made him so mad:

"I saw 20,000 of the best anti-fascist fighters in the world in concentration camps in North Africa—under the Stars and Stripes—20,000 Spaniards and members of the International Brigades who fought for Spain. . . ."

What to do about it?

Said Hess: "Send a postcard to President Roosevelt. Tell him in your own words how you feel about these people in concentration camps. Tell him that we Americans are fighting on the side of freedom and against concentration camps!"

Rogers, Steel Listed for Rally

Congressman Will Rogers, Jr., and Radio Commentator Johannes Steel have accepted invitations to speak at the New York Newspaper Guild's combined "Win-the-War" rally and legislative conference at Manhattan Center May 20.

The rally is by far the most ambitious project of this nature sponsored by the local since the war began.

On the rally committee are James Aronson, New York Post, chairman; Rachel Meisenhelder, Herald Tribune; Jean Epstein and Ben Smith, Billboard, and Sam Landau, Jewish Day.

Members of other unions—CIO, AFL and the railroad brotherhoods—have been invited.

ASSOCIATED FARMERS ADOPT A PROGRAM

SAN FRANCISCO (FP) — All the Associated Farmers want is immediate abolition of the Farm Security Administration, the Wage-Hour Administration and the National Labor Relations Board.

Calling these federal agencies "outstanding examples of superfluous and non-essential government bodies which retard the war production effort," the annual convention of the AF demanded transfer of their personnel to "productive efforts or the armed forces."

"PEACE" BLOCKED BY HUTCHESON

HARRISBURG, Pa. (FP) — President William Hutcheson of the AFL United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners was accused of "deliberately and maliciously breaking up peace negotiations" between the AFL and CIO by CIO Vice President Allan S. Haywood in a speech before the Pennsylvania CIO convention.

ACHILLES HEEL

HOW YOUR UNION DUES ARE SPENT

STATEMENT OF CONDITION, FEBRUARY 28, 1943

ASSETS

CURRENT:		
Cash in Bank		$20,477.18
Petty Cash		70.00
Loans and Advances Receivable:		
J. Weilberg	$200.71	
Allan Kander—Allquippa Strike	350.00	550.71
Accounts Receivable		114.92
Deposits:		
American Airlines	$425.00	
Mail Permit	50.00	475.00
Due from Locals		22.50
TOTAL CURRENT		$21,710.31
FIXED:		
Furniture and Fixtures	$1,501.72	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	257.40	
TOTAL FIXED		1,244.32
OTHER:		
Prepaid Expenses	$ 16.55	
Inventory, Buttons	45.00	
Prepaid Convention Expenses to be charged monthly:		
Total Expenses	$5,160.21	
Charged as Expenses	3,360.00	
To be charged		1,800.21
TOTAL OTHER		1,861.76
TOTAL ASSETS		$24,816.39

LIABILITIES

CURRENT:		
Accounts Payable—A. J. Seed & Co.		$ 150.00
Exchanges		3.63
U.S. Victory Tax Payable		278.00
Payroll Taxes Payable		536.47
Commissions Payable		4.52
Committee of 600 Fund		101.75
CIO American and Allied War Relief Donations Exchanges		12.00
TOTAL CURRENT		$ 1,086.37
LOANS PAYABLE:		
Long Term Loans, Payable to Labor Organizations		6,000.00
National Defense Certificates		427.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		7,513.37

SURPLUS

RESERVES:		
For 1943 Convention	$2,700.00	
For Officers Severance Pay	468.00	
TOTAL SURPLUS RESERVES		3,168.00
SURPLUS—December 1, 1942	$10,132.33	
Less: Depreciation of Furniture and Fixtures for the period December 1 to February 28, 1943	85.80	
Adjusted Surplus	$10,046.53	
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES for the period from December 1, 1942, to February 28, 1943	4,088.49	
SURPLUS—February 28, 1943		14,135.02
SURPLUS AND RESERVES		17,303.02
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		$24,816.39

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM DEC. 1, 1942, to FEB. 28, 1943

	ACTUAL Dec., Jan., Feb. 1942 1943	BUDGET Dec., Jan., Feb. 1942 1943	BUDGET Mar., Apr., May 1943
INCOME:			
Per Capita	$29,178.65		
Initiation Fees	1,471.89		
Reinstatement Fees	318.10		
CIO Subsidy	1,500.00		
Charter Fees	5.00		
Buttons	22.00		
Miscellaneous	32.06		
TOTAL INCOME	$32,527.70		
EXPENSES:			
Per Capita:			
To Congress of Industrial Organization	$ 1,939.30	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
Executive:			
Salaries—Officers	$2,730.00	$2,730.00	$2,730.00
Salary—Administrative Assistant	500.00	520.00	520.00
Traveling—Officers	245.06	400.00	400.00
Total Executive	3,475.06	3,650.00	3,650.00
Organization:			
Salaries—International Representatives	$2,499.00	$4,212.00	$3,419.00
Expenses—International Representatives	1,146.73	2,200.00	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	41.94		50.00
Wire Service	1,783.53	800.00	800.00
Other Organization Expenses			
Total Organization	5,471.20	7,212.00	6,069.00
Research Department:			
Salary—Director	$ 880.00	$ 910.00	$ 910.00
Miscellaneous	20.15	50.00	50.00
Books and Periodicals		100.00	100.00
Traveling Expenses—Director		150.00	100.00
War Labor Board Expenses—Traveling and other			500.00
Total Research Department	900.15	1,210.00	1,660.00
General:			
Salaries—Office Staff	$3,502.74	$3,645.30	$5,281.70
Overtime	175.02	100.00	300.00
Rent	891.67	874.98	874.98
Electricity	133.81	120.00	120.00
Stationery, Printing and Supplies:		500.00	300.00
Office	115.43	400.00	300.00
Cards and Forms	254.93	300.00	400.00
Organization	60.99	400.00	400.00
Telephone	492.32	300.00	250.00
Telegraph	246.97	500.00	400.00
Postage	273.68	600.00	600.00
Legal	1,241.71	150.00	150.00
Auditing	150.00	25.00	
Office Furniture		150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	159.07	700.00	700.00
Payroll Taxes	314.17		
	8,012.51	8,765.28	16,226.68
Vacation Pay—Barney Taylor	112.00	100.00	100.00
Donations	39.28	200.00	500.00
Delegate and Committee Expenses	221.32	1,200.00	1,200.00
IEB Meeting Expense—January, 1943	1,353.42	4,861.00	4,586.00
Net Cost Guild Reporter	4,561.65	156.00	150.00
Women's Auxiliary—Organizing Subsidy	150.00		
War Activities Committee—Expenses	27.40	900.00	1,800.21
Convention 1942	1,120.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous			
TOTAL EXPENSES	$27,383.21	$31,748.28	$33,435.89
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	$ 5,144.49		
RESERVES:			
Reserve for 1943 Convention	$ 900.00	$ 900.00	$ 900.00
Reserve for Officers Severance Pay	156.00	156.00	156.00
TOTAL RESERVES	$ 1,056.00		
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES AFTER RESERVES	$ 4,088.49		
TOTAL BUDGET		$32,804.28	$34,491.89

NET COST GUILD REPORTER

Salary—Editor	$1,105.00	$1,105.00	$1,105.00
Salary—Clerical	481.00	481.00	300.00
Printing	1,825.26	1,866.00	1,850.00
Mailing and Postage	825.25	660.00	850.00
Subscriptions	102.75	80.00	50.00
Pictures and Special Material	91.50	150.00	150.00
Engraving	173.15	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	52.37	75.00	75.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	$4,656.23	$4,861.00	$4,580.00
Less: Income	$ 34.00		
Advertising	60.58		
Subscriptions	94.58		
TOTAL INCOME	$4,561.65	$4,861.00	$4,580.00
NET COST GUILD REPORTER			

Improvements Negotiated In Manchester

MANCHESTER, N. H. — Improvements in wages, working conditions and security of Union-Leader employes were negotiated by the Manchester Newspaper Guild in a new contract with management.

All wages were upped $2.50 from their 1942 levels and made retroactive to last December 15, a classification of librarian was added, severance pay schedules were lifted, automobile mileage expense rates were increased, and war security provisions were broadened.

BOSTON AIDS

Members of the Manchester Guild negotiating committee were President George A. Harris, Executive Secretary Alwyn J. Lawson, and Herald-Traveler Unit Chairman Gerald Havey of the Boston Guild.

Walter Emerson, Manchester Guild president, congratulated the three for their work in negotiations, which were conducted in harmony by union and management.

'Association' Is Denounced In Broadcast

The New York Newspaper Guild, in its regular Friday "The News and What to Do About It" broadcast over Station WLIB last week, lashed out against the fascistic Christian American Association, which is now operating to introduce anti-labor laws in state legislatures.

Describing the Christian American Association, the Guild said:

"The Christian American Association is mobilizing industrialists, plantation owners and susceptible people behind a move to put anti-democratic laws on the books of as many states as it can influence.

ADMITS AIMS

"It identifies itself deliberately as anti-labor; it seeks to enlist support from any one who will fall for anti-labor propaganda. . . .

"The Christian American Association . . . attacks the war by setting farmer and labor against each other, and the soldier against both. . . ."

Issue Pamphlet On Legislation

A local legislative committee program designed to involve every unit and every member, has been published in pamphlet form by the New York Newspaper Guild.

Entitled "Your Voice for Victory," it is divided into 12 sections, each dealing with a separate phase of legislative activity with respect to the war.

Included are chapters on "Total Mobilization," "Tax Program," "United Nations Unity," "Prices and Rationing," "Social Security," "Anti-Labor Laws," "War Labor Board," "Witch Hunts," "Aid to Farmers," "Protection of Government Employes," "Poll Taxes" and "Child Care."

N. Y. Endorses Executive Order

Support for the President's Executive Order 9328 "as an urgently needed step in the direction of a stabilized war economy" was voted by the New York Guild executive committee on recommendation of the local's legislative and industrial relations committees.

At the same time a warning was sounded that the order "may be sabotaged by persons in high places and by selfish and reactionary lobbies as was the original seven-point program" unless precautions are taken.

FEAR-SIGHTED

—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild, from Justice

If You Have a Washington Job You're Dodging Draft, They Say

(Continued from Page One)

point will not be labored. Howard is merely a pink.

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The forthcoming attack upon the OWI (by the time this comment appears the expose may not only have been published in the Patterson-McCormick papers but may also be available to the general public) will be the latest in a long line of events designed to prove that any New Dealer is risking his life by working for the government.

AGE IS THE TEST

Several weeks ago I alluded to the growing tendency in Washington to demand a man's birth certificate before listening to his ideas.

If he proved to be under 50, he was clearly dodging the draft and some bellicose newspaperman was sure to break the news.

That is, if the victim were found guilty of voting for FDR. Otherwise there is no age limit in town.

While it is difficult to treat all this with appropriate seriousness —somehow the picture of John O'Donnell attacking draft-dodgers remains inexplicably funny—the matter is not to be lightly skipped.

IT TAKES "GUTS"

I fully salute the courage of the Americans who are fighting for freedom in the uniforms of the United States. But it takes a hell of a lot of guts to sit around Washington in a civilian suit if you are employed by the government.

You are almost certain to be seen by John O'Donnell, who simply cannot bear the sight of men in civvies. It makes him fighting mad. And when he gets mad, he types.

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There are some lost souls who believe that an information agency is vital to a nation at war.

They may also believe that a citizen could serve his country more usefully by working for the OWI than by sitting at a desk with a captain's commission.

They might even go further and argue that the existence of a civilian government in wartime is essential to the prosecution of the military business at hand.

MINORITY IS SMALL

But this is a viewpoint of a frail minority.

So the exodus continues. Men who could serve in crucial government posts depart. O'Donnell has given them 24 hours to get out of town.

He wants to be alone.

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For the benefit of those who came in late, Brother O'Donnell is the correspondent of the Patterson papers. He is a very amiable citizen who was once bitten by a New Dealer.

As I ponder the vagaries of Washington life, I can think of no more nauseating vision than that of a newspaperman, seated defiantly at a typewriter, exposing "draft-dodging" in government.

A BOW FOR DAVIS

I bow to Elmer Davis who, commenting upon a recent O'Donnell story on the "draft-dodgers" working for the OWI in North Africa, remarked that they at least were under fire.

I have not yet received a transcript of Brother O'Donnell's reply.

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On another phase of the same front one records with regret the findings of the House Kerr committee, set up to review the charges leveled against government employes by Citizen Dies.

As far as I can determine, a substantial number of the Kerr committee members are pretty decent, well-intentioned characters who have no special stake in upholding the Rome-Berlin axis.

They have been trying to examine Dies' accusations with a measure of accuracy and objectivity.

THEY MISSED POINT

Unfortunately, the complexities of liberal life in the U. S. are vast. The Kerr committee missed the point.

So while clearing Frederick Schuman, it condemned Goodwin Watson and William Dodd, thereby permanently branding them as enemies of this republic.

I do not know Mr. Dodd, but I am familiar with the works and views of Goodwin Watson. I know that the committee's decision is dead wrong.

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Moreover, I am especially concerned by its conclusion that anybody connected with organizations "which have been convicted by the court of public opinion" is a no-good, unfit for public service.

"LYNCH MOB" RULE

This is the rule of the lynch mob. It affirms the premise that judicial procedures are irrelevant —that the prejudices acquired by a careful reading of the Hearst press are adequate to judge subversion in government.

Is there no one in the Congress of the United States big enough to stand up and defend the democratic traditions which I once studied in elementary school?

DIES AREA CAPTURED

PORT ARTHUR, Tex. (FP)—Port Arthur, smack-dab in the center of Martin Dies' Congressional district, is now practically 100 percent union because of a new NLRB election victory in the big Gulf Oil refinery by the CIO Oil Workers.

BLOCK PERPETUATION OF HOT CARGO LAW

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (FP)—An attempt to perpetuate the notorious hot cargo law, vetoed by ex-Governor Culbert L. Olson and then passed by a close vote in a referendum last November, failed when after hearing of arguments from CIO and AFL spokesmen, the senate labor committee voted to table the Hatfield-Richards bill.

It would have made the anti-hot cargo and secondary boycott regulations, now in force for the duration, a permanent part of California statutes.

Guild Seeks Citizen-News Rehearing

With national CIO support, the American Newspaper Guild has moved to obtain rehearing or appeal of National Labor Relations Board cases against The Hollywood Citizen-News which were rejected by a federal court on grounds that were termed, in a dissenting opinion, "subversive" of the Supreme Court.

At the direction of the ANG's international executive board, A. J. Isserman, Guild counsel, asked that the cases be reopened by the NLRB. Lee Pressman, CIO counsel, joined in the plea, and backing by the Los Angeles Guild was sought.

IT'S "FREE SPEECH"

The ruling by Judges Curtis D. Wilbur and Clifton Mathews of the Ninth Circuit Court in San Francisco dismissed NLRB charges filed following a Guild strike at The Citizen-News in 1938 and, in effect, held that vicious attacks by management against the Guild constituted "free speech," not labor law violations.

Judge William Denman, in a resounding dissent, said:

"The majority decides an important federal question in conflict with the decisions of the Supreme Court.

"It rejects pertinent testimony as not substantial, and substitutes its inferences for equally if not more rational inferences of the board supporting its findings of 'interference, restraint and coercion.'. . . .

"Because the case has been considered under principles so subversive of those established in these decisions of the Supreme Court, it is my opinion that it should be reheard . . ."

"—GO OUT AND SHOOT—"

Cited by Judge Denman as examples of evidence of management coercion against the Guild, which were rejected by the majority, were activities of Harry Brandon, advertising manager:

"Brandon held frequent meetings of his department employes and spent much and sometimes all of the time in denouncing the Guild, using such language to the men solicited to be organized as, '. . . that one of these days the white collar workers like us are going to get ourselves some guns and go out and shoot those union bastards'."

The majority decided that:

"The expressions of criticism and disparagement of the Guild . . . were well within the right of free speech . . ."

Judge Denman commented:

"The majority opinion after omitting Brandon's attack on the organizing union bastards recites a part of the testimony of Brandon's coercive conduct after the union rejected his application to join it.

ORDER IS CITED

"It recites that though the advertising employes used Saturdays in their soliciting and did not work in the office on that day . . . nevertheless after his rejection by the union they were compelled to report there and do nothing."

Brandon's order to the employes was:

"Come Saturday mornings and sit at your desk, keep working at your desk and smell your own feet stink."

Judges Wilbur and Mathews said that this "remark," which they described as "vulgar," was "immaterial."

The majority ruling also dismissed as inconsequential reprisal firings of Guild members, management refusals to post NLRB notices, and efforts by Publisher Harlan G. Palmer to develop a company union by urging "committees" of employes to disown Guild collective bargaining procedure and sign separate agreements.

—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

Clare Luce Gives 'Clarification' Of Views to Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—Clare Boothe Luce is not globallergic, she told members of the Washington Newspaper Guild as a guest speaker at a meeting of the local.

"I am in favor of global thinking, of intelligent global planning," the Congresswoman from Connecticut told the newsmen and newswomen.

SHE WAS SURPRISED

She said that when she coined the word "globaloney," she did not expect it to fire the public as it did, that otherwise she would have gone to the trouble of qualifying her statements to make it clear that she meant to criticize what she said was impractical global planning, not all global planning.

Wearing a navy blue suit and a white blouse, navy velvet bows in her blond hair, and a red rose in her little crystal lapel vase, Mrs. Luce spoke her speech for about 10 minutes and then answered questions from the Guild audience for an hour.

The playwright-Congresswoman told the Guild meeting that the only thing standing in the way of overwhelming success of trade union movements is that—to a certain extent—**they have not kept God on their side sufficiently in the public imagination.**

They need to get the churches on their side overwhelmingly if they would have their full measure of power, she said.

SAYS CHURCH NEEDED

Representative Luce said that she believed that most Americans attach great importance to the place of their churches in their communities and that in the final analysis they are for what the church is for.

Asked what importance she attached to anti-labor sentiment in Congress, Mrs. Luce said:

"Anti-labor sentiment is not inherent in Congress, because there is no attitude absolutely 'inherent' in Congress.

"Congressmen are very sensitive instruments that reflect changing public opinion and the opinion of pressure groups."

Another questioner asked if the Congresswoman thought there was real anti-labor sentiment among members of the armed forces.

"—BOUND TO FEEL—"

Mrs. Luce replied:

"You must remember they're bound to feel resentment at times toward those who are not going through all they are."

She recalled that when she was in Burma, sitting in a trench with Jap bombs dropping all around, she felt particularly spiteful toward anyone who was comfortable.

Mrs. Luce said that there was no danger in this feeling—that once out of the trenches and home, the men would see things clearly and in perspective again.

Questioned about why she had never been a member of the American Newspaper Guild, Mrs. Luce replied that she got out of newspaper work before the Guild was organized, that:

"I'd like to point out that the theatre, in which I have worked long and hard—for ten years—has been vertically organized longer than any other industry . . . and I am a member in good standing of the Dramatists' Guild."

A QUERY IS PUT

Another Guild member asked her to account for the fact that in all the Congressional hubbub against labor, little is said about auto manufacturers who did not begin converting to plane production until a month after Pearl Harbor—and then only by coercion, and that many other manufacturers found it more profitable not to convert to war production.

"Why don't you tell Congress about it more often in your papers?" Mrs. Luce asked in reply.

COL GAINS AGAIN

Living costs continued their upward movement with a rise of 1 percent in March, according to the conservative estimate of the division of industrial economics of the National Industrial Conference Board, employer organization.

CLARE BOOTHE LUCE
"I am in favor of—"

ANG President Addresses Protest Rally for Jews

CHICAGO—President Milton Murray of the American Newspaper Guild addressed a mass meeting of 25,000 in the Chicago Stadium, called to protest Nazi slaughter of Jews, to plead for rescue of those still living, and to demand full punishment of the Nazi murderers.

Murray told the meeting, sponsored by the Joint Emergency Committee of 11 Jewish organizations:

"It would be presumptuous for me to say that I speak for the 5,000,000 members of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

THEY HAVE SPOKEN

"These working men and women have spoken too often in words and deeds against intolerance, bigotry and oppression to need my telling of it.

"I know and can tell you that their hearts and their sympathies are with you. They recall bitterly that hundreds of the men who were killed in Europe were officials and leaders of organized labor.

"I have come tonight to join you in a simple pledge—a pledge of ultimate victory, a victory that will make the entire world a refuge, a victory that will make the entire world the citadel of freedom."

Principal speaker at the rally was Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the executive committee of the World Jewish Congress.

Mme. Chiang Kai-shek Speaks At Joint Meeting of Unions

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—In a surprise visit, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek ended a five-day stay in San Francisco by attending a meeting of Local 10 of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

Leaders of the CIO, AFL and railroad brotherhoods were asked to the meeting as soon as Mme. Chiang announced her impending arrival, thus permitting her to address representatives of all branches of organized labor.

It was the only labor meeting she had attended on her tour of the U. S.

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Addressing her hearers as "fellow workers," the first lady of China said:

"We must not only win this war. We must also win the peace which comes after the war. But in order to win the peace we must first win the war, and at the earliest moment possible.

"Your task is not one whit less important than that of the fighting forces at the front. Because my own country has no heavy industries we have been fighting with flesh and blood. You have heavy industries.

"You can provide the munitions not only for yourselves but for China as well."

Guild Notes 'Fair Deal' As Boettiger Joins Army

SEATTLE — Publisher John Boettiger of The Post-Intelligencer, son-in-law of President Roosevelt, recently accepted a captain's commission in the Army, boosting the number on military leave from that paper to 84.

The Post-Intelligencer is in the position of having both its publisher and managing editor in armed service, as the latter, Russell H. Peters, was commissioned as a Naval lieutenant two months ago.

LETTER IS VOTED

The Seattle Newspaper Guild's executive board voted Boettiger a letter of appreciation for fair dealing in contract negotiations and general Guild-management relations.

Mrs. Anna Roosevelt-Boettiger will remain with The Post-Intelligencer as associate publisher.

Latest compilation showed about 140 Seattle Guildsmen and Guild women now on duty in various armed services and combat merchant marine, according to President Bill Golden.

First Seattle Guildsman to receive a four-week pay bonus for men and women entering the armed services, under the new national Guild-Hearst chain contract, was Kenneth Harris, Post-Intelligencer photographer. He has joined the Coast Guard.

ABSENTEEISM SOLVED BY JOINT PROGRAM

WASHINGTON (FP)—Andrew J. Higgins, head of the Higgins Industries at New Orleans, where the AFL Metal Trades and Building Trades have contracts, told the Senate Truman Committee investigating the war program that supervisors and workers themselves handled absenteeism in his plants.

"We work things out together," he said.

With the AUXILIARY

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

Child Care Conference Held

The Greater Detroit and Wayne County CIO Council held a conference on Child Care last month. Resolutions, formed by the findings of this committee, were addressed to the President, Congress, to education authorities and to the public.

Some of the demands included: Renewal and increase of funds under the Lanham act under which the government gives dollar for dollar up to certain amounts for child care if the communities make application, 24-hour operation of nursery schools where needed, no nursery school or canteen fees from mothers earning under $25 a week, and a maximum of $2.50 for canteen care and $3.50 for nursery school care, with no mother paying over $4.50 a week, regardless of the number of children.

Recently, Dorothy Keene and Catherine Gelles, president and secretary-treasurer of the Women's Auxiliaries of the CIO United Automobile Workers, went to Washington to tell the federal agencies concerned—the Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services, the Children's Bureau, the Office of Education and the Federal Works Agency, that child care is an urgent war manpower problem.

They came to point out that millions of mothers of young children are working and millions more will be needed to win the war, and that the job that must be done is to enable those women to be efficient production workers by establishing child care centers.

Auxiliary Help Is Sought

As a result of WA-ANG's executive secretary-treasurer's visit, Walter Frisbie, executive secretary of the Indiana State Industrial Union Council, has appealed to the Indianapolis Newspaper Guild Auxiliary to take the leadership in a three-fold drive to recruit women for membership on rationing boards, as price ceiling checkers and to organize a consumers panel for the public discussion of consumers' problems.

Through the latter project the union official hopes to bring together OPA, rationing and other war-time agency representatives with consumers for the exchange of ideas and to create a spirit of greater mutual aid.

Frances Dunnuck, WA-ANG vice president and Indianapolis Auxiliary president, is undertaking the citywide survey of newspaper wives and club women to obtain volunteers for rationing boards and price checkers. The list she compiles will be submitted to the State Industrial Union Council for its guidance in recommending appointments to these war-created groups.

Many clubs have allotted Mrs. Dunnuck a place on their programs so that she can personally explain the different tasks to its members.

Harrisburg is busy raising money for delegates to the Boston convention. They are having a rummage sale in May, planning a spaghetti dinner, and also an outdoor picnic, when the weather is cooperative.

Educational Program Proposed

Dorothy Connelly, WA-ANG educational vice-president from Los Angeles, has a tentative educational program mapped out for this coming year, which should keep us interested, cooperative and busy. It reads:

May—"Democracy vs. Fascism."
June—"History of the CIO," "History of WA-ANG" and instructions to delegates.
July—Talk and discussion on "Independence for ALL our People."
August—"Parliamentary Law" and discussion on "How to Conduct a Union Meeting."
September—"Labor Day," "The History of the Labor Movement in the U.S."
October—"Labor and Education."
November—Election month. "Story of the Constitution," "Bill of Rights."
December—"Good Will to All," children's Christmas party, history and meaning.
January—Installation of officers. "History of Guild."
February—10-minute round table on "Duties of Officers."
March—"Labor Throughout the World."
April—"Progress of Women."

Notes About New York

New York's Auxiliary president, Trudy Whitman, has joined the WAAC. That puts all the Whitmans in the service. Corporal Hamilton Whitman (News Unit) is serving overseas, Trudy is in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, and their two dachshunds are enrolled in "Dogs for Defense."

In pride, the New York Aux gave a luncheon for Trudy and presented orchids and a gold identification bracelet and wished her all the good luck there is. Knowing Mrs. Whitman's abilities, we have no doubt that before long she will be rating a salute.

At its next meeting, New York will have the American Theatre Wing Group, with Erin O'Brien-Moore as chief star, give two sketches, one on the "Problems of Adolescent Children in Wartime" and the other on "Blood Donating." Cities that have American Theatre Wing Groups may not use their sketches in amateur talent, but where there is no Theatre Wing Group, they may be presented by amateur groups.

Such is the case in Detroit, Indianapolis and Harrisburg. These Auxiliaries have been rehearsing many of the sketches and will present them at joint Guild and Auxiliary meetings.

The entertainment committee, consisting of Jane Albert, Honore Armstrong, Katherine Earnshaw and Marcia McManus, is planning big doings for May 22, when the "Raise Money for Boston Delegates" party will be held at the New York Guild Club. There will be top-notch entertainment and free beer for servicemen.

Corporal Sam Weissman (Times unit) visited the Auxiliary while on furlough from Shenango, Pa., and we found that the first thing he did when he got to New York was to go up to the Red Cross and give a pint of blood. We're proud of him!

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 a day earlier than these deadlines to allow for retouching and engraving.*

The Rewrite Desk

The Detroit Times was guilty of a dreadful error in Hearstian editing last week. A Washington story on wage stabilization said:

"The WLB was left with power only to grant increases within the Little Steel formula or in cases of substandard pay rates.

"WMC officials pointed out that the latter provision was of scant benefit to organized labor because there is little union strength in so-called substandard wage fields. **The wages wouldn't be substandard if the workers were members of a labor organization.**"

The subversive second paragraph ran through one edition before it could be plucked, restoring *The Times* to the American way of life.

The only New York newspapers which agreed editorially with the action by the city's Board of Education blocking Mark Starr's appointment as adult education director were Hearst's *Journal-American*, Wall Street's *Sun*, and the Communists' *Daily Worker*.

Starr, educational director of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the only one of 100 candidates to qualify for the city post, was rejected because he is too intimate with organized labor.

In the capitalist-Communist coalition which agreed that Starr is unfit, Milton Howard of *The Daily Worker* gave the most enthusiastic and contorted concurring opinion, which said Starr was "the victim of his own harsh intolerance."

Starr, who had been obliged to take time out in his labor work to help release his own Teachers Union from the grasp of the Communist Party, is a democrat (small d) and as such is anathema, equally, to the boys on Wall Street and the boys on Thirteenth Street.

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Comrade Howard needed two *Daily Worker* issues last week to compile a CP estimate of the character of James A. Wechsler and his work for *PM* and *The Guild Reporter*.

The Daily Worker, protesting that **Wechsler has "unfortunately been given a free ticket" to *The Guild Reporter* as "a forum for disruptive propaganda,"** said that Wechsler is "currently trying to insinuate into the trade union movement the John L. Lewis notion that the war against Hitler and labor's economic interests are contradictory," that Wechsler is a **"bearer of this subversive, wrecking viewpoint."**

This hilarious *Daily Worker* thesis was fashioned from a suggestion by Wechsler that coal miners were finding it a little difficult to understand why they shouldn't have a couple of bucks more in their pay envelopes, what with prices gone to hell.

The current CP labor line, of course, is that workers shouldn't think about such things, that they should, as Comrade Howard puts it, "maintain and increase human labor capacity," semi-colon, comma, period, interspersed with a couple of dashes.

(It was a year ago, incidentally, that Wechsler warned in *The Guild Reporter* that Lewis had devoted himself "to discrediting this administration's labor policies, to spreading the word that labor can't get a break in wartime, to fostering the Big Lie that Philip Murray is 'selling out'.")

Bertie McCormick of *The Chicago Tribune* has a new project to sustain the "World's Greatest Newspaper"—annexation by the United States of Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Scotland and Wales.

He told *PM* that he intended to make them states "just like North Dakota."

The Tribune should be asked to explain, in view of the newsprint shortage, why it needs a section of comics in addition to this new program for the fun-loving public.

Berlin and Rome radios, of course, immediately beamed dire warnings to the McCormick-mandated territories that they should prepare for their fate.

Delayed Action Department: It took the Dies committee nearly a year and a half after Pearl Harbor to relay the news that Nazi agents had been active in the United States before the war.

The Propaganda Battlefront, newsletter of the Friends of Democracy, Inc., has drawn up a list of organs which eagerly reprinted *New York Daily News* editorials paralleling the Nazi line before—and since—Pearl Harbor.

These reprints have appeared in such sheets as *The Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter*, German-American Bund paper; *Roll Call*, edited by William Dudley Pelley, jailed for sedition; *Publicity*, published by E. J. Garner, indicted for sedition; *X-Ray*, published by Court Asher, indicted for sedition; *Scribner's Commentator*, edited by Ralph Townsend, convicted as a Japanese agent; *Social Justice*, barred from the mails for seditious content.

The Berlin radio has described *The Daily News* as **"a true American paper . . . representing the majority of American people."**

In case the strike news passed unnoticed in the metropolitan press, it should be noted that the New York State Department of Labor wound up its March business without a walkout on its docket.

Fifteen New York department stores and the city's Retail Dry Goods Association have been fined $5,000 each after entering no-defense pleas to government anti-trust charges that they conspired illegally to boycott *The New York Times* in a dispute over raise in advertising rates.

It seems, despite howls by publishers against the Associated Press anti-trust case, that the government really is interested in protecting them against monopolistic pressure.

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Speaking of the AP and its anti-trust case, which now has assumed proportions of an endless filing of questions, answers, counter-questions and counter-answers which are fascinating reading for anybody who ever prepared filmsy for filing, the AP came up with a good idea at its annual meeting last week.

Kent Cooper, AP general manager, proposed an international crusade for a worldwide free press after the war—a crusade that will **"lead to honesty in news, because when the source is open to all, the liar cannot gain credence for his tainted news."**

"Thus the truth can bring mutual understanding across international boundaries," Cooper said.

The motion is seconded.

Washington made an apparent mistake when it decided that the United Nations Food Conference at Hot Springs this month should not be subject to full and open coverage by reporters.

The Standing Committee of Correspondents—560 newspapermen accredited to Congress—protested the decision "as a denial of legitimate news to the American public and hence an abridgement of the freedom of the press."

Concurrence is recommended.

LABOR SERVICE CROSS

—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

Florida Council Names Guildsman as a Leader

ORLANDO, Fla.—Leigh Culley, president of the Jacksonville Newspaper Guild, was elected a vice president of the Florida CIO Council at its organization meeting here.

The Guild played a leading part in the formation of the new council, composed now of delegates from six CIO unions which have locals or are organizing in Florida.

In addition to the Guild, they are the Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, Maritime Union, Communications Association, Auto Workers, and Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers.

Immediate need for a coalition of labor forces in the state was underscored, meanwhile, by passage by the Florida house of representatives of a Christian American amendment outlawing union shops.

The constitutional ban on union shops was voted 66 to 52 by the house. If the senate concurs, a referendum on the issue will be held in 1944.

Edward V. Rickenbacker wired his endorsement of the amendment—first man to congratulate the house on its action.

New Texas Law Aimed at Labor

AUSTIN, Tex. (FP)—The Manford labor control bill, model for anti-labor measures introduced in 40 states, became law when Governor Coke Stevenson certified it to the secretary of state without his signature.

Stevenson announced his action despite a conference with state AFL, CIO and railroad union leaders, who had vigorously opposed the measure in the legislature.

The bill requires unions to file financial statements with the state, forbids labor to contribute to political campaigns, limits dues and assessments, and forces all union organizers to register and report regularly on activities.

AFL Votes Fund To Fight Bill

DENVER (FP) — The State Federation of Labor has voted to raise an initial fund of $25,000 to fight the so-called labor "peace" bill which becomes law July 1.

Plans for a last-ditch fight against the bill were formulated at a special convention, convened months ahead of schedule.

The measure, which closely follows the pattern set by the Christian Americans in other states, prohibits workers from picketing, secondary boycotts and sitdown strikes; compels unions to incorporate, and outlaws the checkoff.

— BONDS BATTER HITLER —
—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

Publication Is Resumed In Aliquippa

With Donald McCann as editor, the turbulent Aliquippa News-Gazette has resumed publication under the name of The Aliquippa Times.

Purchaser of The Aliquippa Gazette and its assets, including building and equipment, was Stanley W. Calkins, executive of The Uniontown Herald-Standard and president of the Uniontown Newspapers, Inc.

A native Pennsylvanian and former Carnegie Institute of Technology student, Calkins has been in the newspaper and publishing business for the past 20 years.

POLICY NOT GIVEN

In his first issue of The Aliquippa Times, no mention was made as to labor policy, but no Guild members were members of the staff.

Of Guild members who long picketed The Aliquippa Gazette to obtain better working conditions, pay raises and Guild recognition, two are in the armed forces.

They are Lou Luster and Joe Miaskowicz. A third, former Unit Chairman Dean Miller, is awaiting induction into the Army.

AMPER IN N. Y.

Dick Amper, last chairman of the unit, is now working in New York, and Charles McRobie is employed in the nearby town of Ambridge.

Calkins' purchase of the paper came a little more than two months after P. J. Flannery, of Brooklyn, called his newspaper venture, entered into last November, a failure.

"WORK-FIGHT" ORDER WOULD BE NO CURE

NEW YORK (FP)—The problem of absenteeism can not be solved by using such "superficial and stupid" methods as so-called work or fight orders, Mrs. Lillian Poses, regional attorney of the War Manpower Commission, told the union panel of the National Conference of Social Work.

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