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GUILD WINS BUFFALO ELECTION

Panel Drafts Final Report In S. F. Case

CHICAGO—Final recommendations to the War Labor Board in contract disputes involving the Newspaper Guild and five San Francisco area newspapers were being drafted this week by the agency's special newspaper industry advisory panel.

Pay raises and adjustments were among principal points at issue between the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, representing 825 employees in citywide negotiations of the union's biggest single contract, and The Examiner, Call-Bulletin, Chronicle and News in San Francisco and Post-Enquirer in Oakland.

MEETS MAY 11

The special panel, on which ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks was the acting CIO representative, was reconvened May 11 by Dr. F. S. Deibler, vice chairman, representing the public. It had previously heard briefs in the case, in which ANG Research Director Urcel Daniel was Guild counsel.

Meanwhile, Guild and management briefs in contract disputes between the American Newspaper Guild and Associated Press bureaus in Philadelphia, Kansas City, Boston, San Francisco, Detroit and Atlanta were prepared for submission to the panel by May 19.

Guild counsel in the AP case was ANG Vice President Walter Engels, who prepared the union's brief in collaboration with Jean Weinstein, administrative assistant at national Guild headquarters in New York.

Eubanks again will represent the CIO in the AP case. He is an alternate labor member of the panel, on which ANG President Milton Murray is a labor principal. Publisher Philip D. Adler of The Kewanee (Ill.) Star Courier will represent the AP.

OTHERS PILE UP

As these two big and nationally important contract cases moved through panel machinery toward settlement, nearly a score of others, involving voluntary agreements between Guild locals and managements, piled up in Washington before the WLB itself after clearance by the panel.

Voluntary pay increases and other agreed-upon Guild contract

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Guild Joins CIO Session On Pay, Prices, Legislation

CLEVELAND—Leaders of the American Newspaper Guild joined in an extraordinary session of the CIO's executive board here, called to meet a sharpening crisis in wartime wage, price, tax and legislative problems.

The CIO board met May 14, shortly after some authority in determining pay adjustments had been restored to the War Labor Board by Economic Stabilizer James F. Byrnes.

This move, which gave back to

Pilot Sends Message With Bomb In Behalf of His Guild Friends

ALBANY, N. Y.—Lieutenant Edmund Mulligan, Jr., a bomber pilot for the Army Air Force, has dropped two one-ton bombs on Nazi Europe for his friends at The Albany Knickerbocker-News.

Formerly a K-N reporter, Newspaper Guildsman Mulligan attached a tag to an arming pin of one bomb stating it was to "Adolf from Jim Doran," K-N news editor, and then dropped it "smack in the center of the Focke-Wulf Flugzeugbau, A. G., Bremen, Germany."

"GANG" HONORED

The other, with a similar tag dedicated to the "K-N gang," presumably was dropped on Lorient, France.

Lieutenant Mulligan described the April 16 raid on Bremen in a letter to Doran:

"The flak was so thick you could get out and walk on it—and the fighters were thick as flies."

"I was knocked out of formation over the target and hit from stem to stern with flak."

"A GOOD 'SCRAP—"

"Fighters jumped at me from all sides and my gunners got one and two probables. It was a good scrap and the evasive action was so erratic the crew was sprawled all over the ship."

"We finally got onto a formation and got some help from their gunners. We were attacked for 55 minutes and my arms and legs and back were nearly strained to the limit trying to fly that Fortress like a Piper Cub."

MAKES FORCED LANDING

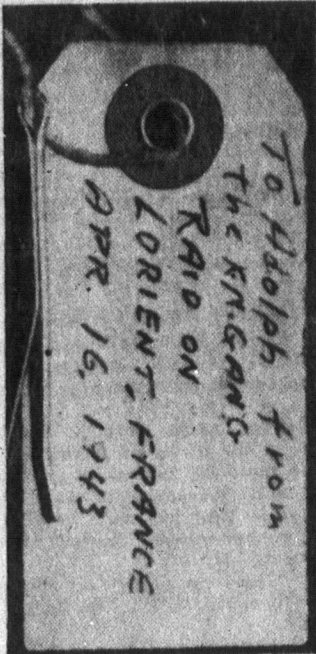
"Back over the Channel we took inventory of Pappy (the



LIEUT. EDMUND MULLIGAN, Jr., Albany Guildsman, attached the delivery tag at right to a ton bomb before dropping it on Nazi Europe. It was his way of remembering friends in his Newspaper Guild unit.

ship) and the crew. No one was scratched but Pappy was well ventilated. We ran out of gas and made a forced landing on the coast of England.

"We were hit in the nose by flak and a 20 mm. went through the



top turret and whizzed by the gunner's nose. Part of the tail was missing."

Lieutenant Mulligan enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 and recently was transferred to the U. S. Army Air Forces.

WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

The Miners Don't Heed The Editorial Writers

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—Touring the coal fields in the early phases of the mine crisis, I kept thinking about some of the editorial writers and commentators back home.

Each day I listened to the angry, one-syllable pronouncements of the coal miners and when I got back to my hotel room in Pittsburgh I read the neatly-phrased indignation of the heavy journalistic thinkers. The contrast was terrific.

I had heard the coal miners announce their readiness to follow John L. Lewis through hell or any other locality.

UNION WAS AT STAKE

They were chanting the slogan—"You can't mine coal with bayonets"—and insisting that this fight for more dough was their own idea, not Lewis'. Above all, they were saying that the life of their union was at stake.

Then I read some of the editorials and analyses which told me the "rank-and-file miner" was ready and eager to desert Lewis,

that his heart was not in the arrival of the U. S. Army to "provide adequate protection," that his heart was not in the battle and his soul was prepared to scab.

According to the bulk of editorial opinion, the workingman was once again being coerced by his union into demanding more dough.

DREAM WAS SHATTERED

And when the "15-day truce" came to the coal fields, some of the editorialists, boldly banging their typewriters, were unable to hide their disappointment.

They had hoped to put their

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ANG Gives Murray Report on Progress

In an accounting of stewardship to President Philip Murray of the CIO, the American Newspaper Guild last week reported marked advances in the past 19 months.

ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, thanking the CIO chief for financial aid since November, 1941, advised him that "despite difficulties we have encountered in this war period, the Guild now is able to operate and maintain its growth on a self-sustaining basis."

BOOK IS BALANCED

Rodgers pointed out that the CIO's subsidy to the Guild, which was terminated in an agreement with CIO Secretary-Treasurer

James B. Carey, totaled \$11,500 between November, 1941, and May, 1943—and that in the same period Guild per capita payments to the CIO totaled \$12,000.

"In thanking you," Rodgers told Murray, "I should like to point out some of the things which the Guild has accomplished during this period of the CIO's assistance."

"Active membership has increased by more than 1,000. Seventy-five percent of that membership is currently in good standing."

CITES NEW LOCALS

"We have established more than a dozen new locals. More than a dozen new units have been or-

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Memphis Instructs Delegates To Back ANG Administration

MEMPHIS — The Memphis Newspaper Guild instructed its ANG convention delegates to support nomination and re-election of ANG President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers.

The delegates—Local President Craig Shuptrine, Vice President Pete Swin and Treasurer W. A. Copeland—also were instructed to support nomination of ANG Vice President Harry Martin for re-

election to his Southern region office.

In a resolution the Memphis Guild commended the present ANG administration for what the local said were progressive policies of the administration in building and improving the Guild during the last two years.

The Memphis delegation was instructed to support any convention program designed to carry out the administration's policies.

N. Y. Officer Files Indictment Against National Guild Leaders

American Newspaper Guild officers were charged last week with neglect of any organizing plan, with making "an attempt to harass the Communists in the Guild," and with "misuse of Guild money" in the union's strike against the *Albany Gazette* in Pennsylvania.

The charges were made in The Guildpaper, official citywide New York Guild publication, by John F. Ryan, general organizer of the New York Guild and campaign manager for the former ANG administration in the 1941 national referendum election which was won by the present ANG leaders.

TEXT IS GIVEN

The full text of Ryan's 1943 convention statement follows: "This is a plea to the New York Guild to send its 25 delegates to the Boston ANG convention with a program—not a list of candidates for ANG officers.

"This letter is intended, in other words, to refresh our memories, to revive the worthy campaign for unity around a progressive program.

"Despite the bitter feeling that may have developed over the action—or lack of action—of some of the ANG officers, I believe the New York Guild membership should send its delegates to the convention with the understanding that support may be given to any present ANG officer who is prepared to accept a sound, progressive program.

"That would not preclude making the present IEB more representative of the membership than it is at present.

"COULD BE OUSTED"

"It would preclude a 'clean-sweep' program even if it becomes obvious at the convention that all the present officers of the ANG could be ousted, which may be the case.

"There is nothing factional or destructive about fighting to the bitter end for a program, for basic union policy. On the contrary, it guarantees the membership against false leadership; it puts the finger on those who try to hide behind confusion and name-calling.

"If the New York Guild instructs its delegates—not on whom to vote for—on what to fight for in this convention the strength of the New York Guild can become a decisive force in improving the work of the ANG in the coming years.

"OBVIOUS POINTS"

"What kind of a program? This must be decided by the membership and the delegates, but there are a few obvious points which must be included.

"One, there must be an overall, clear-cut plan to organize the unorganized in the Newspaper Guild's jurisdiction. There is no such plan today.

"Two, there must be an end to red-baiting by the 'Guild Reporter' and some of the ANG officers. Red-baiting is not the way to a united Guild.

"Three, there must be tighter strings on the funds of the ANG so Guild members' hard-earned money cannot again be handed

Vacancies Filled In Washington

WASHINGTON — Two new members have been added to the Washington Newspaper Guild executive committee, Lester Kidwell, U. S. News unit chairman, and William Crawford, Times-Herald unit treasurer.

Crawford, elected in April, defeated Robert M. Buck of the Daily News unit by a four-to-one vote.

Kidwell, elected in March, defeated Buck by a five-to-one vote. Both new members fill vacancies caused by resignations.

BRIDE IS WON—SO IS ELECTION

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Jim Wessel, Buffalo Newspaper Guild executive committee chairman and former president, was so sure of victory in the local's National Labor Relations Board election at The Evening News that he celebrated it by getting married the day after the poll was ordered.

The bride, Alberta Kyes, former News employee, bided the time while Wessel participated in the final drive at the paper.

Their honeymoon finally got underway three days after the NLRB election, which the Guild won.

Pueblo Replaces Its Secretary

PUEBLO, Colo. — The Pueblo Newspaper Guild elected E. Lester Fitzgerald secretary to replace Frank W. Pitman, reporter for The Chieftain, who on May 17 will become a member of the Associated Press bureau at Phoenix, Ariz.

Pitman, one of the leaders in organizing the Pueblo Guild, formerly was a reporter for The Rocky Mountain News.

CIO Leaders Praise ANG For Advances

(Continued from Page One) ganized in already-established local.

... board elections have been won on Hearst's International News Service, nationwide; the Detroit (Mich.) and Atlanta (Ga.) bureaus of the Associated Press, and on such large and important newspapers as The New York Herald Tribune, Portland (Ore.) Journal, Portland (Ore.) Oregonian, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cincinnati Times-Star, Chicago Sun, Albany Knickerbocker News, Seattle Times.

"Approximately 3,000 members of the Guild are serving in the armed forces. They have been absolved of all financial obligations for the duration of their service, but retain full membership rights and privileges.

"During this period the Guild has tried to follow a policy of expanding its available organizing funds in a manner contemplated to produce the quickest, most effective results.

PRODUCES 'RESULTS'

"We believe this policy is proving successful. It has produced results.

"We have had fewer organizers than has been the case in some other periods of the Guild's history. But we have shown better results.

"And it's results we are interested in, not the number of people on the payroll.

Rodgers was instructed by the ANG's international executive board to file the report to the CIO.

CIO Secretary-Treasurer Carey, replying to the ANG secretary-treasurer in CIO President Murray's absence from Washington on a trip to the West Coast, told Rodgers in a letter:

"Please accept my congratulations for the fine achievements of the American Newspaper Guild and your appreciation of the spirit of cooperation evinced by you and your associates in this matter."

Allan S. Haywood, CIO vice president and national director of CIO organization, wrote Rodgers: "Keep up the good work!"

Haywood said that "accomplishments" of the ANG in the past 18 months were "commendable" and that he wanted to "personally congratulate" Rodgers and his "associate officers and staff."

The CIO leader also told the ANG secretary-treasurer that "if at any time you need assistance in the future, we shall be glad to work it out with you."

NLRB Warns Management In Buffalo

(Continued from Page One) editor who had been with The News 14 years.

Because he had been dismissed with flimsy reasons, the Guild was aroused enough, but it was also disturbed because he had been paid only two weeks' severance pay.

When the Buffalo Guild was certain it represented a majority, the ANG's international executive board approved steps for an NLRB poll and on April 30 agreement for a consent election was reached.

SQUADRON FLIES

The next day a flying squadron of executives, excluded from voting, buttonholed Guildmen in corridors and tried to persuade them to vote against the Guild.

These tactics did not work. Following protests by Buffalo Guild officers and Kuppas, the NLRB warned management to halt its anti-union activities.

The next move was an effort to form a company union, which distributed literature falsely proclaiming no one could get raises anyhow because wages had been frozen.

The company union leaders were unable to get their creation on the ballot because it had been formed after the consent election agreement had been signed.

OPPOSITION CONTINUED

Management opposition persisted, however, even on election day.

The successful organization drive was started by Jim Wessel, former president of the Buffalo Guild, and then taken over by Nat Gorham, elected president when Wessel received an Army induction notice.

During the last few years, the Buffalo Guild has been kept alive mainly by Art Reep, longtime president now in the Army, who arrived from a nearby camp in time to cast a ballot.

Executive committee members who assisted in the drive included Dave Solbelson, Bud Zohler, Ham Peck, Ethel Hoffman, Andy Oates, Dick Engler and Mike Berjevento.

Journal Unit Is Developed In Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE — A majority of editorial employees of The Journal, one of the largest newspapers in the Midwest and long a holdout against the Guild, have signed cards designating the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild as their collective bargaining agent.

The MNG executive board immediately moved for recognition by management.

Leaders of the organizing campaign were in consultation with John Weilburg, ANG international representative at Chicago, as the campaign progressed.

The campaign was concentrated in the editorial unit, but interest shown by other unorganized Journal employees presaged equal success in the rest of the plant, Guild leaders said.

Effective in the campaign was distribution of The Blue Sheet, a mimeographed leaflet. Its name was a play on The Green Sheet, a popular feature of The Journal.

The Blue Sheet was distributed every Monday morning at the doors of the Journal plant by Sentinel Guildmen. After working morning paper hours, they broke their sleeping schedules to be at The Journal doors at 6:45 a. m.

Members of this yeoman squad included Alfred Hirsch, Marjorie (Kelly) Taylor, Dorothy Madle, E. E. Richardson, Hy Laden, Dave Blustein, Ted Moberg, Jack Dougherty, Gene Kanis and Catherine Hildebrand.

Locals Denounce, Back ANG Officers For Supporting Carey at Protest Rally

American Newspaper Guild leaders' support of CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey in his protest against Soviet execution of Henry Ehrlich and Victor Alter, Polish labor leaders, appeared to be shaping into an ANG issue this week following action taken in two locals of the union.

Governing bodies of New York and Milwaukee Guilds denounced ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers for taking their position in support of the CIO leader—a position which had been upheld unanimously at a session of the Guild's international executive board.

BACK ANG LEADERS

Tri-City, Boston, Detroit and Northwestern Indiana Guilds meanwhile reported that they backed the ANG leaders in the Ehrlich-Alter issue.

In question was appearance of Eubanks at a New York mass meeting at which Carey, in protesting the execution of the anti-Communist Polish labor leaders, said that the "Communist Party in this country" is "a major barrier to true American-Russian understanding."

Also in question was a telegram by Eubanks and Rodgers to CIO President Philip Murray, who himself had joined in plea for release of Ehrlich and Alter, commending the "forthright" address by Carey, second in command of the CIO.

The representative assembly of the New York Guild voted 64 to seven, with four delegates not voting, to adopt the following resolution:

"Resolved: That the RA approves the New York local's executive committee's action in disassociating itself from the unauthorized commitments made on their own initiative by two officers of the ANG in the Ehrlich-Alter matter as being contrary to the ANG."

The Tri-City Guild, representing Albany, Schenectady and Troy, reported that it voted at a membership meeting to support the ANG administrative officers in their position and added:

"The Tri-City members condemned the action of the New York group as another attempt by the 'Reds' to embarrass the ANG."

Labor Board Seeks Rehearing For Hollywood Guild Cases

Responding to a plea by the American Newspaper Guild, the National Labor Relations Board has petitioned the Ninth Circuit Court for rehearing of Hollywood Citizen-News cases in which NLRB charges against the paper were rejected by two of three judges.

The petition, prepared in Washington by NLRB Counsel Robert B. Watts and Ernest A. Gross for filing with the federal court in San Francisco, maintained that the court "radically departed from its proper function under the statutory scheme" when it set aside findings of the NLRB in the two cases.

ATTACKS APPROVED

The majority opinion, by Judges Curtis D. Wilbur and Clifton Mathews, held in effect that Citizen-News management was entitled to attack the Guild in its plant under cover of "free speech," despite labor laws to the contrary.

In a dissenting opinion, Judge William Dorman held that the majority's ruling was "subversive" of the Supreme Court.

Rehearing or appeal of the cases had been sought by the ANG's international executive board, which pointed out that the court's decision, if sustained, would have the effect of virtually nullifying enforcement of Wagner Act provisions protecting unions against management interference and discrimination.

In New York, A. J. Isserman, Guild counsel, was preparing a supplemental statement this week in the case, which arose out of the Guild's strike against The Citizen-News in 1938.

CIO JOINS CASE

Also participating in the case in Washington was Leo Pressman, general counsel of the CIO, whose backing was asked by the IEB. The Los Angeles Guild reported that it concurred in and was "gratified" by the IEB's moves in the cases.

One case involved a long series of management maneuvers and acts against the Guild, including a threat to get "some guns and go out and shoot those union bastards."

The other case involved deprivation of strikers after they returned to work. The NLRB termed this a coercive act to restrain the editorial writers from joining in another strike.

SUMMARY GIVEN

Commenting on this case, Judge Dorman summarized his dissent in both cases, asserting that the majority opinions showed:

"(1) Great industry in picking from the record those facts which would lead to a refusal of the board's prayers for an enforcing decree.

"(2) The ignoring of testimony . . . which would require such enforcement.

"(3) The substitution of the court's inferences and findings for equally if not more rational inferences and findings of the board.

"(4) The attempt to establish in labor relation cases . . . principles in direct opposition to the decisions of the Supreme Court. . . ."

Locals Denounce, Back ANG Officers For Supporting Carey at Protest Rally

policy approved by both the national and New York local membership.

"The RA at the same time points out that the ANG officers have reversed their own position, stated in their election literature in 1941, in which they declared that the Guild officers would take no position on controversial matters without first consulting the proper Guild bodies.

"—REDBAITING ATTACKS—" "The RA at the same time denounces the officers for their red-baiting attacks on the New York local's executive committee."

A statement approved unanimously by the executive board of the Milwaukee local accused Eubanks and Rodgers of "attempting to lead our membership on a propaganda expedition against Russia," and linked their support of Carey with the "diplomatic break between the Russian and Polish governments."

"Adherents of Brothers Eubanks and Rodgers may plead that they had no foreknowledge of what would happen," the Milwaukee committee's statement said.

"If the actions of men seem foolish in the light of actual events, are they to be excused for their folly? No, they should be held accountable.

"The membership has the right and will in some fashion express its disapproval of the course adopted by Brothers Eubanks and Rodgers."

"—ANOTHER ATTEMPT—" The Tri-City Guild, representing Albany, Schenectady and Troy, reported that it voted at a membership meeting to support the ANG administrative officers in their position and added:

"The Tri-City members condemned the action of the New York group as another attempt by the 'Reds' to embarrass the ANG."

President George A. Harris of the Boston Guild said it is "very much perturbed at the attitude" of the New York local's executive committee in the case and that the Boston Guild's executive committee adopted this resolution:

"Firstly, the Newspaper Guild of Boston, composed as it is of civilized human beings, deprecates the execution for political beliefs of any person or persons, and

"Secondly, reiterates its unalterable stand that those Guildmen who are now spending their energy promoting a political quarrel within the Guild should remember that if their entire efforts were devoted to the promotion of higher wages and better working conditions for America's newspaper workers, the Guild would be that much better off."

Following receipt of a copy of the New York resolution, the Detroit Guild's executive board adopted a resolution protesting the execution of Ehrlich and Alter—a position in line with that stated by the Michigan State CIO Council.

The RA's resolution, jointly prepared by John F. Ryan, general organizer of the New York local, and Robert Conway, former president of the local, was then submitted by Conway and passed.

Earlier in the meeting William A. Ucker of the Journal-American unit had moved that the RA proceed from the Ehrlich-Alter case to other points on the meeting's agenda, explaining he did not wish the RA to take a stand on the issue, that he "would like to see it end" without "bitterness."

He added that he would withdraw his motion to "pass on to the next order of business" if it became apparent that any RA delegates were determined to press the issue.

RYAN PRESSES ISSUE Ucker "reluctantly" withdrew his motion when Ryan offered a substitute motion to "sustain the executive committee" and commented:

"Wouldn't The Guild Reporter state that the RA failed—to put it mildly—to sustain the executive committee in this matter if we don't act on it?"

The Ehrlich-Alter case debate at the RA meeting was opened by Einhorn, who read to the session a letter to him from Eubanks in which the ANG executive vice president said:

"I am fully aware of the attitude of the American Communist Party toward the Ehrlich-Alter execution. Likewise I am aware of the close adherence of some members of the executive committee of the Newspaper Guild of New York to the Communist Party line."

"I question that the action of your committee, however, is representative of the opinion of the rank and file membership of the American Newspaper Guild in New York."

Einhorn, assailing Eubanks and Rodgers for their support of the CIO secretary-treasurer, said that the meeting at which Carey spoke "itself constituted an attack on the Soviet Union."

EINHORN SEES "LINE"

"It is part of the whole anti-Communist line," Einhorn said, "to get one ally to suspect another. . . ."

"In unions it is specifically to red-bait," Rodgers read a statement giving his position and that of the IEB in the case, prefacing it with:

"According to Brother Einhorn, it is apparently all right to criticize the government of the United States, but it is not all right to criticize any action by the Soviet government."

Among RA speakers who supported Einhorn's position and that of the local's executive committee was William Draish of the Jewish Journal unit, who said that Ehrlich and Alter were patriots of Poland, which he said sought to widen its boundaries from "the Baltic to the Black Sea."

Describing the executions of the two as "political executions," Draish said that Ehrlich and Alter, as Polish patriots, were therefore "guilty" of working against Russia in seeking a bigger Poland—"and of course they were executed."

Offered reinstatement, Miss Goldborough said she preferred to continue her present work with Russian War Relief.

N. Y. Names 25 Delegates To Boston

Twenty-five delegates and 15 alternates to the ANG convention in Boston were elected by the New York Newspaper Guild.

Nominated at a representative assembly meeting after the local's executive committee had presented 40 names for consideration, the delegation was automatically elected when a 15-day period for filing additional candidates expired.

DELEGATES LISTED

The New York delegates are: John T. McManus, local president, PM; Robert Conway, former local president, Daily News; John F. Ryan, general organizer; Nat Einhorn, executive secretary.

John Deagan, third vice president, Brooklyn Eagle; Tom Black, first vice president, Journal-American; Tom Murphy, organizer; Irving Gilman, second vice president, Times; Gladys Bentley, treasurer, Brooklyn Eagle; Hannah Baker, representative assembly chairman, PM.

Walter Engels, ANG vice president, Daily News; H. Richard Seltzer, labor press unit; Kaufman, Guildpaper editor, Brooklyn Eagle; Ed Zuni, Herald Tribune; Richard Yaffe, Journal-American; William Corley, Associated Press; William Greaves, Post.

Arthur Siebelist, Daily News; Peter Dillberg, Mirror; J. J. Manning, Standard & Poor's; Harry Bergman, International News Service unit chairman; Adele Glasgows, Amsterdam Star-News; Arthur Rosenstock, Bronx Home News; Jean Curtis, representative assembly vice chairman, Time, Inc.; James Whittaker, Mirror.

ALTERNATES LISTED

These New York alternates were named: Sam Landau, Jewish Day; Chan Norris, PM; Mary Ellison, Nation; Jim Aronson, Post; Sol Abramson, Mirror; Carl Lawrence, Amsterdam Star-News; William Draish, Jewish Journal; Marie McGowan, Herald Tribune; Betty Townsend, Post; Anna DeCormis, Time, Inc.; Evelyn Anderson, Look; Oliver Harrington, Peoples Voice; Russ Symontowne, Daily News; Sam Kan, Herald Tribune; Ruth Howard, World-Telegram.

Time Firing Is Settled In New York

An offer of reinstatement and \$950 in back pay settled New York Newspaper Guild complaints against Time, Inc., in a case involving Anna Goldborough, former Time-Life-Fortune unit chairman who was dismissed because, according to management, her "attitude was not compatible."

The New York local, which had charged that Miss Goldborough was fired in November, 1941, for Guild activity, negotiated the settlement after three days of a National Labor Relations Board hearing.

Conferences held between Miss Goldborough, wife of Milton Kaufman, former ANG executive vice president, and C. D. Jackson, vice president of Time, Inc., were suggested by the NLRB trial examiner, and the settlement developed from meetings in which Guild officers and A. J. Isserman, Guild counsel, participated.

A joint statement by the Guild and Time management declared "leadership in Guild activities has not been and will not be a bar to advancement in the company." Guild charges before the NLRB were withdrawn with the settlement.

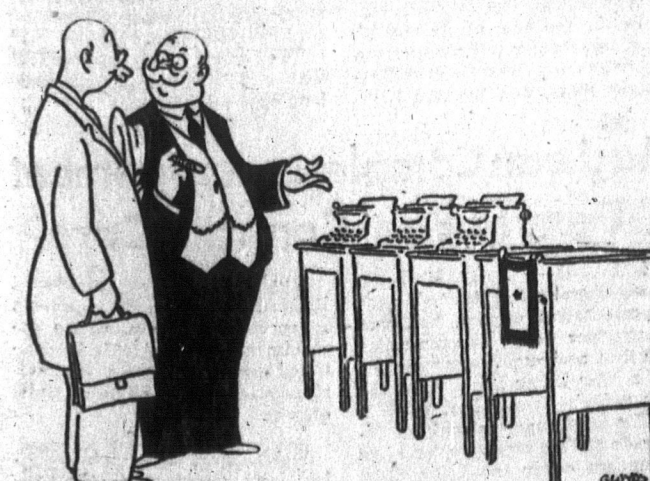
CONFERENCES HELD

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ANG BUYS \$10,000 BONDS



The American Newspaper Guild's headquarters investment in war bonds rises to \$22,600 here. ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, right, receives the latest batch of \$10,000 worth of Guild-bought bonds. Arthur T. McManus, deputy state administrator of the Treasury Department's war savings staff, receives the ANG's check. National Guild defense funds, built by assessments, bought the bonds.



"AND THIS ONE, I AM PROUD TO SAY, HAS GONE TO WAR"

New Pact Lists All For Raises

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In March, with ANG Research Director Urcel Daniel assisting, the Washington Guild broke off negotiations and took the case to Dr. John R. Sufman, director of the U. S. Conciliation Service.

ALL INCREASED

With a conciliator sitting in, C. C. Boyesen, vice president and business manager of Eugene Meyer & Company, raised the company's offer until each of the 332 Post employees within the Guild's jurisdiction were offered increases—the smallest \$2, the largest \$4.

This wage adjustment, based on the Little Steel formula, is now awaiting approval of the War Labor Board's newspaper panel in Chicago. The increases will be retroactive to March 1.

Other contract improvements won from The Post this year already are in effect. Besides the checkoff, they include:

- 1) A greatly strengthened clause protecting the jobs of Guild members in the armed services or in war production plants.
- 2) Overtime improved.

An improved overtime clause guaranteeing payment of time and one-half over should the Wage and Hour Law be amended by Congress.

Doubletime for three and a half holidays.

Severance pay increased to one week for every six months service with a ceiling of 26 weeks.

These provisions with the checkoff and improved wage minima laid a foundation for what was expected to be the Washington Guild's most successful bargaining season.

Dorothy Rockwell, chairman of the WNG negotiating committee, and Mary Kovner, WNG administrative officer, are directing the negotiating program.

Contract renewals are being negotiated now at The News, Times-Herald and Star.

SCHOOL FEATURES LABOR JOURNALISM
MONTEAGLE, Tenn. (FP) — Highlander Folk School opens its summer session June 1 at Monteagle.

The schedule includes the fourth annual writers workshop, with special emphasis on labor journalism.

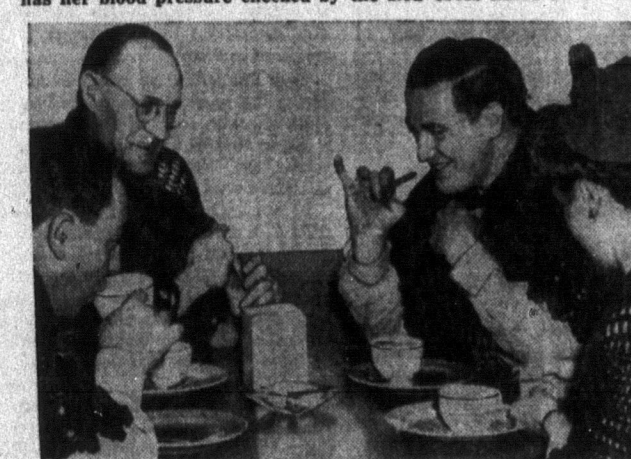
GUILD ENLISTS DONORS



PRELIMINARY TESTS are under way here at Chicago's Red Cross blood bank center. The Guild brought these Times employees together.



CLAIRE ANDERSON of the Guild and Chicago Times picture desk has her blood pressure checked by the Red Cross nurse at the right.



BANK DEPOSITS have been given by these Red Cross donors in the Guild-sponsored war program. The shows they wear weren't necessary.

Chicago Guild Launches Program To Consolidate and Expand Gains

CHICAGO—The Chicago Newspaper Guild's executive board has launched a sweeping wartime program of citywide organization and activity.

This plan of action was approved:

- 1) Appointment of a committee to press Guild organization throughout Chicago to assure maintenance of standards of wages and hours, now under vigorous and vicious attack by reactionary forces.

FIGHT PRICE RISE
2) Active participation with the rest of organized labor in the fight against rising prices, to prevent them from nullifying pay boosts which lag behind the cost of living.

GUILD DIVIDENDS ARE PAID AGAIN

PHILADELPHIA—Newspaper Guild dividends have been paid out again.

Late in 1942, William Springfield, veteran Acme Newspictures photographer, was notified that the service was discontinuing full Philadelphia coverage and that he would be transferred from there to Washington.

Springfield asked that his pay be increased to meet the cost of living in Washington, but this was refused and management informed him his resignation was accepted since he refused to go to Washington.

Although he hadn't paid Guild dues for a long time, Springfield appealed to the union for severance pay on ground he had been fired. His grievance was taken up during Acme contract negotiations in New York City.

Result: \$845 in severance pay for Springfield, who meanwhile had joined the staff of The Philadelphia Record.

P.S.: He paid up all back Guild dues—and contributed 10 percent of the severance settlement to the ANG defense fund.

FIGHT ABSENTEEISM
SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (FP)—A joint AFL-CIO win-the-war committee representing 60,000 war workers in this area has been formed, and as its first task sought to remove causes of absenteeism in consultation with management.

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NLRB Orders An Election In Pawtucket

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered an election by editorial employees of The Pawtucket Times to determine whether the Boston Newspaper Guild should represent them in collective bargaining.

The election, to be conducted within 30 days after May 1, was scheduled following refusal of Times management to recognize the Guild as representative of the employees, who organized a unit of the Boston local.

At an NLRB hearing on March 24, management demanded that five reporters who cover Attleboro, Mass., and Providence, R. I., for the paper be excluded from any bargaining agency, in addition to the news editor, city editor and editorial writer.

The NLRB ruled that the only proper exclusions were the managing editor, to which the Guild had agreed, and news and city editors.

The new Pawtucket unit of the Boston Guild was developed following a January meeting between a committee of Times employees and George A. Harris, president; Alwyn J. Lawson, executive secretary; Gerald Harvey, Herald Traveler unit chairman; and Thomas Travers of the Boston local.

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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.

"KEEP PUNCHING!" SOLDIER TELLS ANG
AFRICA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
I really look forward to receiving the GR, and eat it up from first page to last, not merely due to the lack of reading matter, but mainly because it is my only link with progressive forces back home.

For the past three months, I have been assigned to this public relations office. We receive short wave copy, from which we prepare news bulletins and radio news scripts.

It is becoming obvious, even by scanning the bare news items sent here, that reaction is taking advantage of this crisis to beat down labor's gains of the past few years.

It is disheartening for a soldier to realize that he might come back to the same old labor-baiting runaround.

Over here, it's SPAM that rules our lives. Will it be NAM after the war?

Stay right in there, ANG, and keep punching!
Private PAUL S. GREEN,
Washington Guild.

YANK HEADLINE IS PROTESTED
WASHINGTON.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
I have sent the following letter to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:
In the papers yesterday, I noticed a dispatch from North Africa which quoted a headline in Yank as saying: "President Seizes Mines After CIO Strikes." Of course, we know that the United Mine Workers is not a part of the CIO and that there was no CIO strike in the mines. I assume that some correction has been made by Yank.

But the thing that disturbs me about this is the state of mind which it seems to reveal. Some officer, editing Yank, who never liked labor unions anyway, just couldn't wait to rush into print with the "news" of this "act of sabotage" by the CIO. Yank is a semi-official publication. The government can ill afford to leave the job of editing such a publication to immature minds.

The sad part of a thing of this sort is that you can never catch up with the original error. No correction will ever erase from the minds of the soldiers who read that headline the impression that the CIO was betraying them while they were risking their lives. It seems to me that Yank should make an effort to tell these men what the working people of this country are doing to back them up—rather than to incite suspicion.

I think that the soldiers should know something about the tremendous job the CIO and other labor groups are doing to help the war effort. To you end, I would suggest that you seek out editors for Army newspapers who are better informed and "more conscious" of their obligation to strengthen the bond between the labor soldiers at home and our men abroad.

Sincerely yours,
ALFRED TOOMBS, President
Washington Newspaper Guild.

The Guild Goes to Press

A special issue of WAR BOND PLASER by the Boston Guild said that management and Guild had "talked it over at length and we are both on the same team"—in a joint drive for increased war bond purchases.

COPY of New York's Mirror unit reported a "discovery"—that "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To" refers to jobs, not girls. This revelation came from letters from Guildsmen now in armed service.

EAGLE REPORTER of the Brooklyn Eagle unit told how Winston (CBS) Burdett and John (NBC) McVane, former Eagle staffers, met again in Algiers after several years in which they were thousands of miles apart but still on the same assignment—the war.

Denver's GUILDSMAN has been revived with Duncan Clark of The Rocky Mountain News and Alois McKinney of The Post as editors.

San Francisco's BAY GUILDSMAN did some extra art layout, work—mostly legs—to exploit the local's ninth annual Newspaper Frolic.

CITY DESK of New York's Amsterdam News unit, in a story headed "RE: THE MONEY," commented: "We deserve more dough, we need more dough and we are going to get more dough. IF IT COSTS US A LAWSUIT IN HELL."

Washington's GUILDSMAN is Philadelphia-Camden's GUILD

AMONG OURSELVES



GUILDSMAN JOHN R. SULLIVAN, Boston Herald financial writer, was publicity director for Second War Loan drive in New England district. . . DON FESSENDEN, Boston Herald rewrite man and Guildsmen, was his assistant. . . BURTON WHEELER, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph copy-deskman, off to Army in Atlantic City.

BRUCE CATTON, former Cleveland Guild president, named director of information for War Production Board. . . Guildsmen MORTON YARMON, co-author of "Opportunities in the Armed Forces," practiced his instructions. . . He was advanced from rank of sergeant to second lieutenant at officer candidate school at State College, Miss.

Into Army from Indianapolis: GILBERT SEKSON E. HUMPHREYS, Times telegraph editor and former president of local. . . WILLIAM CRABS, former assistant city editor, succeeded him as wire editor. . . KEN ROWE, former Salem (Mass.) Guild president, editing Salem Letter, weekly published for men in armed forces by Salem's auxiliary police department.

PAUL W. RAMSEY, first president of Pittsburgh Guild, assigned to London by Philadelphia Inquirer from its Washington bureau. . . LOUIS WEINTRAUB, former OWI photographer in Washington, and ARTHUR ELLIS, former Washington Post photo, had reunion at Long Island City's Signal Corps center, where both are movie cameramen.

ROBERT RICHARDS, Memphis Press-Scimitar Guildman and author of last year's popular seller, "I Can Lick Seven," is a UP war correspondent now. . . TOM HOPKINS left Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph staff for a USO assignment. . . LYDEL SIMS left Mem-



RICKENBACHER IS RIGHT, MEN RETURNING FROM THIS WAR MUST NOT BE REGIMENTED INTO ORGANIZED LABOR UNIONS. THIS IS AN OPEN SHOP WAR!

back in circulation with Frances Bass of International News Service as editor, Paula Chalmers of The Post as associate editor, and Marian Stern of The Post as art editor.

BUFFALO'S GUILD REPORTER ran special statements by the city's mayor and council president congratulating the Guild "for the great advances it has made," for its "foremost in organizing."

Washington's GUILDSMAN prints a pertinent clause of the ANG constitution each month. "For new members, it will give you a better idea of what your organization is and for old timers it will serve as a refresher," the paper says.

Philadelphia-Camden's GUILD

LETTER reported that when the Guild's Chester Times strike was won last Summer, Eugene McKinnon, Philadelphia publisher, representative, observed dolefully:

"The Times'll never hit 20,000 circulation again." With Guild cooperation, GUILD LETTER adds, The Times "has soared to over 30,000" and its circulation may be frozen there "because of the newspaper problem."

After three years of weekly publication, NEW LEAD of New York's Herald Tribune unit proposed a "summer schedule" of twice-a-month publication "in these paper-saving war times."

The United Press unit in New York issued Vol. I No. 1 of NXER.

Detroit's GUILD MEMO stirs up local newspaper gossip in "Shop Stew."

BLUE SHEET, put out by the Milwaukee Guild in its campaign to organize Journal employees, carried a supplement containing Guild testimonials by New York Herald Tribune unit members.

GUILDSMAN in Los Angeles

Guild, Publishers Join In War Chest Campaign

With the cooperation of all other newspaper unions—for once—of many publishers—the New York Newspaper Guild is collecting its share of the CIO's \$2,000,000 goal in a joint AFL-CIO-Railroad Brotherhood Labor War Chest.

As Newspaper Fund-Raising Week drew to a close, thousands of Guild members had pledged a day's pay—to be deducted from their pay envelopes through co-operation of the newspapers.

PLAN ONE DRIVE

Aim of the new drive is to raise

'Color Tag' Protests by Guild Get Response from N. Y. Papers

A newspaper-inspired Negro "crime wave" in New York City is dying because the Newspaper Guild of New York went to work. The Guild protested use of "color tags" in connection with crime stories and newspapers began dropping the use of words such as "Negro," "colored," and "Puerto Rican."

Then there was little purpose to many "mugging" stories which had tried to make out Harlem as a sink of vice and skullbargery.

OBJECTIONS CITED

The Guild, at the suggestion of its committee on education and publications, wrote all New York papers. "You, of course, know the reason for the objection to that practice (use of color tags) as well as the reasons for its existence. You can understand that the

Pittsburgh Picks Bice, Finegold

PITTSBURGH — Blair Bice, president, and Leo Finegold, treasurer, have been elected by the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild to represent it at the American Newspaper Guild convention in June.

Bice, Sun-Telegraph "graveyard" shift city editor, was Pittsburgh's representative at the Denver convention of the ANG last year and the national Hearst Chain Council meeting in Chicago last Winter.

Finegold, who was highly instrumental in bringing Post-Gazette business department employees into the Guild, has served many terms as the local's treasurer. He is the paper's purchasing agent.

Davis to Speak To Guildsmen

WASHINGTON—Elmer Davis, director of the Office of War Information, is scheduled to tell Washington Newspaper Guildsmen about a few of the off-the-record headaches he has encountered in his effort to tell Americans the truth about the war.

Davis has accepted an invitation to speak at the next WNG meeting May 26 in the Board Room of the District Government Building.

ANG BOOKKEEPER RESIGNS HER POST

Ruth Goldfarb, office employee at American Newspaper Guild headquarters in New York City since 1937, has resigned her post because of ill health.

Head bookkeeper at headquarters throughout most of her ANG employment, she was paid 12 weeks' severance pay and three weeks' vacation pay in accordance with the ANG headquarters contract with the Office and Professional Workers.

The ANG settlement with Miss Goldfarb on her resignation totaled about \$700.

BLOOD DONATED BY GUILDSMEN

MANCHESTER, N. H.—Eleven members of the Manchester Newspaper Guild were among Union-Leader employees who donated a pint of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank on New Hampshire's First Day holiday.

Guild donors included President Walter Emerson, Secretary Edmund T. King, Treasurer Joseph I. Dery, Rachel E. Clough, Walter P. Mullen, Jr., J. Leo Dery, Edward A. Garner, Albion W. Warren, Jr., Fred E. Beane, Ermond Hughes and Earl O. Anderson.

—ON PAYDAY BUY BONDS—

Pacts Stalled By Routine In Capital

(Continued from Page One) provisions, approved by the panel in Chicago, reviewed by the WLB's wage stabilization division in Washington, and passed by it to the national board for final action, involved employees of these papers:

Juliet (Ill.) Herald News, Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel, Madison (Wis.) Capital Times, Springfield (O.) News-Sun, Rockford (Ill.) Morning Star, Rockford (Ill.) Register-Republic.

Awaiting review by the WLB's wage stabilization division after approval and clearance by the Chicago panel were voluntary agreements in Guild contracts at these papers:

Albany (N. Y.) Times-Union, Boston (Mass.) Herald-Traveler, Denver (Colo.) Rocky Mountain News, Philadelphia (Pa.) Inquirer, Philadelphia (Pa.) Record, Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer-News.

Indianapolis (Ind.) Times, Madison (Wis.) State Journal, Portland (Ore.) Oregonian, Sacramento (Calif.) Bee, St. Louis (Mo.) Globe-Democrat.

Lynn (Mass.) Telegram-News.

Voluntary Guild-management agreements filed with the Chicago panel and awaiting hearings involved employees of:

Albany (N. Y.) Knickerbocker News, Bay City (Mich.) Times, Bronx (N. Y.) Home News, Birmingham (Ala.) Post, New York (N. Y.) Post, Acme Newspictures, Los Angeles (Calif.) News, Newark (N. J.) Call, Pueblo (Colo.) Star-Journal, Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin, Washington (D. C.) Post.

STATUS VARIES

The status of Guild-management dispute cases in addition to the San Francisco-Oakland and AP conflicts varied this week. This is a summary:

Detroit Guild vs. Times Publishing Company (Detroit Times)—Hearing this week before WLB referees in Detroit.

Harrisburg Guild vs. Patriot Company (Harrisburg Patriot-News)—Hearing in Chicago May 14.

Denver Guild vs. Denver Publishing Company (Denver Post)—Hearing in Chicago May 20.

Sacramento Valley Guild vs. Sacramento Publishing Company (Sacramento Union)—Direct briefs to be submitted to Chicago panel May 20.

Wilkes-Barre Guild vs. Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company (Record, Times-Leader and News)—Hearing in Chicago May 21.

Philadelphia-Camden Guild vs. Courier-Post Company (Camden Courier-Post)—Certified to panel, hearing date to be set.

Biddeford (Me.) Newspaper Guild vs. Journal Publishing Company (Biddeford Daily Journal)—Certified to panel, hearing date to be set.

Rochester (N. Y.) Newspaper Guild vs. Gannett Newspapers (Democrat-Chronicle and Times-Union)—Findings of special panel referred by New York Regional War Labor Board to Chicago panel for recommendation.

New York Guild vs. Long Island Daily Press Publishing Company (Long Island Daily Press)—Certified to panel, hearing date to be set.

The newspaper industry panel, unique among WLB agencies, is scheduled for review of its operations after May 24, expiration date of a 90-day period for which it was tentatively established.

ARMY PAPERS: TEXAS TO INDIA



These are samples of Army post newspapers in the United States, many of which are edited and staffed by Newspaper Guild members now in uniform. Note PM's typographical influence in the bottom exhibits. Squadron humor spices most of the sheets.



Army's press rolls over in these Special Service Division. War news from editions. At home and abroad, the papers are supplied with special features by Camp

Guild Helps Kill California Bill

SAN FRANCISCO — Prompt and emphatic lobby work by Newspaper Guild members here defeated a last-minute attempt in the California legislature to amend the state's unemployment insurance act so that ANG members would be denied benefits until "severance pay" was exhausted.

The Senate killed the measure by a vote of 28 to six after members of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild bombarded the legislature with protests, in which they were joined by Sam B. Eubanks, executive vice president of the American Newspaper Guild.

Earlier, in a statement to the INP agreement, Gundy told negotiators: "Take it to the War Labor Board."

The two cases are being combined for conciliation, following the suggestion of the Washington INP-INS unit. Other major units concurred in the proposal.

—BONDS BATTER HITLER—
—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

CIO Board Faces Crises At Session

(Continued from Page One)

was invited to the session by CIO President Philip Murray.

The CIO's governing body convened at a time when the continued existence of the WLB itself had been threatened, when the cost of living had spilled over leading Office of Price Administration dams, when Congress was happily heading toward another inadequate soak-the-poor tax program, and when anti-union legislation was on the top agenda in Washington and in many state legislatures.

Some CIO and AFL members of the WLB, on which ANG President Murray has been a labor member of panels, had been reported considering resigning from the agency because of the sabotage of its powers.

"CLARIFICATION" GIVEN

The directive from Byrnes, restoring to the WLB its authority to give pay boosts to "aid in the prosecution of the war" and to erase "gross inequalities," was described as a "clarification" of the status of the WLB.

But the Byrnes directive reaffirmed the Little Steel formula, which had been criticized by the ANG as ineffectual in view of the failure of the OPA to control prices and Byrnes laid down other tight wage principles geared against any trends which, in his opinion, would "increase prices or increase production costs."

The CIO's answer to these and other pronouncements was expected to be given by the board's session.

Labor's fight against the Senate's Connally Bill and other repressive anti-labor measures grew in intensity this week.

As part of the Guild's participation in this fight, ANG President Milton Murray joined in a protest to Congress against the Connally Bill by CIO President Philip Murray, who said:

"The CIO with its several millions of members has been conscientiously observing the no-strike pledge given to the President of the United States."

"This has been done not because of any fear of penalty but for the more important reason that the workers are determined not to permit any a slap which would interfere with production of the maximum amount of war materials to assure a speedy victory over our Axis enemies."

"MANY GRIEVANCES"

"We have many grievances, but the CIO shall seek their equitable adjustment through the National War Labor Board, thus assuring continuity of production."

"There has developed a growing resentment on the part of workers, which is thoroughly justified."

"That Congress and the executive branch are concentrating their efforts on the domestic front to repression and degradation of the living standards of labor, witness the fact that while wages are being stabilized, the President's directive to roll back prices to the level of September 15 has been completely ignored."

"At the same time Congress repealed the President's directive limiting net annual salaries, thereby permitting skyrocketing of salaries for corporate executives."

"Now there appears the Connally measure, directed against labor at large, which has been sweating and even dying on the domestic front as soldiers of production."

The CIO chief asked that "representatives of labor" be given a chance "to demonstrate to Congress the unfairness of any such measure and the adverse impact which its passage would have upon the morale of the workers and their sons and brothers in the armed forces."

Carey Charts 4 Roads for Labor In Address to Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—Organized labor today has a choice of four courses in wartime—and the most difficult but truest of them is one charted by "common sense and good judgment," CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey told the Washington Newspaper Guild.

"And there are, fortunately, enough of us who are willing and anxious to travel this path, as the U. S. Route No. 1 to a better post-war world," Carey said after outlining the "four main routes" at a Guild meeting:

"Straight talk (detour around action)."

"Straight patriotism (detour around self-preservation)."

"Straight criticism (via the Bronx cheer)."

"Middle road (by way of common sense)."

"These alternative courses may be described as follows, and are all being pursued in some quarters."

"The first course is the easiest. In spite of the inflationary curve, the price of talk has been stabilized at the level of September 16, 1942."

LUNGS ARE EXERCISED

"Labor leaders . . . can make splendid addresses, over a wide oratorical range. This exercises their lungs."

"The catch-all slogan of the second course is the ubiquitous 'Didn't you know there's a war on?' . . . The fact that we are out to win this war provides them with a wonderful escape mechanism."

"They can't be bothered any more with trivia concerning work-

ing standards or mere economic goals. Humility towards employers and administrators characterizes this reaction."

"Going along with this reasoning, employers, now considered our allies, must under no circumstances have their sensitive feelings offended."

FEAR "BLOW TO MORALE"

"Any criticism or concerted action is feared as a blow to morale."

"One mustn't think about the future or the past but must burrow his mind into the nearest foxhole."

"The third course can be highly dramatic. It may be summed up as standing in the bleachers, making loud noises, while throwing pop bottles at the umpire."

"The weakness of large vociferous men is silhouetted against government action by means of pamphlets, news letters and accompanying indignant-looking photographs."

"This holier-than-thou printed matter will bear little close analysis by those who are truly seeking conclusive answers."

"The fourth course is by far the most difficult, because it insists on getting at the answers. It is the least dramatic because it cannot afford to concentrate on one line of attack. It is willing to seek causes and prescribe cures in various ways."

"—ABOVE ALL—"

"These labor leaders must go part way along the first three routes before pursuing the fourth. In other words, they must talk,

CIO Leaders Direct New War Fund

WASHINGTON—Three national CIO leaders have been named to the board of directors of the National War Fund, coordinating agency for all local war appeal drives.

The CIO representatives are President Philip Murray, Irving Abramson, chairman of the National CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief, and Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The National War Fund, which has the active support of the CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief, will coordinate raising and distributing of funds to 22 participating agencies.

A coordinated fund-raising drive next fall will make it possible for the first time for Americans to contribute through one unified campaign to war relief and social agencies that might otherwise conduct separate drives.

Labor's Postwar Role Is Outlined

NEW YORK (FP)—International labor's first big job is to help win the war—but it must also be assured "full and responsible representation" at the peace conference, John Marchbank, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen of Great Britain, said here.

Marchbank, member of the British Trades Union Congress delegation, said:

"It is . . . only just that we ask for and must secure full and responsible representation for our peace union movement in the peace conference which will write an end to the present bloody chapter and chart a postwar program of humanity."

"We ask this because labor, by its tears, blood and sacrifice, is entitled to it."

C.I.O. WORKING—FIGHTING—AND—



Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

John L. Lewis is right—in the wrong way.

They, more than most of us, have been victims of increased living costs. They, less than many of us because of the meagerness of their earnings, can afford this gouge.

Their degradation and poverty are as much a shame to our vaunted civilization as that of the slave-croppers.

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The company store system that holds many of the miners in vassalage is a form of legalized brigandage. It is historic that the operators must be dragged by law into providing elementary working safeguards.

And neither decency nor humanity has been more than perceptible in the housing programs of the coal barons.

Lewis, therefore, is right in demanding that the miners be allowed to maintain at least the minimum standards of living they have had. He speaks there for a just and supportable cause.

Lewis is wrong in his presentation of the issue. He chose to make the fight that of John L. Lewis vs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. His personal glory appears as a greater stake than the miners' livelihood.

The operators had refused to negotiate. They, too, were arrogant. They counted, apparently, on the wage freeze to protect them and their multiplying profits.

There Lewis, if arrogance and pride and personal glory had been set aside, could have asked the government to force the operators to negotiate. He could have left the issue one of justice to the miners.

Most Americans would have supported them—and him. The portal-to-portal pay could have been a solution and the miners would have had their victory.

Lewis cherished his own victory over that of the miners. He wanted a showdown with that man in the White House.

He gambled the cause of the miners for his own ends. And he gambled your cause and mine.

His choice has opened the floodgates of reaction. He has mined a mountain of fuel for the fires of labor hatred.

The trick-tied demagogues of Congress have trampled each other in obscene haste to introduce new or revive old anti-strike, anti-labor and fascist bills of all denominations.

The Lewis arrogance is held up as that of all labor. His disregard for the war effort is used to smear all labor as unpatriotic.

It is probable that the miners will win some further adjustment of their demands. If they do, it must come through the orderly procedures established. There can be no rebellion against government in wartime.

But when that adjustment is made it will bear a heavy price tag. The price must be paid in lost public support, in new hatreds, in new restrictions and in another step toward the drawing, rather than the elimination, of class lines.

And that price will include a heavy markup for a package of Lewis arrogance.

In this tantrum Lewis has proved himself as much a menace to organized labor as those derisives within unions who call for a surrender of labor activity and rights. He has paired himself with the labor quislings who have capitulated on the home front with harlot willingness.

These quislings are worthy—or, rather, requisite—of major attention. Their noted vagaries have been confusing to all except themselves.

The toughies of yesterday who would strike at the drop of a pamphlet, they are now in full yammer for the Bedaux speedup in industry and a moratorium on militancy.

They are urging us to forgive all our enemies—except Hitler—while they forgive none of their own.

These sociological navigators, whose guiding stars are as fixed as a school girl's moods, are demanding control of our ship. Having steered all over all courses, they insist they know the course we should follow.

Unfortunately, their arguments, duly wrapped in patriotic bunting and a tinsel of hysteria, are tempting to the naive and trusting who are inclined to believe that others' motives are as good as their own.

There is a course of sanity and propriety that can be followed. It demands a determination of continued militant and aggressive unionization and of union program. It demands restraint and intelligent action.

It requires patience to proceed under wartime restrictions—voluntarily assumed and not the imposition of dictatorship.

This course, steadfastly followed, will allow us, as Americans, to do our utmost share in winning the war. It will, at the same time, permit us to retain the rights, the privileges and the standing our unions have won, together with the legitimate goals to which we still aspire.

Between two—John L. Lewis and Philip Murray—of the men who have come from the coal pits, I choose Philip Murray as my captain. And between him and the pack of self-anointed captains, I still choose Philip Murray.

There can be neither egotistical mullahs nor whirling dervishes in charge as we seek the port of victory.

It Seems to Us...

plant, but that didn't count really, because it was prior to that momentous day, June 22, 1941, when the panzers rolled eastward in one of the fatal mistakes of history.

But I suppose the reason that the Milwaukee Guild, along with some other groups, is opening a second front against Brothens Euhanks and Rogers is that the first front—efficient and progressive administration of Guild affairs—has resulted in a defeat for the faction.

After all, the boys have got to have something to talk about—there's a convention and an election coming up.

I was interested to hear the Milwaukee lads talk about the "dangers of disunity" and then proceed to indict the ANG leadership out of hand for exercising their right to speak out on the Ehrlich-Alter mystery. Without, may I add, distributing hysterical telegrams among the membership.

Disunity, apparently, is defined thus: Stating an opinion in conflict with my opinion, not to be confused with my act of stating an opinion in conflict with your opinion (the latter is known as UNITY).

After threatening Brothens Euhanks and Rogers with punishment for their "folly" (I wasn't able in seven readings of the missive to discover what that "folly" was supposed to be), our Milwaukee friends went on to relate that what they really wanted was "unity." At that point, I gave up, but I can assure you, I'm all for unity.

Are we UNITED? Just ask us! WARREN PHILLIPS.

HE URGES SUPPORT OF CAREY POSITION

SAN FRANCISCO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

If our Guild officials had failed to protest the Alter-Ehrlich executions, their sincerity in opposing anti-labor injustices in our own country and in other countries might well have been called in question.

They were not elected on a platform of "The Soviet government can do no wrong."

If they took any such position, they would be violating their pledges to the membership of our union.

It is lamentable, of course, that there is an Alter-Ehrlich case to protest. But we did not make the case.

In my opinion, Russia not only has done a magnificent job of fighting this war, but she did remarkable things for the masses of her people before the war.

But there is a tremendous weight of evidence over the years that shows the Soviet government believes in killing persons who differ with it. And it apparently thinks nothing of fabricating stories in an attempt to justify this policy.

When it extends this custom to

executing two outstanding labor leaders of unhappy Poland, it is time we spoke out.

If there is to be anything approaching a peaceful world, there must be wholehearted cooperation between our country, Russia and England. But such cooperation requires mutual understanding and faith. The Alter-Ehrlich case is a blow at that necessary rapprochement.

Protests cannot hurt the situation. They may prove helpful in preventing other such cases.

Incidentally, the Guild should appreciate the role of CIO Secretary James Carey in the Alter-Ehrlich protest. Carey is the finest type of young American labor leader—courageous, intelligent, enlightened. We need a lot more like him.

The Guild should back Jim Carey to the limit. He's our kind of a guy.

W. H. GRATMAN.

"FREEDOM OF SPEECH PREVAILS," SHE SAYS

PHILADELPHIA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The people who are denouncing Euhanks and Rodgers should thank their lucky stars they are in a country—and a union—where Euhanks and Rodgers can speak their piece and where the critics of Euhanks and Rodgers have complete freedom of speech to answer them, however wrong the reasoning of the critics might be.

Never lose sight of the fact that citizens of America have the democratic right to criticize any action of their government; and in time of war they have the right to criticize any action of a government of an ally, whether it be Russia or the Ehrlich-Alter case or Britain over India.

CONSTANCE J. MYERS.

LEADERS UPHOLD IN EHRICH-ALTER STAND

GLOVESVILLE, N. Y.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Guidemen remember that before Russia was attacked by Nazi Germany, Communist Party members and camp followers in our union slavishly followed the party line.

There is no need to go back to the records. It is not difficult to remember the Communist Party support of isolationism, using the same slogans as presented by Charles Lindbergh, and some of their own such as "The Yanks Are Not Coming."

After Russia came into the war, and even more so, after we were attacked by the Axis, bringing us into the conflict, the differences between the majority of the Guidemen and the Communist Party supporters became less noticeable.

Externally we found ourselves in agreement on the fundamental principle of defeating the common enemies of the United Nations. But the reasons for having that objective had different roots. The

non-Communists want the Axis defeated because they believe in democracy, while the Communists in our midst want to reach the same objective because it is compatible with the party line.

So, when the Communists and those who support them hear that the leaders of the Guild endorsed the speech of James B. Carey protesting the murder of Henry Ehrlich and Victor Alter by the Soviet government, they raise their hands in horror and say that it is an attack against the unity of the United Nations.

Because the United States and Russia are allies in fighting a common enemy does not mean we must sit back and not open our mouths in protest when fellow unionists are murdered by a government associated with us in the common struggle.

Many Americans have expressed themselves freely on the British position relative to India, but no Conservative Party in the United States, speaking for Winston Churchill, has risen up in wrath here as the Communist Party of the United States, speaking for Joseph Stalin, has become indignant and accuses those protesting the murder of Ehrlich and Alter as destroyers of United Nations unity.

It is indeed a pity that those who are for Russia first—right or wrong—and who follow the party line as the editorial page of The Daily Worker dictates, are making an issue of the Guild protesting a brutal act against the labor movement of the entire world.

Accepting Russia as an ally does not mean we have to sit back and give our stamp of approval to all her actions without a protest when we know she is wrong. Real Americans will not do that just to satisfy The Daily Worker and the Communist Party.

SYLVAN A. POLLACK,
Member at large.

N.W. INDIANA BACKS ANG LEADERS' STAND

GARY, IND.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

For Executive Vice-President Sam B. Euhanks, Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers and other members of the IEB to have joined with other labor unionists and liberals throughout the world in protesting an action which appeared to them to be injurious to the cause of union labor is, we believe, properly within their province as officers of the Guild.

Objection to the executions in question is made on the grounds of harm done to labor unionism and without any inherent political implication. We of Northwestern Indiana do not believe that making such protest should be made the subject of political controversy.

This local votes support of the Guild officers in their stand.

N. W. INDIANA GUILD,
E. G. BAYTON, President.

GUILD, USO TAKE NAVY ON BOARD



Men of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station start a task force here at a Milwaukee Newspaper Guild USO Day event. The objective is food, supplied by Guidemen and their wives. From the left are Harold West, Jimmy Cook, Laurence Fosse, Ann Kyllik, Vivian Gardner, Gertrude Gruel, having a party.

With the AUXILIARY

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

Call to the Convention

Dear Sisters:

The 1943 convention of the American Newspaper Guild has been set by the IEB for June 14 through June 18 at the Statler Hotel, Boston, Mass. The Auxiliary convention will be held at the same time in the same place.

The war has affected convention plans as it affects everything today—our families, our daily lives, the jobs of our menfolk. Ours will be a wartime convention with little social activity and few speakers. It will be a serious, working convention.

We want to see every local representative. We have grave responsibilities. We must evaluate our work of last year. Have we helped the Guild? Have we helped our country? Do all our locals understand that the home front is no less important than the military front? And do all of our locals fight with untiring courage on the home front?

These are not rhetorical questions. We must answer them honestly in Boston and we must make concrete plans to organize and work even more effectively next year.

"Now Is the Time . . ."

Now is the time for you to raise money to send your delegates. You will elect your delegates on the basis of one delegate for each local and additional delegates for each 20 members or major fraction thereof.

Your executive secretary-treasurer will send you official notice of the number of delegates to which you are entitled based on your average good standing for the year. In the meanwhile, have your local treasurer compute this average.

Now is the time for you to begin preparing the report of your activities for the year which will be read at the convention. These reports are the kernel of the convention.

Now is the time for you to prepare the resolutions you wish to submit to the convention, to discuss constitutional changes and your officers for the next year.

Convention committees will be the same as last year except that we will probably have an organizing committee in addition to a war activities committee. Every delegate and alternate is expected to work on at least one committee and may choose the committee she prefers. Read last year's convention proceedings and decide your committee now.

All wives and visitors are invited to attend any Auxiliary session. The executive board meeting will be held on Sunday, June 13. All Auxiliary members are welcome. Make your travel and hotel reservations early. (We can offer housing accommodations to a few delegates.)

Speakers Will Be Exchanged

President Milton Murray will address the Auxiliary convention and Auxiliary President Faye B. Collins will address the Guild convention. Auxiliary delegates are formally invited to attend the opening session of the Guild's convention.

Start now to campaign for your choice for next year's officers. This is YOUR organization. It is YOUR responsibility, the responsibility of every member of every local—to make sure that the officers elected in Boston will fulfill their duties capably and faithfully.

We have a more serious duty this year than we have ever had before. Thousands of Guidemen are in the armed forces. Some have already given their lives. We are responsible to them and to their womenfolk.

Let us ALL do everything we can to make this wartime convention fruitful and stimulating.

Let us ALL contribute to the program to help us to get new members, the program which will help us to keep our present members, the program which will enable us to fight unceasingly and valiantly on the home front.

Sincerely and fraternally,
FAYE B. COLLINS,
WA-ANG President,
MABEL POLLOCK,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Welcome, Wilkes-Barre!

Margie Stout and Agnes Walsh, wife of ANG Vice President Joseph Walsh, were the spark plugs behind the organization of the Auxiliary's newest local, No. 35, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Beatrice Pomier, sister of ANG International Representative Stanley Kupeska, is the secretary-treasurer.

St. Louis had a wonderful membership party and has added 11 new members to the St. Louis local. At the next executive meeting at the home of Local President Bunny Gore, WA-ANG Vice President Edna Kringer will receive her Honor Roll Service card.

The Seattle Auxiliary has new members and new officers: president, Beatrice Farmer; vice president, Jessie Connor; treasurer, Alma Chakraft.

Frances Dunmuck, vice president from Indianapolis, attended the conference of the Southern Ohio Valley Guild Council in Cincinnati and thence to Columbus, where Rose Wilcox, Harrisburg Auxiliary president, and Columbus Guild President Perry Morrison had arranged a joint meeting of Guidemen and their womenfolk, with the hope of organizing an Auxiliary.

Detroit had a bings party, the proceeds of which are sending delegates to the Boston convention.

Indianapolis is having a card party to raise the necessary funds for its delegates.

Harrisburg is having a rummage sale to help its Guild send a delegate, and hopes to have an Auxiliary representative, too.

New York is having its Spring Festival this month to send delegates, with a portion of proceeds going to the Guild's servicemen's committee.

All WA-ANG news for THE GUILD REPORTER should be mailed to Marcia McManus, c/o New York Newspaper Guild, 40 East 46th Street, New York City. Copy should reach the New York address by 7th of the month for the issue of the 15th, and by the 21st for the issue of the 1st. Pictures must be in hand at least at day earlier than these deadlines to allow for retouching and engraving.

CIO Council Is Led By Guild President

MEMPHIS—The Memphis CIO Council went all-out on a war activities program sponsored by Newspaper Guildman Pete Swim after his reelection as president of the council.

Swim, elected acting president three months ago, was without opposition for election to the full term.

Swim's program as adopted by the council calls for a Red Cross CIO contribution to the Red Cross blood bank, 100 percent CIO contribution to the Red Cross war fund, 100 percent CIO participation in the payroll deduction plan for war bond purchasing, and setting up labor-management committees in every war plant in Memphis.

CIO LEADS GIFTS

As a result of the program, in the Red Cross drive just ended, two CIO plants furnished the largest employee-contributions to the fund. Every other CIO member, according to the committee, contributed to the Red Cross.

The enlarged CIO war activities program was placed under a council committee chairmanship

by Guildman W. A. Copeland, who was elected to the council's executive board.

The committee reported that more than 90 percent of 29,000 Memphis CIO members were purchasing war bonds on the deduction plan—a big majority of them 10 percenters.

Memphis management has resisted attempts to set up labor-management committees, and President Swim instructed the council committee to renew efforts to carry out such a program as suggested by the National CIO and the War Production Board.

APPROVE FUND PLAN

The council also endorsed a war chest fund plan to consolidate all relief campaigns, and Swim was named to a citywide committee to draw up plans for the chest.

Copeland and Swim were elected by the council as CIO representatives on a labor advisory committee to the Office of Price Administration, with Copeland serving as the CIO member of the OPA's labor executive board.

Guildman Paul Coppock is another CIO representative in the OPA rationing setup.

Host Local Nominates 6 Convention Delegates

BOSTON—The Newspaper Guild of Boston nominated six delegates and six alternates for the ANG convention which will be held at the Hotel Statler here the week of June 14.

They are President George A. Harris of the local and member of the Record-American unit, Chairman Gerald Haverly of the Herald-Traveler unit, Frank Toronto of the executive committee and Record-American unit, Chairman Amasa Howe of the Globe unit, Chairman Clifford Jones of

the Post unit, and Catherine Coyne of the Herald-Traveler unit.

Alternates are Charles Sibley, Jr., unit chairman at The Record-American; Don Willard of The Globe, Henry Harris of The Globe, David Boynick of the INS, Leroy Cate, unit chairman of the new Pawtucket unit of the Boston local, and Robert Hoey, unit treasurer at The Record-American.

Further nominations were acceptable up to May 13 by petition of ten or more members.

Administration Supporters Picked as S.F. Delegates

SAN FRANCISCO—Members pledged to support policies of the present administration of the American Newspaper Guild won a clean sweep in election of San Francisco-Oakland Guild delegates to the Boston convention.

The local chose four delegates, each with two and a half votes, according to present indications of convention strength.

Maine Guilds Plan Merger

BIDDEFORD, Me.—The Biddeford Newspaper Guild has moved to merge into the Portland Guild as part of a new New England setup by which smaller locals become part of larger locals.

Biddeford, with 12 members, would receive the direct support of Portland, 15 miles away, with over 100 members.

Prime movers in the merger are President George A. Harris of Boston, President Timothy Mahoney and Secretary-Treasurer Ralph Armstrong of Biddeford, and Treasurer Harold Bulger of Portland, who is president of the Guild's New England District Council.

CHICAGO REVIVES FAMED PARTY

CHICAGO—The Chicago Newspaper Guild's famous Front-Page Frolics party is back again.

Hailed in previous years as one of the city's best good-time events, this year's affair will be held in the Terrace Casino of the Morrison Hotel on Saturday night, May 22, Al Jackson, president of the CNG, announced.

The event, fifth of its kind, will feature the music of Stan Meyers and his orchestra, who return to Chicago after two years in Hollywood. Co-chairman of the party are Jack Morris of The Chicago Times, August Sisco of The Times and Betty Wood of The Sun. Additional members of the committee will be named from Daily News, Sun and wire services units.

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BUSS BY SCHNOZZLE is the art at the left, where Jimmy Durante greets Joan (Miss Copyright-1943) Gossell, queen of the Guild's Page 1 Award party in New York. Zero Mostel (right) gives out in pantomime.



PAUL ROBESON is introduced to the Page 1 audience by Elsa Maxwell, a mistress of ceremonies. More than 2,500 attended the party at the Hotel Astor. More than \$3,000 was raised for labor war funds.



HILDEGARDE TAKES the spotlight on the Page 1 platform. With her is Bob Hawk of the radio, a master of ceremonies. Several hundred ticket holders couldn't get into the party, broke an Astor window trying.



A RADIO HOOKUP brought Hollywood into the party. From the left are Irving Berlin, Lena Horne, James Cagney. Cagney's press agent wanted it to be known that the next Cagney picture is about a reporter.

Page 1 Ball Is Broadcast By New York

A coast-to-coast radio hookup whistled dream to a test. They had dreamed of troops in the mining towns, of miners flinging away their union buttons, of a huge back-to-work movement with a military escort.

An overflow crowd showed up at the Astor Hotel for the benefit party, in which one hour of entertainment by guest stars was broadcast over the Mutual Network.

The radio hookup brought in the voices of James Cagney, Irving Berlin and Lena Horne, all winners of awards, from Hollywood, and Sergeant Barney Ross from Chicago.

STAGE WAS STUDDER

Awards winners, most of whom appeared on the Astor ballroom stage, included such famous and varied great of stage, screen, concert and radio as:

Jimmy Durante, Paul Robeson, Harry James, Duke Ellington, Milton Berle, Ethel Merman, the Golden Gate Quartet, Hazel Scott, Zero Mostel, Hildegarde, Frank Sinatra, Ray Bolger, Canada Lee, Elsa Maxwell, Diana Costello, Bob Hawk, Gypsy Rose Lee, Victor Borge and Louis January.

Other winners of awards included the William Morris Agency, producer of the CIO's Detroit pageant, "Roll Up Your Sleeves," and Rhoda Miller of Time, Inc., chairman of the ball.

The New York Guild gave a special Page One Award to the CIO National Maritime Union. It was received by NNU President Joseph Curran, who presented to the audience Nicky Hoogendaam, 17-year-old seaman who spent 83 days on a raft in the Atlantic.

The 1943 Page One Ball was the most spectacular ever staged by the New York Guild.

CROWD OVERFLOWED

At the last minute the Astor shut down on admissions, causing an overflow of several hundred ticket holders who demanded entrance.

One impressive glass door was broken, several hotel functionaries were roundly excoriated, and finally, at 1 a. m., the stragglers were admitted for an hour of Duke Ellington music followed by dancing to Art Hodes' hot band.

Refunds were guaranteed to all of those excluded who weren't able to get in for the entertainment program and wanted their money back.

Entire proceeds of the benefit party went to the Labor War Chest, a joint project of all New York labor—CIO, AFL, Railroad Brotherhoods and other unions—for major war and community relief causes.

PICKETING ILLEGAL, SOUTHERN COURT SAYS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP)—Picket lines are illegal conspiracies, the Alabama appeals court ruled in denying the appeal of President Roy E. Raley of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union and 16 other defendants from a conspiracy conviction in a lower court.

Constitutionality of the law under which the men were convicted was attacked by Southern Workers Defense League counsel because it makes it unlawful for "two or more persons to enter into a conspiracy or combination to prevent one from carrying on any lawful business."

Secretary Frank McCallister of the SWDL said: "We intend to carry this case to the U. S. Supreme Court for a decision on the basic issue involved."

Editorial Writers Invent Legend About Coal Miners

(Continued from Page One)

But while the news columns are much more balanced, the editorial stereotypes remain the same.

When the coal miner reads an editorial describing him as an unwilling vassal of his union, everything else that he reads becomes suspect.

When editorial writers quote rows of statistics to prove the prosperity of the miners, the man in the mines knows that that editorial writer has never been in a mining town.

REPORTERS SAW TRUTH

The field pages that the reporters in the field were exploring this myth, that every newspaperman on the scene recognized the solidarity of the miners, that the "typical miner" described on a lot of editorial pages could not be found in the coal towns.

The typical miner, whether he thought John Lewis was God or privately hated Mr. Lewis' guts in normal seasons of the year, was fighting mad over the high cost of living and the drab nature of life in mining towns.

Most important, he distrusted all those who came to him with words of patriotism, with pep-talks, with "I'm all for the miner but—" sermons.

He had heard all that before. He still believed in one thing above all: his union.

I am not arguing here the rights and wrongs of this case.

LEWIS SPREAD IT

I have frequently stated my respect for Mr. Lewis in this column.

I know the degree to which he has circulated confusion and double-talk in the mining towns.

I know that the United Mine Workers union, with vast resources at its command, took no steps to police prices in the mining communities.

I know that Mr. Lewis' political ambitions in the labor movement remain as profound and unscrupulous as they were on the day that he lost control of the CIO.

Nevertheless, you cannot understand the continued power of John L. Lewis in terms of a powerful machine, of goon methods or of demagoguery alone.

The basic fact is that the coal miner has gotten few breaks and that—except for Franklin D. Roosevelt—he regards the rest of the world as solidly aligned against him.

HE'S HUMAN, TOO

Too many of them are still unprepared to recognize that the man who goes down to the mines is a human being whose hopes and aspirations have been slowly crushed in the deadly routine of the mining town.

Too many newspaper publishers and editorial writers think the way these operators are thinking.

If Lewis forces another showdown, the U. S. government may be able to break the strike, and the miners may be forced to break the strike.

GAMBLE IS TRAGIC

In wartime there are tough ways of accomplishing that purpose. John L. Lewis is gambling with the lives of his men and the safety of this country, and the miners may be the tragic victims of his gamble.

Whatever happens, I am certain of this: The men and newspapers who have waged the long war against unions, fought the Wagner Act, resisted the wage-hour law, blasted Roosevelt and tried to put trade unions out of business cannot come before the coal miners today and tell them what to do.

If any man can combat Lewis, it is the man whom these men and newspapers have spent a decade denouncing.

His name is Roosevelt.

And if any man is to break Lewis' grip on the UMW, it will be the man who has been assailed by labor's critics as often as John L. Lewis.

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lesson yet. Too many of them still think nostalgically of the old days.

Too many of them are oblivious to the inadequacy and frustration of the coal miner's life.

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All New England Locals Attend District Session

BOSTON—Every local of the American Newspaper Guild in New England was represented at a meeting of the union's New England District Council, convened here to discuss organizational, functional and financial problems.

Delegates from each local took the floor to give reports on Guild developments in the area during the past quarter, in which contract negotiations, conducted by the council's special panel, had been concluded in all but four locals.

FACTS PENDING

Still pending were negotiations in Brockton, Salem and Lawrence, Mass., and Portland, Me.

ANG International Representative Wilbur E. Hade, director of organization, attended the sessions and suggested that several

smaller locals in the district combine with nearby larger locals for purposes of mutual protection and unity.

George A. Harris, Boston Guild president, agreed to initiate this project.

BULGER IN CHAIR

In addition to Harris and Harold Bulger of Portland, council president who presided, delegates included:

Ralph Armstrong, Biddeford, Me.; Walter Emerson, Manchester, N. H.; Frank Reynolds, John Rockwell, Charles McGee and Kenneth Rowe, Salem; Cecil Landau, Cliff Jones, Joseph Levin and Gerald Haverly, Boston; Joseph Coburn and Fred Bowler, Lynn, Mass.; Eugene Kelley and Anthony Pienak, Lawrence, and Martin Egan and John Cockran, Brockton.

Will Rogers, Jr., Will Address N. Y. Legislative Conference

Will Rogers, Jr., son of a famous father and rapidly becoming famous in his own right as a liberal Congressman, will head a list of speakers at a victory rally and legislative conference in Manhattan Center May 20, sponsored by the New York Newspaper Guild.

The New York Guild was scheduled to send two representatives in a mass delegation from New York CIO unions to Washington May 12 to call on OPA Chief Frontias Brown, Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes and Food Administrator Chester Davis, seeking assurances of effective price control.

Johannes Steel, radio commentator and New York Post columnist; Genevieve Taboris, editor of Pour la Victoire, Fighting French newspaper, and City Councilman Stanley Isaacs.

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Other listed speakers include

L. A. Seeks to Upset IEB Rule On Affiliation of News Vendors

LOS ANGELES—Close informal cooperation with Local Industrial Union No. 75, composed of news vendors, pending action of the ANG's June convention on a petition to permit their absorption into the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild was voted by the local's executive committee.

This action was taken after the local was informed that the Guild's International executive board at its April meeting had declined to authorize immediate affiliation of the vendors and had referred the matter to the convention.

SUPPORT IS SOUGHT

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles Guild, through a previously appointed committee, was appealing to locals throughout the country for convention support of its appeal.

At a meeting of the Los Angeles Guild's representative assembly James Francis Crow, ANG vice president, pointed out that the IEB, in declining to grant permission to the local to absorb the news vendors, had followed continuing policies of previous ANG conventions and administrations.

Toronto and San Francisco conventions refused to admit vendors into Guild membership because of difficulties in designating proper bargaining units for them. The same group of Los Angeles vendors had sought Guild membership at the San Francisco convention.

Veteran Guildsman Is Killed in Action

ST. LOUIS—Major Charles W. Marsalek, veteran Newspaper Guildsman who had served two terms as chairman of the union's St. Louis Post-Dispatch unit, was killed in action in the Pacific area.

He was 33 and had served as a gunner's mate in the Navy in the last war. He was commissioned a captain in the Army Air Forces April 14, 1942.

STAFFMAN 18 YEARS

At the time of his departure he had been a member of the Post-Dispatch staff for 18 years, and was the newspaper's city hall reporter.

Major Marsalek, a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, was instrumental in uncovering a tax graft scandal in St. Clair County, Ill., in 1933.

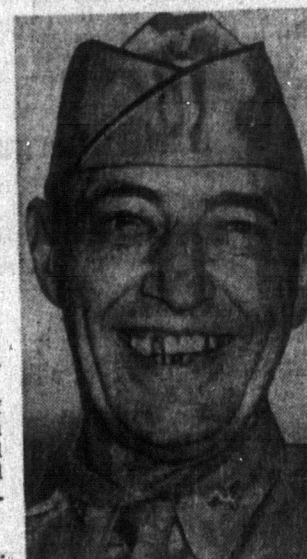
WIFE MAKES PLANES

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mildred Marsalek, who trained for war work after her husband entered the Army; then took a job at the Curtiss-Wright airplane plant in St. Louis.

Major Marsalek was the second member of the Post-Dispatch unit to give his life in the service of his country.

FIRST GOLD CROSS

Lieutenant Eugene J. Flood, a bombardier in the Army Air



MAJ. CHARLES W. MARSALEK
He fought in two wars

Forces, was killed September 27, 1942, while stationed on the North Carolina coast.

He was 24 and had been a macrotabulator in the newspaper's financial department for approximately six years before entering the Army December 23, 1941.



The Rewrite Desk

Chairman Harrison E. Spangler of the Republican National Committee showed his mettle in a letter to newspaper editors accompanying the first handout of the GOP's new clipsheet.

He called all editors to the colors "in the cause of breaking the Roosevelt-Hopkins-Frankfurter hold on the government."

The clipsheet featured WPA gags (remember them?) and quotes from such liberators as Eugene Cox, Hatton W. Sumners, Cotton Ed Smith and *The Chicago Tribune*.

The war wasn't mentioned except in filler jokes. Sample: "Paying for the war wouldn't be so bad if we didn't keep thinking of that 50 billion dollars the New Deal siphoned out before."

The Southern Watchman has turned up in Alabama as a new weekly newspaper devoted to a crusade against "such anti-Southern movements as the poll tax abolition bill, federal anti-lynching measures and the like," and to a defense against the "powerful Negro and radical press of the country."

The Coughlinite *Catholic International* wondered whether it was right to fight against "our brother Catholics in the 'enemy countries' (quotation marks by *Catholic International*) or whether our consciences are free in this matter."

The sheet wondered, too, "whether we owe to the Christ-rejecting Social Gossipers now in Washington the allegiance of our minds and consciences."

A continuing cause for wartime wonderment is why Charles E. Coughlin and many of his gauleiters remain at large.

Elsewhere on the Fascist propaganda front in America—Carl Mote, noted anti-Semite, started a new publication, *America Preferred*, dedicated to isolationism and repeal of all labor legislation.

William Kullgren, indicted for sedition, reprinted six articles from *The Washington Times-Herald* in his *America Speaks* and said that "seats of the mighty all over the world will be shaken" come the end of 1943.

C. Leon de Aryan, bailed out of jail from a sedition charge, hurried back to San Diego to resume his *Broom* sweepings.

F. H. Sattler, editor of *The Malist*, which concerns itself with "Atheistic Jews," supplemented his sheet with a new mimeographed bulletin, *International Assembly*, which is all-out for a negotiated peace.

And the Christian Front's *Brooklyn Tablet* said that opponents of appeasement of Franco in Spain don't like him because he drove "Marxism" out of the country, that Otto of Hapsburg is opposed by the same people because he is a "staunch Christian."

Management of Standard Oil of New Jersey is conducting post-war planning for business-as-before. It opposed a minority stockholders' resolution which ventured to suggest that maybe Standard Oil's cartel conspiracy with I. G. Farbenindustrie, Nazi combine, should not be renewed.

A rebel stockholder of Montgomery Ward and Company protested expenditure of \$400,000 of company money for a nationwide newspaper advertising campaign by Chairman Sewell L. Avery, flouting orders by President Roosevelt and the War Labor Board to bargain collectively with the CIO's United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes.

Avery batted down this rebellion, explaining that his attack on the Commander in Chief and the democratic laws of the land was a defense of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

It is a tortuous task to keep up with the vagaries of *The Daily Worker*, but Walter Reuther, vice president of the CIO's Auto Workers, seems to have been added to the Communist Party's purge list. He had the audacity to oppose the CP's program for an "incentive" speedup production system.

CP Hatchetman Milton Howard got to work on Reuther at once in *The Daily Worker*, chipping in such well-cut words as "Socialist-Trotskyite," "America Firster," "appeaser," "treasonable," "anti-Soviet hatred," and giving James A. Wechsler of *PM* and *The Guild Reporter* some left-handed slicing, just to keep a hand in.

The *United Automobile Worker* (circ. 750,000) found it necessary to run a three-column editorial page statement entitled "Earl Browder, Communist Fuehrer, Tells UAW How to Run Its Affairs."

The statement started: "The Communist Party of America once more is openly trying to interfere in the affairs of the UAW-CIO."

The statement ended "The CIO and the UAW-CIO have tremendous problems before them. They will solve these problems in democratic fashion under the rules of their constitutions. These problems will be solved by the membership of the CIO and the UAW-CIO, certainly not through the mouthings of stooges of a foreign government."

The New York Times reported that Browder, in a Buffalo oration, called on labor to unite "its ranks around all its most responsible leaders" and to reject "the demagogues and troublemakers." Look who's talking.

The Auto Workers ("979,267 members, war workers all") did a good job in public relations by taking a page ad in *The New York Times* to tell labor's case against inadequate administration of price policies: "Let's Hold BOTH Ends of the Line!"

The AFL's *Washington Teamster* asked some questions along grocery truck routes. It found that characteristic food price jumps between January, 1941, effective date of the Little Steel formula, and March, 1943, included 350 percent for macaroni, a substitute for potatoes. The only potatoes listed were sweets. Their price had gone up 100 percent.

Business Week, McGraw-Hill publication, came out in favor of labor representation on local ration boards because with labor representation "the problems of war workers are nursed carefully and OPA benefits from smoother operations and few complaints."

Many editors of labor papers, recovering from their shock at seeing such stuff in Hearst papers, reprinted a Damon Runyon column which first appeared in *The New York Daily Mirror*.

Runyon, not generally recognized for deep social interest in little people, except as characters, said that "our war workers are the most abused class in the United States today" and that "post-war provision" for them is "just as important" as it is for soldiers.



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

Guild Organizes For Blood Bank

SAN JOSE—Led by members of the San Jose Newspaper Guild, 65 members of *The Mercury Herald-Evening News* plant soon will make a mass donation to the Red Cross blood bank here.

Outgrow of a labor-management committee, a Guild suggestion, the donations will be made during working hours through the cooperation of the publisher.

Twenty-four Guild members, representing two-thirds of the editorial and business departments, will take part in the donations.

ANTI-LABOR LAW HEADS FOR COURT

TOPEKA, Kans. (FP)—Constitutionality of a drastic union control bill signed into law by Governor Andrew F. Schoepel will be tested in the courts, AFL, CIO and railroad union spokesmen said.

The measure outlaws the closed shop, makes sitdown strikes illegal, outlaws secondary boycotts, restricts picketing, and requires licensing of labor union agents, financial reports by unions, report of fees, dues and assessments of members, and salaries of union officials.

CIO AND AFL ORGANIZE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

ERIE, Pa. (FP)—Unions in northwestern Pennsylvania formed Labor's Committee for Legislative Action at a conference here attended by 250 delegates from AFL, CIO and railroad unions, and the International Typographical Union.

AFL and CIO state leaders were cooperating on legislation at the state capital of Harrisburg.

UAW GIVES MOST TO RED CROSS

WASHINGTON (FP)—President R. J. Thomas of the CIO United Auto Workers informed President Norman Davis of the American Red Cross that the UAW membership had contributed more than \$1,500,000 to the national Red Cross drive under the leadership of the National CIO War Relief Committee.

This makes the UAW the largest single group giver to the Red Cross in the United States.

Former ANG Member Buys Los Angeles News Service

LOS ANGELES—Sale of the Los Angeles City News Service, with which the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild has a Guild shop contract, has been announced.

Florabell Muir, free lance newspaper and magazine writer—herself a former Guild member—bought the syndicate from Marvin Willard, owner and founder.

In stepping out after 14 years, Willard said that his health required him to become less active.

The new owner was the first woman copyreader on a San Fran-

cisco daily, and once was city editor of a Pasadena paper.

Several years ago she was assigned to cover an execution in the Utah state prison but found herself barred by a law which forbade women to witness executions.

She got around the law by procuring a ruling from the attorney general of the state that she was "a reporter, not a woman."

She also once won a \$50 bet from Walter Winchell by crashing a Friars Club luncheon in New York.

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