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Labor Board Approves Four Pacts

CHICAGO — Four voluntary agreements between Newspaper Guild locals and newspaper managements have been approved by the National War Labor Board in Washington following hearings and clearance by the agency's special newspaper industry advisory panel here.

The contracts, first to be cleared through all the machinery of the WLB's system for the industry, involved Guild negotiations with these papers:

Joliet (Ill.) Herald News.
Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel.
Madison (Wis.) Capital Times.
Lynn (Mass.) Telegram-News.

Meanwhile the WLB extended indefinitely the life of its newspaper panel, which had been established on a 90-day experimental basis ending May 24.

SCORE IS GIVEN

The score on other Guild contracts last week, as WLB machinery in Washington continued to move slowly, varied.

Contracts involving voluntary pay increases and other improvements to which managements had agreed, cleared by the Chicago panel, reviewed by the WLB's wage stabilization division, and sent to the WLB for action included:

Springfield (Ill.) News-Sun.
Rockford (Ill.) Morning Star.
Rockford (Ill.) Register-Republic.

Cleared by the Chicago panel and sent to Washington for review by the WLB's wage stabilization division, prior to submission to the national board itself, were voluntary Guild agreements with:

Bay City (Mich.) Times.
Albany (N. Y.) Knickerbocker News.
Los Angeles (Calif.) News.
Washington (D. C.) Post.
New York (N. Y.) Post.
Albany (N. Y.) Times-Union.
Boston (Mass.) Herald-Traveler.
Denver (Colo.) Rocky Mountain News.
Philadelphia (Pa.) Inquirer.
Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer-News.
St. Louis (Mo.) Globe-Democrat.

Approved by the Chicago panel (Continued on Page Ten)

BEAN POT IS STIRRED



—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

Boston Convention Meets In Crucial Time for Labor

The tenth—and second wartime — convention of the American Newspaper Guild opens June 14 in the Hotel Statler in Boston at a crucial point for the union and all of organized labor.

Manifold problems, complicated by a changing, complex war economy, will face delegates who will

work out Guild programs and policies in five days of sessions and will nominate national ANG officers for membership referendum election to two-year terms.

In an attempt to clear away some of the problems that delegates will bring with them, the ANG's international executive board has scheduled pre-convention clinics June 11 and 12 at the Statler.

ANG officers, headquarters staff (Continued on Page Four)

Scripps Chain Joins Attack On Security

CINCINNATI—A wartime attack by Scripps-Howard on job security was hatched up in the halls at the recent American Newspaper Publishers' Association convention in New York, Cincinnati Newspaper Guild negotiations brought out here.

Publishers generally are agreed upon contract policies which would leave the way open for them to refuse reemployment after the war to persons displaced because (Continued on Page Twelve)

Guild Establishes Agency For Liaison in Washington

A government relations committee of the American Newspaper Guild to represent the union in liaison with government agencies in Washington was appointed last week by President Milton Murray.

Subject to approval by the ANG's international executive board at Boston sessions June 9 and 10, Murray formed the na-

Guild Charters Another Local

Another new local of the American Newspaper Guild was chartered last week—in Terre Haute, Ind.

The newest local—sixth to be chartered by the ANG's international executive board since the union's 1942 convention in Denver—includes a majority of editorial employees of The Terre Haute Star and Terre Haute Tribune.

The IEB approved the charter in a wire poll conducted from New York ANG headquarters, acting on an application

submitted from Terre Haute, where Guild organization work was directed by President Lowell Nussbaum of the Indianapolis Guild with ANG assistance.

Nussbaum and other Indianapolis leaders of the union attended several meetings of the Star and Tribune employees and helped shape the group into a local in conjunction with the ANG.

SAWYER HEADS LOCAL

Lawrence Sawyer, Star telegraph editor, (was elected provisional president of the Terre Haute Guild.

Other provisional officers of the local are:

Bruce R. McCormick, Tribune reporter, vice president; Frances E. Hughes, Star society editor, secretary, and J. P. Brassie, Tribune reporter, treasurer.

In addition to the Terre Haute Guild, new locals of the union have been chartered in the past year in Mt. Clemens, Mich.; Pueblo, Colo.; Elizabeth, N. J.; Fort Worth, Tex., and Zanesville, O.

Guild Wins Smash Vote In Pawtucket

PAWTUCKET, R. I.—Editorial employees of The Pawtucket Times, one of the largest Rhode Island newspapers outside of Providence, chose the Boston Newspaper Guild as their collective bargaining agent by a 21-to-1 vote in a National Labor Relations Board election.

The nearly unanimous vote, which for the first time brought the American Newspaper Guild into collective bargaining relations with a Rhode Island publisher, was given May 26 following a long-drawn fight by management to exclude Times employees from their bargaining rights.

LETTER TOPS IT

This management campaign was topped just prior to the NLRB poll by a letter addressed to all newsroom employees by Stanley Black, Times manager, who reviewed "long pleasant relations on an individual bargaining basis" with his staff and said plaintively:

"You should ask yourself why it is that total strangers all of (Continued on Page Seven)

Wire Services Are Reviewed In Conference

Members of the American Newspaper Guild's wire service committee held a pre-Boston convention session to hear reports on status of International News Service and International News Photos negotiations and to examine briefs in six Associated Press cases before the War Labor Board's newspaper industry panel.

Recommendations and suggestions to the 1943 ANG convention for its wire service program were formulated for incorporation in officers' reports.

REVIEW ADVANCES

Work and progress of the year since the Denver convention also were reviewed at the committee meeting at national headquarters of the union in New York and aims were outlined for further expansion.

Committee members attending included Harry Bergman, New York INS; William Corley, New York AP; Jules Schick, Philadelphia AP, and William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer. Sid Edelberg, New York INP, was an observer.

Wilbur E. Bade, ANG organization director, also attended and made reports.

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

CP Crusade Against Reuther Provides Pertinent Points and Counterpoints

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

The Comintern is dead, but The Daily Worker continues its business as usual.

I have no inside dope as to the future plans of the Communist Party U.S.A. but, in the absence of any sign that it intends to retire from public life, its current campaign against Walter Reuther is worth some sideline comment.

"ONE OF THE FIRST"

As most Americans know, Reuther was one of the first

American labor leaders to declare war on Adolf Hitler. He did so at a time when such a venture was definitely risky business.

He called for conversion of the facilities of the automobile industry to airplane production back in those mellow days before June 22, 1941.

He was ignored or pushed around in Washington. The Communists, who were friends of John L. Lewis, described him as a dangerous warmonger.

Events vindicated Reuther, a talented citizen who knew the business of production as well as the language of trade unionism.

The auto magnates started belatedly—building planes in Detroit and they accepted a lot of the ideas which Reuther had urged so many months before.

HE WAS WOODED

And even the U. S. Communists, after their minds were changed about the war, began to make passes at him.

Now all that is changed again.

The Communist press is spreading the word—at great length—that Reuther is engaged in a conspiracy to undermine the war (Continued on Page Eight)

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ANG Leaders Are Endorsed By Rochester

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The Rochester Newspaper Guild completed election of its delegates to the ANG's Boston convention with a vote of confidence in the present national administration of the union.

Named delegates were Warren Phillips, local president, and Frank Loneragan, Democrat and Chronicle unit membership committee chairman.

Alternate delegates to the June 14-18 convention are Ronald Jagger, Times-Union unit chairman, and Jean Walrath, local secretary-treasurer.

PHILLIPS IS VETERAN
Phillips, former Times-Union unit chairman, is the Rochester Guild's delegate to the Rochester CIO Industrial Union Council and a CIO representative on a joint CIO-AFL committee planning a Labor Community and War Chest for the city.

He was a delegate at Denver and Detroit conventions of the ANG and assisted in Guild organization at The Buffalo Evening News and Syracuse Post-Standard.

Loneragan, a newcomer at ANG conventions, is slotman on The Democrat and Chronicle. He is a veteran of the western front in the first World War.

Boston Sets Up Committees For Convention in June

BOSTON—Leaders of committees on arrangements for the American Newspaper Guild convention here in June have been named by George A. Harris, president of the host local.

They are:
General arrangements—Gerald Haver, Herald-Traveler unit chairman, and Alwyn J. Lawson, local executive secretary.

Press—Amasa Howe, Globe unit chairman.
Advertising program—Cecil Landau, Herald-Traveler; Arthur

Green, Rose Represent Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Alfred M. Green and Thomas A. Rose will represent the Syracuse Newspaper Guild as delegates to the ANG convention in Boston in June.

Green, a delegate at the 1942

Rockford Sends Rust to Boston

ROCKFORD, Ill.—President John R. Rust of the Rockford Newspaper Guild will represent the local at the union's national 1943 convention in Boston.

Rust, who was first president of Rockford Local 5 of the Guild, is city editor of The Rockford Register-Republic.

CLEVELAND NAMES THREE OFFICERS

CLEVELAND — Three officers of the Cleveland Newspaper Guild were elected as delegates to the ANG convention at Boston June 14 to 18.

They are James D. Hartshorne, president; Milton J. Lapine, treasurer; and William M. Dwyer, executive secretary.

UNIONS URGE JOINT CONFERENCE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Representatives of AFL and CIO unions in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas, meeting here, called for an all-inclusive joint labor conference on war economy, wages, prices, manpower and labor representation in establishing government policies.

Anti-Banquet Convention Hosts Serve Beer, Music to Delegates

By RUDOLPH ELIE, JR.
Boston Herald Music Critic

BOSTON—You've never lived until you've been to the Pops. At least, that's what they say around Boston, and I guess they're right at that.

They don't antedate the bean and the cod and all that and are, in point of fact, only something like 58 years old, so we in Boston aren't too sure but what they're just a Johnny-Jump-Up.

We'll give them another 50 years, though, to see if they really can make the grade.

ANG NIGHT PLANNED
Delegates to the tenth convention of the union can be their own critics at an American Newspaper Guild Night performance June 14 following opening convention sessions.

This special event at Symphony Hall, where you sit around tables and drink in beer as well as music, will help take the place of the traditional Guild convention banquet and speech-making night.

Boston Guildmen are certain that the delegates will enjoy the change.

The Pops came about when the Boston Symphony orchestra musicians, in those days 100 percent foreign, packed up their fagots in the symphony season finished in May and took the first

Hill, Herald-Traveler; Charles Sibley, Record-American.

Convention headquarters—John J. O'Brien, Herald-Traveler.

Reception for speakers—Francis Towner, Record-American; David Boynick, International News Service.

Banquet—Executive Secretary Lawson.
Entertainment—Samuel Berenson, Record-American.

Registration—Joseph Crowley and Frank O'Donnell, Herald-Traveler.

Convention assistance—Ernestine Sweeney, local office secretary.

convention in Denver, has been a member of the local's negotiating committee and is the Guild's war activities chairman. He headed all CIO war relief in Syracuse during last Fall's United War Fund drive.

Green is first assistant city editor of The Post-Standard. Rose, head of the Post-Standard copydesk, is a charter member of the Syracuse Guild and has been a member of its contract and negotiating committees.

THIS IS PRELIM TO BOSTON BOUT



Pre-convention duties are being discharged here in Boston, where tenth annual sessions of the American Newspaper Guild open June 14 at the Hotel Statler following preliminary clinic conferences between national and local leaders of the union. From the left are Frank O'Donnell, Boston Guild treasurer and a chairman of its registration committee; Dorothy Phillips, Ethel Perry and Mary McGilvery, singing cards.



packet back to Europe, neglecting to leave their forwarding addresses.

This made it tough for the conductor, who had to gallop all over the continent every September to get his band together for the fall season.

IDEA WAS BORN

After four or five years of this system, which resulted in some very peculiar mishaps, somebody got the idea for the Promenade concerts, as they were first called.

According to the gay blades of the era, somebody pulled a cork out of a champagne bottle just as the orchestra was in the middle of a general pause, and from then on the concerts were known, inevitably enough, as Pops.

In any case, since the musicians now had a ten-month season instead of an eight, they all settled down in town and spent the summer raising families.

In the old days the Pops were pretty wild affairs. No bloodshed to speak of, you know.

BUNG WAS PULLED
It was just that the conductor, the musicians and the audience pulled out the bung, so to speak.

The gayest performance came

—ON PAY DAY, BUY BONDS—

Clinic Sessions Precede ANG Boston Convention

(Continued from Page One)
personnel and ANG legal counsel will be consultants in the pre-convention clinics, to which all Guild locals and district councils of the union have been urged to send representatives.

On the agenda of the clinic sessions will be such pressing problems as application of war policies and orders of the government as they apply to the Guild, wartime collective bargaining procedures, and interpretation of national CIO programs.

The convention itself, as scheduled by the IEB, will be confined to strictly business sessions, with traditional speech-making limited to keynote addresses. President Philip Murray of the CIO is the principal listed speaker.

The IEB will go into sessions June 9 and 10 to review the past

one night when the Harvard boys took over and swung from the chandeliers without benefit of net.

Nowadays the Pops are comparatively sedate, but even so there's usually something doing.

Practically every night of the 12-week season is a special night of some kind or other.

There's the Old Timer's Night, when everybody bellows his head off in "Sweet Adeline"; Gay Nineties Night, when everybody comes dressed up in old anti-macassars; Waltz Night, when old Johann Strauss gets in his licks; Request Night, when Ravel's "Bolero" and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" get a thorough going over.

And now, American Newspaper Guild Night—a new precedent.

Harris Heads Host Delegates

BOSTON—The Boston Newspaper Guild, host to the ANG's tenth annual convention, will be represented at it by a delegation headed by President George A. Harris.

Other delegates, named after several withdrawals by Boston members who were unable to arrange schedules to attend all convention sessions, will be:

Gerald Haver, Herald-Traveler unit chairman; Frank Toronto, Record-American-Advertiser shop steward; Amasa Howe, Globe unit chairman; Catherine Coyne, Herald-Traveler; and William Hubbard, Herald-Traveler.

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ANG Leaders Are Backed By Tri-City

ALBANY, N. Y. — Tri-City Newspaper Guild President Robert C. McCain, John Wanhope and Hubert H. Cooper were elected delegates of the local to the Boston ANG convention at a membership meeting.

Mrs. Katherine Turner, Times-Union advertising department; Edgar Van Olinda, Times-Union unit chairman, and Ben Lorber of the same unit were elected alternates.

COMMEND ADMINISTRATION
The Tri-City Guild commended the ANG officers for their constructive policies.

McCain and Wanhope are feature writers on The Knickerbocker News. Cooper, first vice president of Tri-City and former unit chairman, is on the copy desk of The Times-Union.

McCain joined The Knickerbocker News in 1937, coming here from Buffalo, where he was with The Times. He previously worked for The Nashville Tennessean and for the Associated Press in Nashville and Memphis.

This will be his first ANG convention.

WANHOPE IS VETERAN
Wanhope has long been identified with the labor movement in the New York State capital district. A charter member of Tri-City, he was temporary chairman for organization, was Tri-City's first president and has served on the executive committee almost continuously. He was a delegate to ANG conventions at St. Paul and New York City.

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California State Group Revises Setup, Rejects Support of L.A. Vendors Case

OAKLAND, Calif.—Decision to continue the California Newspaper Guild State Council a second year on a revised basis of standing committees was reached at a convention here.

At the time it was determined to continue and strengthen the Northern California Guild Council—pioneer Guild group of its type—to give coordinated aid to affiliated locals in negotiations and organizing activities.

PLAN SECRETARY
A committee was set up to work out a plan for at least a part-time paid secretary.

Representatives of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco-Oakland, Sacramento, Stockton and San Jose Guilds attended the Council sessions May 15 and 16, when a comprehensive survey of Guild problems was made by delegates.

Only real contest to develop was on a Los Angeles Guild appeal for endorsement of its proposal to take in news vendors there as members.

The proposal was rejected, 14 to 13, reversing a stand taken at the first meeting of the council in Sacramento last fall.

PROPOSAL DEBATED
The Los Angeles delegates asserted in their stand that it was a local issue due to special conditions existing in regard to the news vendors there and that the move had been endorsed repeatedly by the local.

However, Los Angeles Administrative Officer Vern Partlow stated that other locals, "where conditions were similar," could expect the same permission if the Los Angeles request were granted.

Opponents pointed to the traditional Guild stand against including the news vendors on the ground of difficulties in setting up a proper bargaining unit, declared the Los Angeles precedent was certain to bring similar moves in other cities and that large locals such as San Francisco-Oakland, already beset by many wartime problems, would be confronted by new difficult problems with respect to a group not employed directly in newspaper plants.

San Francisco news vendors are now AFL but in Oakland they are CIO.

The vote was:
FOR—Los Angeles, 9; San Jose, 2; Stockton, 1; San Francisco-Oakland, 1.

AGAINST—San Francisco-Oakland, 4; San Diego, 3; Sacramento, 2.

Standing committees set up by the council are: legislative, manpower, organization and collective bargaining, rationing and price control.

The council heartily approved the Guild's Legislative News Letter sent out from Sacramento to labor newspapers throughout the state, during the past session of the legislature, but decided, due to expense, not to continue it now that the legislature has adjourned.

COMMITTEE NAMED

The Northern California Council, however, named a committee to consider making the news letter a permanent project throughout the year.

Delegates relaxed at a banquet addressed by CIO and AFL leaders; Mayor Slavich of Oakland; Professor R. J. Kerner of the University of California, and others, with a notable entertainment program provided through efforts of Oakland Guild members.

The state council unanimously adopted a resolution attacking Attorney-General Francis Biddle's order for deportation of California CIO Director Harry Bridges, and asked President Roosevelt to set aside the order.

It also urged enactment of the Pepper-Kilgore-Tolan bill for centralized control of war production.



Leaders in the Newspaper Guild's California State Council line up in conference here at a session of a two-day meeting in Oakland. From the left are Melvin Bennett, Stockton Record; Melvin Mayne, San Diego Union-Tribune; William Ryan, Oakland Post-Enquirer, president of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, and Claude La Belle, San Francisco News, president of the council, now in its first year.

State Council Marks Victory In Defeat of Severance Rider

OAKLAND, Calif.—The California Newspaper Guild Council voted to send letters of thanks to 26 state senators who defeated a bill which would have had the effect of nullifying Guild contract severance pay.

It also thanked State capital correspondents and numerous other newspapermen who staged an epic blitzkrieg to defeat the measure when it was suddenly amended in senate committee to include the blow at severance pay after it had passed the house without this provision.

WARNING FLASHED
Learning of the scheme just in time, Sacramento correspondents

relayed the news to Guild locals, and President Bill Ryan of San Francisco-Oakland wired ANG Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks, who rushed a message of protest.

President Harry P. Bagley of the Sacramento Valley Guild wired all locals in California asking them immediately to protest to their senators and assemblymen.

Newspapermen in Sacramento, Stockton, San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and other northern California cities got busy at once with their friends among the senators—or senators from their districts, whether friends or not.

PETITIONS SIGNED
In a few hours, Oakland Post-Enquirer Guildmen obtained 58 names on a petition.

The proposal was defeated 26 to 8. Without the newspapermen's protests it undoubtedly would have passed.

The bill was a restrictive measure on unemployment insurance. The amendment would have prevented a discharged newspaperman from collecting any insurance until his severance pay had been exhausted—and at

the low weekly rate for unemployment insurance, at that.

Senator John F. Shelly of San Francisco, an American Federation of Labor executive, led the fight on the floor of the senate against the measure, which was killed on the closing day of the legislative session.

The bill also would have eliminated benefits to persons who received "wages in lieu of notice" or vacation allowance upon dismissal.

PUBLISHER SWITCHES
Senator Clarence C. Ward, Santa Barbara attorney, was the senate spokesman for the bill, which bore the recommendation of the welfare and institutions committee, headed by Senator Jess M. Mayo, Angels Camp publisher.

However, Mayo voted against the measure as did Senator Herbert Slater, Santa Rosa publisher. Senator Charles Duval of Chico, the senate's third publisher, supported the bill.

Oscar Fuss, legislative representative of the CIO, assisted in rounding up opposition to the bill.

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NMU Policy Is Adopted By San Jose

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose Newspaper Guild has called for the "unconditional release of anti-Fascist refugees interned in North Africa."

The ANG, concurring in a resolution drafted by the National Maritime Union, also called for re-establishment of Jews as full citizens under the French republic and for the return of trade unions in North Africa as well as the removal of pro-Vichy elements in the African regime.

CONCUR WITH NMU

Concurrence was voted also on two other NMU resolutions, one against discrimination and the other calling for the use of women in the merchant marine.

The resolutions featured a meeting at which Steve Murdock, former Guild president and Santa Clara County CIO council secretary, was selected as the San Jose local's delegate to the national Guild convention in Boston in June.

ANG Sets Up New Agency

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Walter Engels of New York, ANG vice president, and Milton J. Lapine of Cleveland, Paul Weber of Detroit, and ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers.

DUTIES LISTED
The ANG president listed these among functions of the committee:

1. To act as Guild liaison with the various government agencies in Washington which are of special importance to the Guild.

2. To represent the ANG in legislative matters affecting the welfare of the Guild and the labor movement generally.

3. To represent the ANG in CIO councils concerned with furthering the welfare and protecting the interests of the labor movement in legislative and political matters.

4. To encourage local Guilds to establish their own local government relations committee to collaborate with and assist the ANG committee in its work.

Bundy Is Elected by Denver As Its Delegate at Boston

DENVER—Kenneth Bundy, Rocky Mountain News photographer, president, has been elected by the Denver Newspaper Guild as its delegate to the Boston convention.

Robert J. Steinbühner, Denver Post reporter and vice chairman of the Post unit, was elected alternate.

Bundy, who was a Denver convention delegate last year, was instructed to vote for the CIO win-the-war program as led by

Philip Murray, to approve all policies aimed at winning the war, and to strive for Guild unity.

He also was told to seek re-districting of Guild areas so that Denver will be affiliated with either a new Rocky Mountain region, or the Middle West, rather than with the Pacific region, as a means of obtaining a regional vice president able to give Colorado and adjoining states more direct representation in Guild international administration.

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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.

YANK EDITOR FILES CORRECTION

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
A copy of The Guild Reporter, dated May 15, 1943, has come to my attention. In your column, "It Seems to Us," there is a letter signed by Alfred Toombs which states that Yank, the Army weekly, made certain statements linking the coal strike with the CIO, and states "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."

Mr. Toombs is misinformed. A careful check of all editions of Yank, both here and abroad, shows that no such attitude or statements have been made by this publication.

In fairness to the many Guild members who are now on the staff of Yank and in fairness to Guild men everywhere I think it is only fair that Mr. Toombs' error should be called to your attention. It might also be a good idea in the future to verify facts before publication. A call to this office would have proved that Yank is not the publication referred to at all.

HARTZELL SPENCE,
Major, A.G.D., Editor.

(Sorry, sir—Ed.)

CIRCULAR ON NEWSBOYS HIT BY S.F. OFFICERS

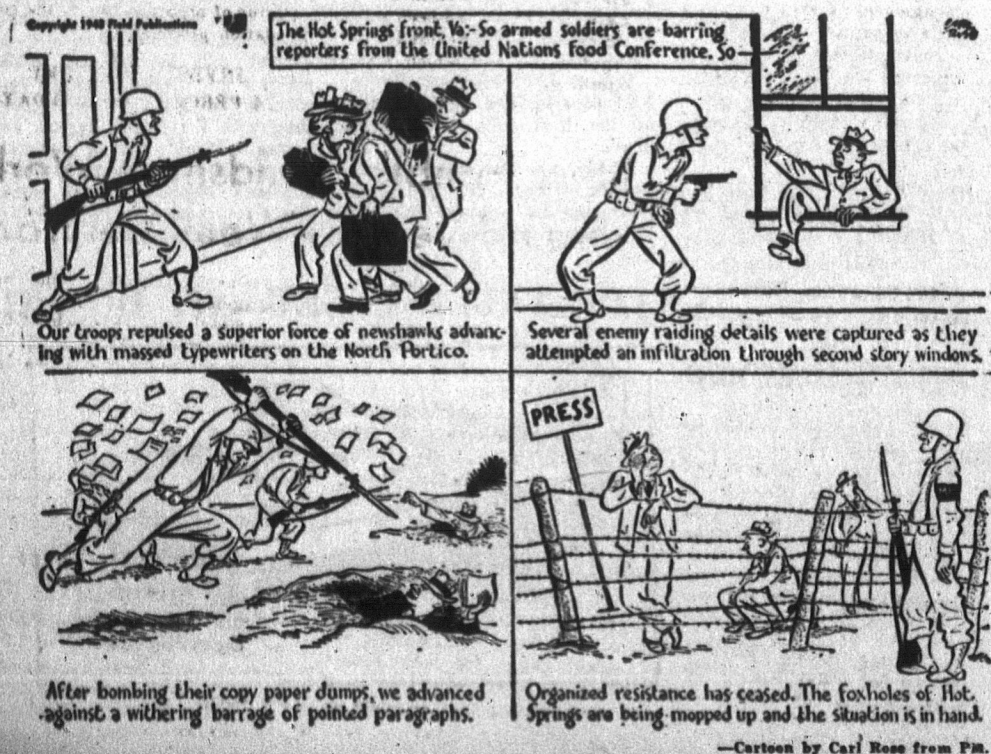
SAN FRANCISCO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
A circular letter received by the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild from the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild contains the assertion that all member locals of the California State Guild Council have approved the extension of the Los Angeles Guild's jurisdiction to newsboys of that city.

Inasmuch as this is an issue which has been placed on the agenda of the ANG convention, and is obviously controversial, ANG members receiving this circular letter have the right to know the facts.

One of the facts is that in 1942, the California State Guild Council recorded itself favorably on the proposal. Another fact is that no action by the State Guild Council was valid without ratification by constituent locals.

OUR DAILY BREAD



Our troops repulsed a superior force of economic advance with massed typewriters on the North Pacific.

Several enemy raiding details were captured as they attempted an infiltration through second day windows.

Organized resistance has ceased. The foxholes of list-springs are being mopped up and the situation is in hand.

—Cartoon by Carl Rose from P.M.

membership meeting of S.F.O.N.G.

The set-up of the council, the names of officers-elect, and the proposed per capita tax of two cents per member for the legislative newsletter to be mailed to labor papers.

The membership voted yes on these submissions, AND ON NOTHING ELSE.

It remains, therefore, that the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild is in error when it states that S.F.O.N.G. has concurred in the move to bring the news vendors within the jurisdiction of the American Newspaper Guild.

CLAUDE A. LA BELLE,
Past President,
California State Guild Council.

SYRACUSE PRESIDENT FILES "DISAGREEMENT"

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
I had intended to ignore a communication from the executive committee of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild, attempting to convey the impression that Brothers Eubanks and Rodgers are in some degree responsible for the diplomatic break between Moscow and the Polish government-in-exile. Then I noted Brother Ryan's statement taking the same line and including the revealing crack about "Crossroads News" locals.

This coincidence moved me to take the liberty of expressing disagreement with these critics of the administration, though perhaps my local qualifies as one of the "Crossroads News" group which Brother Ryan so obviously holds in contempt.

As to the merits of the Alter-Ehrlich case I have, of course, no direct knowledge, but I place more faith in the judgment of men like Carey and Dubinsky and our own officers than in the pleading of those who were unable to recognize Nazi Germany as our mortal enemy, despite all the evidence, until June, 1941.

If Brothers Eubanks and Rodgers are convinced the Polish labor leaders were unjustly executed, they have every right to declare their belief openly. It is no service to the cause of the United Nations to indorse blindly every action of each of the allied governments.

Brother Ryan knows that the cause of Russian-Polish friction lies much deeper than Dr. Goebbels' Sinoletak graves and he is not yielding anybody with his tortuous implications.

Brother Ryan's solicitude for the feelings of the Communists may seem to some a highly commendable attitude, but I can recall no occasion when the Communists went out of their way to

save the rest of us from embarrassment.

It is true that the initiative for revival of the Syracuse Newspaper Guild came from its present members. We have received every assistance we sought from ANG officers and representatives, particularly Joe Walsh, Wilbur Bade and Urcel Daniel, as well as from Warren Phillips of the Rochester Guild.

We believe that the Guild will have a healthier growth if it is based on the sober convictions of the rank and file than if it is suddenly expanded by a high-pressure campaign to sell the Guild like so much soap flakes or breakfast food.

The organization methods of the present administration do not, it is true, provide so many jobs for organizers, but we believe they provide a more effective use of the funds available.

There are a lot of "Crossroads News" workers who are ripe for organization and their need for organization is fully as great as is that of employees of large newspapers. They will only be alienated from the Guild by the ideological double talk that some of our leftist brethren love to dispense.

If Brother Ryan and his associates really want the unity about which they speak so eloquently they can achieve it by strict adherence to the principles stated in Article I, Section 2, of the constitution of the American Newspaper Guild.

PHILIP H. GUTILL,
President,
Syracuse Newspaper Guild.

SAYS "BACKBONE" IS SMALL PAPERS

WASHINGTON.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
I was glad to note that the president of the Elizabeth, N. J. Guild spoke out against the provincial attitude expressed by the organizer of the New York Guild, John F. Ryan. I did not receive a copy of the New York Guildpaper as did the brother from Elizabeth, but I have now read Mr. Ryan's call to battle in The Guild Reporter.

If we maintained such an attitude as Ryan's that people from new units or small Guilds are "people from the Crossroads News," we would not have an ANG today.

The backbone of the Guild is comprised of the people from the smaller papers.

I trust that the officers of the American Newspaper Guild never lose sight of this fact, and I hesitate to think what might be the future of the ANG if Ryan's attitude prevailed in regard to "people from the Crossroads News." Ryan should travel more, and see what lies beyond the Hudson River.

I should like, in addition, to join with several other members of the Washington Newspaper Guild (who have not written to the GR) to express my endorsement of the position taken by Eubanks and Rodgers on the Alter-Ehrlich executions.

The attitude of our officers toward this crime is further evidence that the Guild intends to pursue a democratic policy not only in regard to its internal affairs but also toward the tendencies that vitiate any justification for the existence of democratic trade unions throughout the world.

LES FINNEGAN,
Assistant Publicity Director,
Natl CIO War Relief Committee.

HE DENOUNCES ANG OFFICERS

SAN FRANCISCO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
"Coordinate all our energies to wipe out the Fascists."

This is the declared policy of the national CIO and of the Guild. The test of every action by a union today, therefore, is: Does it help to win the war?

Aiding in any movement to stir up dissension among the united nations does not help to win this war.

Our Guild International off-

cers, Brothers Murray, Eubanks, Rogers, etc., were seriously in error in raising the issue of whether or not the government of Soviet Russia should or should not have executed two men whom they believed to be Nazi agents or the equivalent.

In stating the case in this manner, perhaps I am understating it, because an ANG officer actually participated in a meeting denouncing this action of the U.S.S.R., our ally.

Guild members would rather see our union's energies devoted to constructive effort to defeat the Fascists by organizing unorganized newspaper workers—a job far from completed; and by marshalling all Guild members behind an energetic program of war activity, such as endorsed by the CIO and by our own union. Our leadership bears the responsibility of aiding to shorten this war by concentrated application to this job.

No other CIO International Union has lent support to this latest movement, diverting our attention from the main job of beating the Axis.

The Guild wants to beat Hitler and all his gang. We will energetically support anything proposed by our officers to accomplish this paramount task of our day.

RALPH BRUENN.

(*For the writer's information, the first International CIO union convention to meet following CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey's protest against Soviet execution of Polish Labor Leaders Henry Ehrlich and Victor Alter, in which ANG leaders joined, was that of the Textile Workers Union.

(The TWU convention, representing 400,000 CIO members, adopted a resolution which said it "vigorously condemns the action of the Soviet government" in the executions "as a blow to the ideal of liberty and justice which the labor movement of the nation holds as its cardinal principle."

(The international executive board of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, representing 120,000 CIO members, adopted a resolution to "deplore this action by the Soviet government" and to "redouble and support the sentiment and spirit of the public protest as voiced" by Carey.—Ed.)

HE SUGGESTS A PARAPHRASE

PHILADELPHIA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
Might not Brother Ryan have better said it:

"Certain Communists within the ANG, seeking to embarrass ANG officers, took part in the defense of the Soviet Union in its executions by protesting the Alter-Ehrlich support."

Incidentally, why should the promotion of unity within the Guild all be one-sided?

GERVAISE N. LOVE,
Record Unit.

NEW YORKER SAYS GR HAS A "PHOBIA"

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
The manner in which the Ehrlich-Alter case is being played up in The Guild Reporter, seems to me to reflect an anti-"Commie" phobia of the editors. Although I would strenuously object to being linked with the "Commies," in all fairness to our membership and to the Guild constitution, the editors should refrain from inserting their personal, political gripes in what is supposed to be an impartial presentation of news. Playing up weak extracts from speeches in italics, to put the opposition in a poor light, should be done away with.

I attended the RA meeting in New York City where by an overwhelming vote after more than two hours of discussion, the members supported a resolution, which to my way of thinking could not be improved upon. The will of the entire membership, as indicated

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CITATIONS ARE WON BY ARMY NEWSPAPERS



Camp Newspaper Service of the Army's Left, the grand prize paper, a weekly published by the Anti-Aircraft Artillery Command at Fort Totten, L. I. Right, the best photo-offset division entry, a product of the Army's publications.

Wage-Hour Division Issues Job Manual for Newspapers

A "Manual of Newspaper Job Classifications," designed for use in enforcing the Fair Labor Standards Act in the newspaper industry, has been issued by the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, following two years of preparatory work.

At the same time, L. Metcalf Walling, administrator of the divisions, issued a wage order establishing a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour in the industry.

SOME BENEFITTED

A few employees already under Newspaper Guild contract, chiefly copyboys and miscellaneous hourly workers, will benefit by the wage order, since they have minimums under \$14 a week.

The job manual will be of value on those Guild papers where overtime pay provisions are dependent on the Fair Labor Standards Act. It will benefit a vast majority of unorganized employees in the industry.

Enforcement of the act in the newspaper industry had been suspended by the Wage-Hour Division because of the difficulty encountered by inspectors in determining which jobs are exempt under the act and which ones are non-exempt.

The manual was necessary because of a section in the act which provides exemption for employees "employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, professional, or local retailing capacity, or in the capacity of outside salesmen" as such terms are defined and delimited by regulations of the administrator.

TITLES NOT STRESSED

Emphasis in the manual is on the descriptions of jobs rather than their titles.

"Considerable variation is found among newspapers in the organization of functions and in the assignment of work to personnel," the manual states.

"Job titles, therefore, lose their significance to a large extent and in many instances do not accurately reflect the duties of the employees."

"The job titles employed are merely intended to be a convenient index of the nature of the functions described in the job description."

In addition to meeting the job

description, an exempt employee would also have to meet the regulations as to salary and amount of time spent in non-exempt work.

Thus a "professional" employee exempt by definition would not be exempt in fact unless he received at least \$200 a month salary and spent less than 20 percent of the time doing the same work as non-exempt employees—unless it was related to his professional work.

CLASSES LISTED

The exempt and non-exempt descriptions in each department have the following manual titles:

Editorial: Exempt executive positions—editorial executive, supervising department editor, head librarian, studio manager. Exempt administrative positions—editorial administrative officer, administrative assistant to an executive, editorial administrative officer. Exempt professional employees—editorial writer, department editor, columnist, critic, special writer, special reporter, cartoonist, writer, copy reader, makeup editor, news photographer, developer and printer, retouch artist, draftsman, and librarian.

Business management: Exempt executive position—business executive. Exempt administrative positions—business manager, advertising director, promotion manager, circulation manager, credit manager, controller, personnel director, purchasing agent, assistant to a business manager, executive, assistant business administrative officer, and confidential secretary. Exempt professional and registered business research worker—advertising salesman and circulation solicitor.

Non-exempt positions: Advertising—layout man, makeup man, copy writer, layout clerk, copy censor, display clerk. Promotion—promotion man and merchandise man. Bookkeeping and auditing—supervising bookkeeper, supervising tabulating machine operator, editorial auditor, circulation working man, room foreman, dispatcher, distribution inspector, deliveryman, clerical supervising clerk, stenographer, proofreader, and compositor. Miscellaneous—dental hygienist, practical nurse, collector.

While the manual was in preparation, the Wage-Hour Division consulted newspaper management, the American Newspaper Publishers Association and Guild representatives to obtain their views.

ANG OBJECTED
The Guild objected strenuously to the first proposed manual, which attempted an exhaustive listing of all the jobs in the newspaper industry with a thumb-nail description of each one.

One hearing was held in Washington by the division, with representatives of various publishers' associations, printing trades unions, and the Guild attending.

At the ANG's 1942 Denver convention, a special committee was appointed to go over the proposed manual and point out errors and omissions.

Several Guild locals, particularly Indianapolis, Wilkes-Barre, and Twin Cities, checked the proposed manual against jobs on their papers and submitted comprehensive reports to the ANG.

BRIEF IS FILED

Guild Counsel A. J. Iserman filed a brief with the division objecting to many points in the first manual.

The manual finally issued represents a great improvement in approach to the problem, since it places emphasis on descriptions, which are much more complete and detailed, rather than on titles.

The number of titles is also greatly reduced.

The exemptions from the Wage-Hour Act defined in the manual still go very much farther than exemptions in Guild contracts, probably reflecting the pressure of publisher organizations.

Whether this may result in management pressure on Guild locals to permit more exemptions in contracts is a question which influenced the Guild's original objections to the manual.

The ANG research department has mailed a copy of the manual to all locals with a recommendation that they conduct an immediate canvass on enforcement of the act and bring specific problems to the convention in Boston.

CLEVELAND OFFERS NEW PACT PROPOSAL

CLEVELAND — The contracts committee of the Cleveland Newspaper Guild last week presented management of The Cleveland Press, a Scripps-Howard newspaper, its 1943 contract proposal which includes a Guild shop, incentive plan, and a request for a level wage increase.

The present contract expires July 13.

NEW PAPER STARTS

ORLANDO, Fla. (FP)—The newly organized Florida CIO Council has begun publication of a semi-monthly newspaper called Labor's Voice.

Only exceptions are the day and night city editors and the society editor, who handles the society pages for both papers. Their hours are restricted to 40 a week spread over six days by

Boston Unit Gives Reply To Publisher

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A sudden become interested in your welfare. Who are they? "What more can they do for you than you can do for yourself?" On the basis of the union's past record, will it work solely for your interest?

The 21-to-1 answer to these pre-election questions was part of a vote of confidence in the "total strangers," who were leaders of the Boston Guild.

UNIT WAS FORMED

The Guild's campaign to obtain a union contract for Times workers opened last August, lost momentum, then was resumed in the Winter, when a large majority of the editorial employees signed Guild membership application cards to form a Pawtucket unit of the Boston local.

Leading the campaign was George A. Harris, Boston Guild president. Chief assistants included Alvin J. Lawson, executive secretary of the local; Gerald Haver, Boston Herald-Traveler unit chairman, and Thomas Travers of The Herald-Traveler.

Some small pay raises had been passed along by management since February in what Guild leaders regarded as attempts to discourage organization, but the tactic did not impress the employees.

On hand to represent the Guild on election day were Harris and John Covarran of the Brockton Guild. Immediately after the election Harris and a Pawtucket committee began drafting contract proposals to submit to management.

FORM VICTORY GROUP

PHOENIX, Ariz. (FP) — An Arizona Labor Victory Committee has been formed by the Arizona Federation of Labor, the CIO and railroad brotherhoods. The committee was approved by Governor Sidney P. Osborn, a member of organized labor.

U. S. Conciliator Attempts ANG-INS-IMP Accord

FRED CROXTON of the U. S. Conciliation Service last week heard points at issue in International News Photos and International News Service contract disputes between American Newspaper Guild negotiators and management.

Management spokesmen, led by W. M. Gundy, refrained from expressing a definite attitude on several counter-proposals submitted by the Guild in an effort to reach agreement.

"EXTREMELY SIMPLE"

Concerning the Guild shop, Gundy declared: "My position on the Guild shop is extremely simple. Management is not prepared to accept the Guild shop nor any form of it in the current contract."

The Guild declared that its position was outlined in a formal statement which had been submitted earlier in the Hearst INS-IMP negotiations, and which was reintroduced.

THROUGHOUT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

Throughout preliminary discussion, management continued to maintain that all experienced newsmen in the Washington INS bureau, now designated as "special writers," should be exempted from hours and overtime provisions.

ANG CONCURS

When Croxtton suggested, calling in a Wage-Hour Division official for assistance, management spokesmen grew evasive. The Guild welcomed such a move and suggested that a quick ruling might well be in order.

Management, meanwhile, at the conciliator's request, was to submit payroll data—material which earlier had been refused when sought by the Guild.

Tom Murphy, New York Guild organizer, and William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer, assisted Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, in the conciliation proceedings.

INVEST IN VICTORY

—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

New Pueblo Guildsmen Work Under Five-Day Week Contract

PUEBLO, Colo. — Obtained as one of major improvements brought about by the new Pueblo Newspaper Guild, the five-day week went into effect last month in four departments of The Pueblo Chief and Star-Journal, morning and afternoon daily papers published by the Star-Journal Publishing Corporation.

Departments covered are editorial, advertising, business and circulation.

FEW EXCEPTED

Only exceptions are the day and night city editors and the society editor, who handles the society pages for both papers. Their hours are restricted to 40 a week spread over six days by

COUNCIL STARTS PAPER

LORAIN, Ohio (FP) — The Lorain Industrial Union Council has begun publication of The Lorain Labor Leader, issued every two weeks.

Labor Newsletter Urged To Fight Anti-Union Drive

A SECOND FRONT OPENS

Publication and wide distribution of a labor newsletter was proposed at a conference of the American Labor Press Association in New York as a weapon in a counter-attack against assaults on unions by such big business agencies as the National Association of Manufacturers.

The ALPA conference May 22 at the Faculty Club of New York University also weighed proposals for "institutional" newspaper advertising campaigns for labor groups to combat subtle—and none-too-subtle—drives against labor in the same medium.

The proposals were advanced by an ALPA public relations committee, of which Max Danish, editor of Justice of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, was chairman. The editor of The Guild Reporter was a committee member.

GUILDS URGE ACTION

Several locals of the American Newspaper Guild, notably Twin Cities and San Francisco-Oakland, have resolved that the union should take a lead and participate actively in a nationwide public relations program for labor to counteract its traditional bias press.

The ANG's international executive board has endorsed general objectives of the ALPA in pushing this program, and it is expected to be a top subject on the agenda of the union's tenth annual convention opening in Boston June 14.

The ALPA also scheduled a conference of Midwest labor editors July 10 and 11 at the University of Chicago on the theme, "Labor's Part in the War Effort and Labor's Post-War Aims."

Conference invitations went to editors and staff members of papers owned, published or endorsed by CIO, AFL and railroad unions in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Missouri.

A major obstacle in development of any nationwide public relations plan for labor, it was pointed out at the New York



—Cartoon by John F. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

meeting, was lack of necessary financial and other support by CIO and AFL unions.

Highlights of the projected ALPA program follow:

"The publication of a weekly Labor Facts."

"This would be a digest of spot labor events to be sent free of charge to editors, chief editorial writers, members of Congress, leading personalities in state legislatures, important clergymen of every faith, prominent men of letters, teachers and writers in the social sciences, and ranking labor leaders."

"Such a weekly sheet, while

basically factual, would back-ground facts from a labor angle. "The purpose of Labor Facts would be to counteract anti-labor propaganda, open and covert, in the daily newspapers, in the weeklies, on the radio, and press advertising columns."

"Labor Facts should be a weekly pro-labor with no pretense at impartiality, except that its contents should be sound enough to be acceptable to discriminating readers and to stand the test of honest probing."

"Placement of paid-for advertisements in selected newspapers to counter special anti-labor campaigns."

"Others are: the over-answering of 'absentminded' the 'fight or work' agitation in and out of Congress; the long-range propaganda of service men against the trade unions as their prospective post-war antagonists; and, what is equally important, the numerous advertising campaigns in the press by leading industrial concerns which exult industry as the country's sole prop in the war effort."

"By contrast, these ads pull down labor's share in the war effort to a minor role."

"It would be unrealistic to expect that we could raise money to counteract these anti-labor drives on the same big-time scale."

"But it should be feasible, we believe, to place from time to time, as the urgency of a given situation may demand, smaller advertisements in a half dozen leading newspapers, punching back at labor's detractors with skill and facts."

"The psychological effect of such a counter-drive by labor, because of novelty and adroitness, would repay many times the cost it would involve."

NEW JERSEY LEAGUE FORMS LABOR PARTY

TRENTON, N. J. (FP)—Organization of a state labor party was agreed upon here by the American Labor League of New Jersey at the close of its seventh convention.

It was understood that the new party will work closely with the American Labor Party state committee in New York. The league has a membership of 300,000.

'Reuther Must Go,' Mr. Browder Says

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Mr. Earl Browder has announced that Mr. Walter Reuther must be driven from the ranks of American labor.

CP PLAN REJECTED

It appears that the chief reason for this sudden and violent campaign is Reuther's refusal to accept the Communist Party's program for American labor in wartime—primarily, his unwillingness to promote the gospel of "incentive pay."

The auto workers call this "speed-up" even when Mr. Browder advocates it. They say to hell with it. They insist on discussing the more prosaic matter of equalizing wages.

So Reuther must go.

Reuther, of course, is no hot-headed hell-raiser. He believes that American labor must adjust itself to the rigors of a war world.

RECORD IS PLAIN

No testimony is needed on this point, but it might be mentioned that the great General Motors division of the United Auto Workers, which he directs, has one of the best no-strike records in the nation.

But Reuther does not believe—as the Communists and their cohorts suggest—that labor must lie flat on its back while the protesters parade.

Reuther coined the slogan "equality of sacrifice." He meant it. He is still arguing the point.

Reuther needs no special defense from me. The auto workers will provide that.

I think the matter is relevant, however, in view of the widespread interest aroused by the dissolution of the Communists—an action which I regard as a genuine contribution to unity of the United Nations.

"AT ONE TIME"—

At one time it might well have been argued that the CP's extinction contributed to the vitality and temper of American political life.

As usual, anything goes.

It may have been wrong, but it was not dull. It posed issues that were real and it challenged lethargy in high places.

Its present polemics, however, are so indistinguishable from the pronouncements of the National Association of Manufacturers that the duplication of effort seems entirely wasteful.

Certainly U. S. workers do not need The Daily Worker to tell them that all strikes are inspired by subversive agents serving Mr. John L. Lewis, Leon Trotsky's ghost or Walter Reuther.

PRESS DINN STORY

The auto workers are performed by many existing dailies with much larger circulations. Nor do they need Mr. Earl Browder to tell that incentive pay is the way to a fuller, freer life. Rednecks said it better.

—I trust that I will not be accused of bringing up ancient history when I recite the past pronouncements of the Communists on the subject of Reuther.

But their lack of humility—to put it gently—in accusing Reuther of menacing the war effort makes such references to the past inevitable. Where were they when Reuther was seeking to prepare this nation for war?

Incidentally, this campaign against the auto union's vice president is no small-time affair.

USE FULL PAGES

The Communists have been inserting full-page ads in assorted newspapers to whip up the anti-Reuther drive—an enterprise which will undoubtedly help convince newspaper readers that the labor movement is a mysterious muddle.

The Daily Worker is a tenacious organ and will probably spend many more columns in its attempt to put Reuther out of the way.

It will also make temporary use of the other leaders of the United Auto Workers and seek to persuade CIO President Philip Murray that Reuther wants his job.

As usual, anything goes.

Job Democracy Is Achieved For Employees in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH—At the seventeenth negotiation session between The Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild and The Post-Gazette, management agreed to grant the same contract rights to employees of building service department as are already guaranteed other Guild members on the paper.

These rights include two weeks' vacation pay for all those employed on the Post-Gazette for more than one year as well as sick leave with pay. In the past, building service employees were limited to one week's vacation and

one week's sick leave with pay. As the negotiators prepared to enter their eighteenth session of bargaining, major remaining issues included a revised scale of minimum wages and a military emergency clause.

On the Guild's negotiating committee are Chairman Blair Bice, president of the Pittsburgh Guild; Leo Finegold, treasurer; Charles Cross, Post-Gazette unit chairman; Margaret E. Donley, unit treasurer; and Bernice Shine, chairman of the Sun-Telegraph unit.

New York Citywide Plan Collapses

The New York Newspaper Guild's first attempt at citywide negotiations ended when publishers of The Daily News, Mirror and Journal-American refused to agree to the principles of making the new joint agreement retroactive.

The Guild offered to leave the dates of retroactivity open but managements of the three newspapers rejected this.

The Guild then turned to individual negotiations.

Citywide negotiations were suggested by the Guild in line with its program of establishing a citywide minimum wage schedule and uniform wage classifications

and correcting inequalities between all newspapers.

CANADIAN UNIONS ASK WAR POSITIONS

OTTAWA (FP)—Joint demands by AFL, CIO and independent unions for executive positions in the Canadian government were made here during public hearings on industrial mobilization before the National War Labor Board.

Voicing the demands were representatives of the Trades and Labor Congress (AFL), the Canadian Congress of Labor (CIO) and national unions and Canada's 18 railway unions.

It Seems to Us...

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by a previous referendum, is reflected in the resolution. It seems a pity that those whom we elected into office only a few years ago should have forgotten their campaign issues so soon, and fall for the same bait that had caused the downfall of a previous administration.

It so happens that I personally have supported the Ehrlich-Alter protest and after reviewing the arguments on both sides have found no reason to change my conviction that the Polish labor leaders' execution is incomprehensible to any but the most rabid "Party Liar."

This letter is just to present a viewpoint of those members who have not had their say except in the referendum vote in 1941, in which they opposed action taken by the national officers without any sanction from the members, and who are getting just a little tired of the "Pro-Communist," "Anti-Communist" blasts at a time when there is so much need for more and better Guild membership drives and a membership that is better acquainted with the ethics and principles of unionism.

GERSON FELMAN, Newsweek Unit.

HE SAYS IT IS A "GRAVE REFLECTION"

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: I think it is high time the Communists and the Anti-Communists in the American Newspaper Guild apologized to the rank-and-file membership for the damage they have done to the trade union movement by their disgraceful and idiotic bickering over the Ehrlich-Alter case.

To allow a schism to develop in our union at this hour in history, when the enemies of the common man (at home and abroad) are doing everything within their power to destroy us—and every other organization of workers—is a grave reflection upon the Guild leadership and upon the basic social idealism of the Communists.

The energy expended in calling names in the Ehrlich-Alter case could have organized half of the unorganized newspaper shops in the country. Or isn't anybody interested in doing that?

RONALD GRAHAM, Cleveland.

FROM "UNITY" SHOUTER IT'S "ILL GRACE"—DAVY

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: I note that Brother John F. Ryan states in the New York Guildpaper that: "The ANG is not engaged in any planned organizational work."

The organization of The Seattle Times, Portland Oregonian, Chicago Sun, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Buffalo News and the New York Herald Tribune must have come about as a result of just a little planning.

It's hard for me to believe that all this good work came about as the result of "seven or eight people writing in from the Crossroads News" if I may coin a phrase from General John's latest communique.

In a more serious note, may I say that the "Crossroads News" fits come with ill grace from one of the leading "unity" shouters.

BILL DAVY, Secretary, Cleveland Newspaper Guild.

HE HAS OBJECTIONS TO RYAN STATEMENT

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: Views of John F. Ryan, general organizer for the New York Guild, as expressed in that organization's publication, are such as to call for the observation that he might do well to study progress actually being made in expansion of the American Newspaper Guild.

The fact that I do not like his reference to the "Crossroads News" does not cause me to

reply to his statements. But because his views give the mistaken impression that organization endeavor is not in progress and because I am a Guildman in the small newspaper field, I feel there should be a reply.

A fundamental need of the Guild is to expand the organization to small cities, and that procedure is under way. The Twin Cities Guild of Minneapolis and St. Paul successfully undertook organization of the Rochester Post-Bulletin staff and has made it possible for us to obtain contracts for two successive years. Locals in other parts of the country are taking similar action.

Mr. Ryan says the entrance into the Guild of seven or eight persons from the "Crossroads News" is not planned organizing. I am curious as to his meaning. Is organization in these places distant from New York not the proper thing unless procedure to bring it about is in accordance with views of certain quarters in that city? And should not organization activity be considered separately from the bogies which concern Mr. Ryan along with his views on Guild expansion and small newspaper staffs?

Working smoothly and efficiently, its members making sacrifices to undertake many long trips to Rochester and carrying a contract fight before the state labor conciliator at hearings here and in St. Paul, the Twin Cities Guild organized this small staff and has plans for organization of others, all of which, regardless of size, are entitled and are going to have a respected place in the American Newspaper Guild. Mr. Ryan says there is no organization plan, but progress of the Guild is shown by the activities of locals in reaching out into their areas to bring smaller newspapers into the fold.

It is possible that the "Crossroads News" stands as beneath Guild notice, but I know that most Guildmen do not think so. Twin Cities Guild leaders who have been so helpful to us here—Kenneth Crouse, international vice president; Ernest Larsen, former local president; John J. Biddison, executive secretary, and others—

do not think so. They are aware of the need for organizing small staffs, and with others who aided us here have shown the effectiveness with which larger locals can organize newspapers in their areas.

As one who takes pride in Guild membership, I am confident that Guild expansion will continue and that basically it will be a process of fanning out from the larger cities along lines defined clearly by results that call for applause and not censure.

RALPH L. ELLINGWOOD, Post-Bulletin Unit.

BOSTON PRESIDENT EXPRESSES "ALARM"

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: We in Boston are alarmed over the attitude of New York Guild Organizer John F. Ryan, who calls new units of the ANG "people from the Crossroads News."

We are alarmed because we have an NLRB election in a few days at the Pawtucket, R. I. Times. This is the Boston Guild's newest unit.

We have been trying to convince people in this area that the American Newspaper Guild is not solely for the big papers in Mr. Ryan's New York City Guild.

The goal of the ANG is to organize all eligible people on newspapers, whether they are on huge metropolitan papers or on dailies like The Pawtucket Times.

In New England we have succeeded in improving wages, hours and working conditions, not only in Boston, but in other cities such as Portland, Biddeford, Manchester, Lynn, Salem and Brockton. These people are entitled to better conditions, too, and we in Boston have tried to help them improve their lot through the Guild.

I think we all would be better off if we organized more "people from the Crossroads News." I have spent much of my spare time among people from small papers in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and these people often make bet-

REPORTER VISITS MALTA



Lieutenant Colonel Nestor Solodovnik, Soviet newspaper correspondent attached to the British Eighth Army, interviews a family here on the most bombed spot on earth—Malta. Note the name of the stone shelter.

CIO Council Is Directed By Guildsman

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland Newspaper Guild moved further into the center of the labor limelight here with election of William M. Davy, its executive secretary, as executive secretary of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council, central CIO body.

Davy was elected by the present executive board and confirmed at a May 26 meeting of delegates to the CIUC. He replaces A. E. Stevenson, who has been inducted into the Army.

Davy took the position in an arrangement which will permit him to devote part of his activities to the Cleveland Guild.

Congratulatory messages poured in from labor groups of all groups and the appointment was acclaimed by the local press.

Davy earlier this year was elected a member of the CIUC executive board and is serving along with Guildsmen Milton J. Lapine and I. L. Kamen on the editorial board of The Cleveland Union Leader, local CIO paper.

He also is the CIO member of the executive committee of the Labor Advisory Panel of the OPA and serves as a member of his War Price and Ration Board.

3 Delegates Are Named By Chicago

CHICAGO—Three delegates to the Boston convention of the ANG June 14 to 18 have been elected by the Chicago Newspaper Guild. They are Earl Marvyn, chairman of the Guild's newly-organized Chicago Daily News unit; Betty Wood, secretary-treasurer of the unit; and Al Jackson, president of the local.

Boston will be the first ANG convention for Marvyn, assistant city editor of The Daily News, and Miss Wood, who is religious editor of The Sun.

Jackson, Times copyreader, attended Toronto, San Francisco, Memphis, Detroit and Denver conventions of the union.

Alternate delegates named by the Chicago local are: Jack Pierce, labor press unit chairman and regional director of the National CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief; Nancy McInerney, Daily News reporter and unit secretary; and August Sisco, Times copyreader, and Guild Reporter correspondent.

ter Guildsmen than many of our members in the bigger cities. Some people from New York City seem to have a superior attitude because they are from the "big city." I don't think Mr. Ryan's attitude is the attitude of the ANG, because I know the ANG is working for ALL and is helping all.

GEORGE A. HARRIS, President, Newspaper Guild of Boston.

COAST MAN SCORES "SMUG SUMMATION"

SAN FRANCISCO. Editor, GUILD REPORTER: My first letter to an editor is to object to Jack Ryan's smug summation of the Guild progress in Crossroad News membership.

We had nearly forgotten these such attitudes of caste journalism and provincialism existed when along came Brother Ryan with a snar at smaller circulations.

May we continue to bring in Crossroads guys and gals. The only other alternative for the Guild under the Ryan attitude is to make residence in the five boroughs a requisite to membership.

Or maybe just native born, so that my Brooklyn nativity would permit me to remain in good standing.

It is very obvious, now, that what the Guild sorely needs is an educational program. And we should point out in this that it has been discovered that Horace Greeley was trying to bust up an original Guild movement when he told young men to go West.

PAT FRAYNE, Chairman, Chronicle Unit.

BROCKTON MEMBER ASKS A QUESTION

BROCKTON, MASS. Editor, GUILD REPORTER: New Yorker John F. Ryan looks down on the "people from the Crossroads News."

Just for the record, what paper did Mr. Ryan ever work on?

JOHN F. CORCORAN, Brockton Guild.

HE OFFERS IDEA FOR A VACATION

PHILADELPHIA. Editor, GUILD REPORTER: You know, Brother Ryan, maybe you should spend your vacation out on the Crossroads. We of Philadelphia and Camden are proud of the fact we are a local of large metropolitan dailies and smaller town dailies. We have found that what you call the Crossroads has proven to be a valuable part of our local.

SAMSON BERRY, JR., Record Unit.

LOCAL STARTS PAPER

LIMA, Ohio (FP)—Westinghouse Local 724 of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers began publication of Local 724 Newspaper.

Revitalized Guild Negotiates New Pact

BROCKTON, Mass.—Dormant since 1939, the Brockton Newspaper Guild has been revitalized by negotiation of a contract with the Enterprise Publishing Company, replacing a pact expired in 1940.

Since 1939, effective year of the local's first signed agreement at The Enterprise, virtually no employees of the newspaper in the Guild's jurisdiction had received a pay increase.

ALL AFFECTED

The new contract provided level wage boosts, within the Little Steel formula, which affected all employees in editorial, advertising, business, commercial and miscellaneous departments of the paper, ranging to an editorial minimum of \$47.30.

Revival of the Brockton Guild

started in March, when the negotiating panel of the union's New England District Council offered its help to bring the local back into the active ANG fold.

President George A. Harris and Executive Secretary Alwyn J. Lawson of the Boston Guild led negotiations, aided by President Martin A. Egan and John Cochran of the Brockton local.

BROAD GAINS MADE

Since 1940, Enterprise employees represented by the Guild had been working under an extension of the out-dated 1939 contract and a "gentleman's agreement" with management.

The old contract was completely rewritten to bring provisions into line with standard Guild agreements, assuring employees general improvements and guarantees in addition to the pay increases.

MAYOR JOINS WAR BENEFIT PARTY



Tickets No. 1 and No. 2 for a Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild benefit party for members in armed services are taken here by Bernard Samuel, acting mayor of Philadelphia. Selling them are Anne Freeman, Record editorial clerk, center, and Kathleen Rowley, Inquirer copygirl. The May 23 party at the Stephen Girard Hotel was sponsored by the Guild's war activities committee, chaired by Kay Mott. Ray Nelson was party chairman. ANG Vice President Jules Schick and Leeds Moberley were among his aides.

WLB Machinery Grinds Slowly in Guild Cases

(Continued from Page One)

On a basis of pay inequalities prior to April 8, but being held by the Washington stabilization division pending clarification and possible submission of further information from applicants were voluntary agreements with:

Indianapolis (Ind.) Times-Portland (Ore.) Oregonian. Sacramento (Calif.) Bee.

On file with the Chicago panel and awaiting hearings were Guild-management agreements involving:

Bronx (N. Y.) Home News. Birmingham (Ala.) Post. Acme Newspapers. Newark (N. J.) Call. Pueblo (Colo.) Star-Journal. Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin.

This was the status of Guild-management dispute cases last week.

Detroit Guild vs. Times Publishing Company (Detroit Times)—Hearing has been before WLB referee in Detroit.

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

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

Sacramento Valley Guild vs. Sacramento Publishing Company (Sacramento Union)—Direct briefs were submitted to Chicago panel May 20. Rebuttal is in preparation.

Summary Judgment Asked In Associated Press Case

A summary judgment against the Associated Press, without trial or further presentation of evidence, was demanded by the Department of Justice in New York May 25 in a move unprecedented in anti-trust procedure.

Counting that sufficient facts were already on file to warrant an anti-trust verdict against the AP, the government supported its motion for a summary judgment with 25 affidavits describing operations of the big agency.

In its case, in which the AP is accused of violating Sherman and Clayton anti-trust laws and of excluding competitors of existing members from membership, the government is seeking injunctions

Wilkes-Barre Guild vs. Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company (Record, Times-Leader and News)—Hearing was held 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 to New York Regional War Labor Board in 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.

Cumberland (Md.) Guild vs. Times-Alleganian Company (Cumberland Times)—Certified to panel, hearing date to be set.

Twin-City Guild vs. Minneapolis Star Journal & Tribune Company—Certified to panel, hearing to be set.

Los Angeles Guild vs. Herald Express—Hearings have been held and briefs submitted to a referee appointed by the WLB.

American Newspaper Guild vs. Associated Press—Direct briefs were submitted to Chicago panel May 19, rebuttal briefs to be submitted May 22.

San Francisco-Oakland Guild vs. San Francisco Publishers Association—Final recommendations of panel sent to War Labor Board.

that would have the effect of opening Associated Press membership to all who desire it and are willing to pay their proportionate share of the organization's overhead.

Specifically listed federal objectives include:

1) Nullification of all but the formal by-laws of the association.

2) Particular injunctions against by-laws which prohibit a member newspaper from supplying news coverage to a non-member paper, and which cover the acceptance of new members.

3) An order requiring the AP to supply news and pictures to any newspaper willing to pay the cost.

Guild Opens Ledger Case On Severance

PHILADELPHIA—The Newspaper Guild has started presentation of its case in claims for severance pay against the suspended Evening Public Ledger.

M. H. Goldstein, the Philadelphia-Camden Guild local's attorney, has presented his first witnesses in bankruptcy proceedings held before a referee for the federal court.

There are more than 200 Guild members claiming severance pay under the Guild contract. Other creditors, including the Cyrus H. K. Curtis estate, are opposing the Guild petition.

Robert Cresswell, last publisher of The Ledger, testified recently against the Guild.

Goldstein started his case with testimony by Max Ways, former chairman of the Ledger negotiating committee, and now with the Board of Economic Warfare in Washington; A. Kenneth Miller, Inquirer desk assistant, who served on the Ledger negotiating committee, and Arthur Riordan, president of the Philadelphia-Camden local.

The case will continue with consideration of trustees' protests against certain claims. The Ledger suspended publication January 5, 1942.

ACLU RAPS BAN AT FOOD PARLEY

Criticism of press arrangements at the United Nations Food Conference at Hot Springs, Va., was voiced by the American Civil Liberties Union in a telegram to Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

The wire urged that "even at this late date the stringent regulations on the press be relaxed for the benefit of the American public."

PITTSBURGH OPENS DRIVE FOR ARMY

The executive board of the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild has voted to conduct a special campaign to help furnish recreation halls at the Army's Shenango Personnel Replacement Depot at Transfer, Pa.

Members are being asked to donate either furniture in good condition, books, games, musical instruments and records—or cash.

IT'S LABOR'S WAR LABOR KNOWS THE SCORE

LABOR KNOWS THE SCORE

With the AUXILIARY

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

"Honor Roll" Needs Names

Jane Albert of New York is making an Honor Roll to be exhibited at the Boston Convention. We must have a complete list of service wives, Blue Star Mothers and all Auxiliary members whose Guilds-men are in the armed services or merchant marine.

Will locals please cooperate by sending names immediately to the national office of the Newspaper Guild Auxiliary?

A CIO report on a national legislative conference urging unions to work with auxiliaries states in part:

"Role of women: It was generally agreed that in all this work the national unions and the local unions should so far as is possible attempt to carry the education and information to the wives and families of union members and that the auxiliaries of the various unions can plan an important role in organizing and advancing not merely the legislative work of the union itself but any contacts with other groups and organizations in the communities."

The first important job is to select a good legislative committee. Put on it members who can and will do the work. This committee will have to keep in touch with your union.

It will have to keep informed on all important legislative issues—through the information supplied by the union, the CWA office and the national CIO office. It will have to keep in touch with Congressmen and Congressional committees.

Information Is Needed

It will have to be in the position to keep the auxiliary and the members informed when, where and what kind of action is needed on any legislation in its progress, through Congress and Congressional committees. The national CIO booklet, "Your Job With Congress," will help your legislative committee members in their work.

Make the legislative committee report an important part of every auxiliary meeting. Always try to have enough discussion on the legislative report so that every member understands the issues and how she can help.

Whenever there is need for contacting Congressmen or other government officials, set aside a few minutes for writing cards or letters by those present. Members should be informed what to write, but each should write in her own words—such messages carry more weight than standard forms.

Letters Are a Big Help

Educate your members on the need of keeping in touch with their Congressmen. There is nothing that makes a Congressman sit up and listen as much as a steady flow of communications from the folks back home.

Every member must be made aware of the fact that her individual card or letter to a Congressman or government official will influence their actions and decisions. If a Congressman votes wrong, in most cases it is because he did not get enough of the right kind of letters from his district.

Many matters which were not affected by government action before the war are now decided or influenced by government action because of the war. It is your job to keep your Congressman in the picture. That is why work with your Congressman is so important at present. The actions of Congress reach right into your husband's pay envelope, into his kitchen pantry and the daily life of your family.

So, get a good, conscientious legislative committee together in your local and see what we can accomplish. Remember, every postcard helps.

Mrs. Murray Is Guest

Mrs. Philip Murray, First Lady of the CIO, was guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Los Angeles Auxiliary during her recent visit to the West Coast. Auxiliary members presented Mrs. Murray with a colorful California corsage.

Kenneth Beaver, merchant mariner husband of Libby Beaver of Harrisburg, has received a 30-day leave as an expectant father.

We report with pleasure a letter of fraternal greeting from the president of the National Maritime Union Auxiliary, Raye Rubin of San Pedro, California, complimenting WA-ANG on our periodical Victory News bulletins, and praising the work of Dorothy Connelly and Alice Dale Cohen in West Coast CWA affairs.

Sister Rubin writes that through the NMU Pilot she was able to give further circulation to the Four Freedoms from the "children's charter" reported in our April WA-ANG bulletin.

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

UAW WEEKLY STARTS

CLEVELAND (FP)—As part of the CIO United Auto Workers drive here to organize workers of the Thompson Products Corporation, owned by President Frederick C. Crawford of the National Association of Manufacturers, the UAW has begun publication of The Thompson Organizer, weekly newspaper.

HANNA IS NAMED TO COUNCIL POST

DENVER—Bert Hanna, Denver Post reporter, was elected unanimously to succeed Larry MacLean, now an international representative of the Guild, on the Denver Council of Newspaper Union as a Denver Newspaper Guild delegate.

Price Spiral Soars in Denver

DENVER (FP)—The dizzy heights to which prices have climbed in contrast to the air-tight lid clamped down on wages is shown in results of a survey of living costs conducted by the Colorado Federation of Labor here.

April, 1943, prices of specific food items were compared with food prices in January, 1941, the date of the Little Steel formula. The percentage increases ranged from 20 percent to 400 percent on all staple items of the quality ordinarily purchased by the working people of Denver.

Labor Protests Win Promise Of Bolivian Mine Reforms

Protests by the CIO Committee on Latin-American Affairs, backed by other groups, have won from the Bolivian government promises of collective bargaining for tin miners in that country, where a strike by them was broken by machine guns in a massacre.

The national CIO committee, of which President Milton Murray of the American Newspaper Guild is a member and acting secretary, was given the assurance by General Enrique Penaranda, President of Bolivia, following a two-hour conference in New York.

LEADERS RELEASED

President Penaranda, on an official visit to the United States, also told the CIO committee that exiled leaders of the Bolivian tin strikers would be returned to their homes and that families of men killed in the massacre last December would be indemnified.

Joining in protests against Bolivian labor policy and in plea for the tin miners was the Workers Defense League, in which ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks is a member of the national executive board.

Vice President Martin C. Kyne of the CIO's United Retail and Wholesale Employers, a member of a joint United States-Bolivian Commission on labor conditions, charged that General Penaranda himself ordered the five-hour massacre in which the government admitted 19 tin strikers died.

Sources other than the Bolivian government reported that machine

gun fire in the strike-breaking action killed 400 of 8,000 men, women and children who were demonstrating for their rights to decent wages.

WAGE: 60 CENTS

A report by Kyne to the CIO committee, filed with CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey and available at his headquarters in Washington, showed that at one large tin mine, 60 percent of the workers were being paid less than 60 cents a day.

Some high Washington officials were reported to have attempted to bring pressure on Kyne to refrain from sharp criticism of the Bolivian government, a member of the United Nations, while Penaranda was in the United States, but he refused to keep quiet.

Kyne said that he and Robert Watt, AFL representative on the joint committee, were refused permission in Bolivia to see Bolivian labor leaders who were held under "detention" in a dozen remote towns.

PROMISES NOT KEPT

"The Minister of Labor did not fulfill his many promises to interviews with these leaders," Kyne reported.

At about the same time Vice President Henry A. Wallace, in an "I Am an American Day" speech in New York, praised the patriotism of Bolivian workers and said:

"Their wages are pitifully low according to standards in this country."

spontaneous could be satisfactorily regulated by international agreement.

It is pointed out here that army chaplains and doctors are definitely "protected personnel" in international law. They hold commissions as officers and are paid by their representative services.

While the war correspondents of some countries, especially Britain, enjoy the same status as officers, the lack of rank of many makes their situation unclear.

CITE OLD RULES

The Argentine Foreign Ministry, in making its plea to the warring powers, disclosed that in addition to sent along other details, recalling that in Article 13 of the Hague regulations of 1899, "individuals who follow an army with-

(This is one of a series of articles on Latin-American affairs written for The Guild Reporter by Ray Joseph, charter member of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild.)

Joseph is Buenos Aires correspondent for PM and Variety, conducts surveys for the Rockefeller Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, and is a daily columnist for The Buenos Aires Herald—Ed.)

forming a direct part thereof, such as correspondents and journalists, sutlers and purveyors, who fall into the hands of the enemy, and whom it is decided proper to detain, will have the right to the treatment accorded to prisoners of war, provided that they bear credentials from the military authority of the army they accompany."

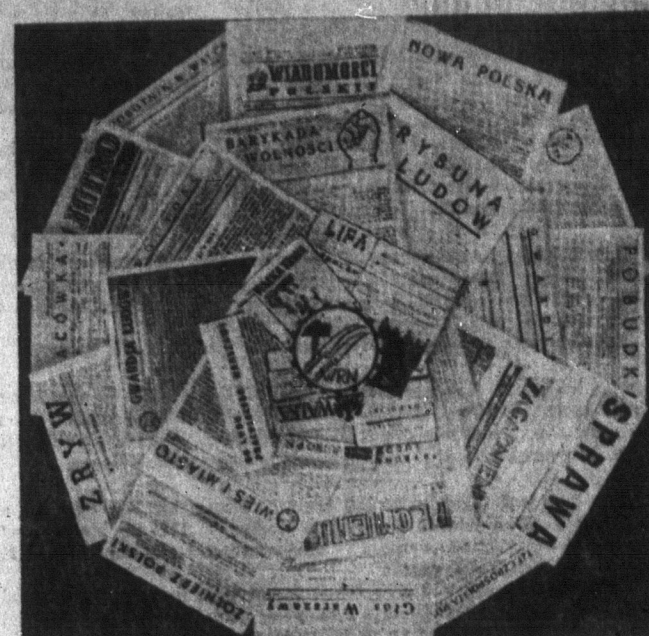
Other details covering agreements of the 1864, 1907 and 1929 Geneva Conferences are cited, but no mention is made of the fact that the U.S. and certain of the other United Nations have provided that most of their correspondents at the front are members of regular combat corps and thus entitled only to treatment given privates and officers of comparable ranks.

CASABLANCA IGNORED

At first glance, Argentina's plea for special treatment for correspondents may appear out of keeping with its lone hemisphere policy, but informed sources here tell me that the government has long nursed the hope that its role of "peace maker" would eventually be recognized.

The policy, it is said by those who know, is based on an assumption that the war will not end in a decision but wind up in an unbreakable deadlock, which the Buenos Aires government, in conjunction with the Vatican and possibly with Spain and Portugal, will be able to settle.

PRESS PENALTY: DEATH



These newspapers from out of the Polish underground are among more than 100 published secretly by patriots there since Hitler crushed Poland in 1939. There is one Nazi penalty for editing, printing, circulating or possessing one of the papers. That is death, and many have died for their crime of being Polish patriots.

Waring Resignation Is Demanded By Leader of Minneapolis Legion

MINNEAPOLIS (FP)—Jack R. Carrier, past commander of Minneapolis largest American Legion post, has written National Legion Commander Roane Waring, calling on him to resign because of his anti-labor rantings.

"The daily press," Carrier wrote Waring, "currently carries stories of speeches made by you . . . saying that all strikers should be shot, etc. . . ."

"No one . . . denies you the right to do or say anything you may desire as an individual, but I do challenge your right to make such statements while wearing the uniform of the American Legion."

"Take off your Legion cap and put on the uniform of the N.A.M. 'If you are the man and citizen."

UNIONISTS TRANSFORM RED CROSS CENTER

MIAMI, Fla. (FP)—Members of AFL building trades, working after hours and on Saturdays and Sundays, transformed a dilapidated building into a sprightly, up-to-the-minute headquarters for the Miami Red Cross.

Recently, because of his age, he was given an opportunity by the Army to return to newspaper work. He refused, asserting he wanted to "stick until we win."

—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

Labor Joins in Cry to Save Surviving Jews in Europe

NEW YORK (FP)—Hitler's threatened murder of the 5,000,000 Jews still alive in Europe must be met with immediate action by the United Nations, religious, labor and civic spokesmen asserted at a Madison Square Garden rally.

The demonstration, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress, the Federal Council of Churches, the AFL, CIO and scores of other organizations, brought out an overflow attendance of 22,000 people, with thousands jamming streets near the hall.

"The slaughter of the Jews in occupied Europe is a warning of what the Nazi murderers have in store for every people which stands in their way," CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey said, calling for the complete annihilation of the armed forces of Nazism and Fascism.

An 11-point program of action adopted at the meeting included an appeal for mass emigration of the Jews to be arranged through neutral states and agencies and "in the name of humanity" urged that steps be taken to implement the pledge to bring the Nazi criminals to justice.

CIO Relief Aide Wins Fellowship

WASHINGTON — Newspaper Guildman Roy Otley, publicity director of the National CIO War Relief Committee, has been awarded a Rosenwald Fellowship for a 10-month study of working class minorities in the United Nations.

The first Negro journalist to win such an award and one of the first from organized labor's ranks, Otley is the author of the forthcoming book "New World A-Coming."

WILL TOUR FRONTS

Taking a leave of absence from his present CIO position, he will make a tour of the various war fronts to secure material for a new book tentatively titled, "Warriors All."

Formerly an editor of The New York Amsterdam News, Otley will investigate war relief needs among working groups in the United Nations he visits and also report on how relief contributions of CIO members have been used in England, Russia, China and other countries.

In addition he will send back to the United States news stories and articles which will be made available to the labor press.

FREE CHINESE WORKERS

THANK THE CIO

CIO MEMBERS HAVE MADE POSSIBLE

MEDICAL SUPPLIES . . . FOOD SUPPLIES

CIVILIAN RELIEF

SMUGGLING OF SKILLED WORKERS FROM OCCUPIED TO FREE CHINA

GIVE ONE HOUR'S PAY A MONTH TO THE NATIONAL CIO COMMITTEE FOR AMERICAN AND ALLIED WAR RELIEF

The Rewrite Desk

The Dayton Journal-Herald, never noted as a hot-eyed champion of organized labor, found that Edward V. Rickenbacker's hedge-hopping strating of unions was a mission to "reestablish industrial feudalism under the guise of fighting for democracy."

Addressing Rickenbacker editorially, *The Journal-Herald* said he "can't tell us that the boys from Dayton, the boys from Ohio, the boys from America are fighting on all battlefronts of global war to make the world free for the exploitation of workers."

The National Association of Manufacturers surveyed 25 large manufacturing plants and, in a 32-page report, filed a concurring opinion with previous union labor reports that industrial accidents and illness were chiefly responsible for "absenteeism."

Rickenbacker should go into caucus with the NAM, his sponsor.

Nominated as the neatest headline of the month in the labor press: 83 DAYS ON A RAFT—WITHOUT RICKENBACKER. This head was over a story in the *AFL Hat Worker*, edited by J. C. Rich, about 17-year-old Nick Hoogendam, torpedoed Dutch seaman.

The National Association of Manufacturers has thought up a new one: a "Mobilization for Understanding of Private Enterprise" manned by an army of "Sentinels" who swear oaths to keep the NAM faith under this NAM order:

"When you read the newspapers, keep a watchful eye for unjustified attacks on business and private enterprise in both news and editorial columns. Although the great majority of American newspapers recognize themselves as a part of private enterprise . . . many persons who are hostile . . . use them as a sounding board."

The great majority of publishers must be surprised to learn that they need this second line of defense against such subversive soundings-off.

When Earl Browder and his Communist Party set up the barricades in Detroit in a war to liquidate Vice President Walter Reuther of the CIO Auto Workers, who had dared to oppose the CP's speed-up plant plan, they recruited a remarkable ally.

The CP hired half-page advertising space in *The Detroit News*, of all newspapers, to issue a Browder manifesto against Reuther. The rabidly anti-union *News* is the only Detroit newspaper on labor's unfair list. Detroit Newspaper Guild-National Labor Relations Board charges of sabotaging the Guild in its plant are now pending against *The News*.

Newspaper Guildsmen Milton Lapine, William M. Davy, I. L. Kenen and E. George Green of Cleveland contributed a model series of labor public relations advertisements to *The Union Leader*, CIO weekly there.

Characteristic war morale themes of the page ads on "absenteeism" were: "We Won't Let Him Down," "Keep Pace—and Faith—With Them," "Don't Break the Chain."

The Yard Bird, organ of Local 50 of the CIO's Marine and Shipbuilding Workers at Portland, Me., ran a double truck of reprints of advertisements placed by the union in *The Portland Press Herald* and *Sunday Telegram*. The reprints were for "the benefit of the many thousands of shipyard workers who do not read the Portland newspapers."

The ads told how 20,000 members of the union volunteered for a day's work without pay as a contribution to war production at New England Shipbuilding Corporation yards, but were spurned by the company, which had ordered shipbuilding schedules curtailed despite a Maritime Commission ultimatum that it fulfill its schedules or risk contract forfeiture.

A revised edition of Harold L. Ickes' *Autobiography of a Curmudgeon* should be issued to include a chapter on his magnificent Bill of Rights statement in defense of Robert Morris Lovett against the Kerr subcommittee of the House and against the Texas terror, Martin Dies.

Rural Justice, published by the Reverend A. W. Terminiello in Troy, Ala., is getting circulation by "taking the place of *Social Justice*," to quote its own blurb.

Its avid readers are treated to such page 1 stories as this: "Civilian train strafed by R.A.F., according to an AP dispatch of March 26th. All of which proves that Hitler has no monopoly on murder and wickedness."

The Hour, newsletter edited by Albert E. (Sabotage) Kahn, which suspended publication because of "other writing commitments," asked, in its final issue, that federal authorities take a look at the Reverend Paul H. Land and his monthly New York newspaper, *Einwanderers Freund*.

This German-language sheet, which carries masthead listings of "Key Correspondents" in Nazi Germany, makes such observations as this:

"They (the Nazis) cannot crush the resistance of the conquered people by being soft-hearted. You cannot handle Poles and Czechs with kid-gloves any more than the Serbs and Slovenes in the Balkans."

Tokyo, as was to have been expected, gave enthusiastic approval to Robert R. (Colonel McCosmic) McCormick's geopolitical plan in *The Chicago Tribune* for American conquest of the British Commonwealth.

The Tokyo radio, in an English-language broadcast beamed to North America, hailed McCormick as "an extremely charming character"—"a man of independent will, a man of action, a fearless foe, ready to express himself regardless of consequences."

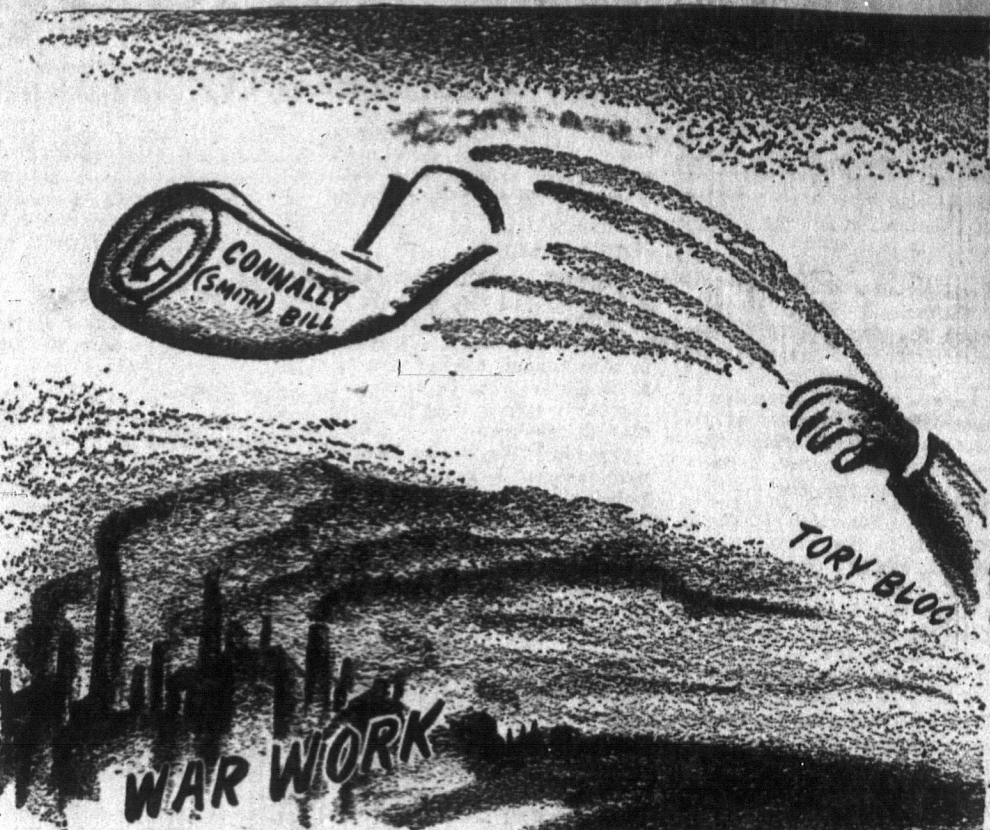
"Moreover," said Tokyo, "there is the possibility that other influential newspapers such as *The New York Daily News* and *The Washington Times-Herald* also may join the Colonel's annexation campaign."

Sign of the Nazi times in Germany: *Die Frankfurter Zeitung* found it safe to publish a story by a German soldier, on leave from the Russian front, who observed that workers at home toiled 16-hour days and asked:

"Is the strain not becoming more than we can bear? The last ounce of energy is demanded of us."

Maybe there isn't a trace of anti-Semitism in *On the Home Front*, newspaper clippingsheet of the Republican National Committee. And maybe there is, in such filler jokes as this: "The days when the Supreme Court didn't meddle in politics were before Frankfurter."

SABOTEURS AT WORK



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

ANPA Caucus Governs Policy In Attacks on Guild Security

(Continued from Page One)
of a government-ordered longer work week, local Scripps-Howard management said.

PARLEYS STORMY

This was brought out in stormy negotiations as inability of local S-H management to bargain in good faith because of orders from above clearly was demonstrated.

The Cincinnati Guild is appealing its case to the War Labor Board against The Cincinnati Post, S-H publication.

The Guild asked that employees displaced, should the 48-hour week be instituted, be given their choice between dismissal pay and leaves of absence.

Fred Giesel, Post business manager, first was friendly to the idea and to application of seniority in layoffs as far as possible.

ANPA CHANGED HIM

After his trip to the ANPA convention, however, he was against the whole thing.

Subsequently he agreed to interpret language offered by the S-H lawyer at Cleveland to cover the 48-hour order, in a side letter, if the lawyer would permit him to. But the lawyer said emphatically no.

Giesel told the Guild and Martin Swauger, federal conciliator, that he learned of the publisher policy in conversations with other publishers in hotel halls. He wrote the policy down as:

"Our position on the 48-hour law—Publishers do not want to tie themselves on the number of employees they must employ at any one time. And Publishers feel they should be free at all times to hire the best available person when hiring."

George Fries, business manager of the Cincinnati Times-Star, non-S-H paper, who also attended the New York ANPA convention, was blunter in his statement of policy:

"We'll pay them dismissal pay," he said. "Then we are through with them."

Meanwhile it was learned that the same war service clause language was being offered to all S-H units in negotiations.

MEMPHIS "DIFFERENT"

But in Memphis, Tenn., the Guild was promised a side letter interpreting the language "required by law to leave his position to perform war work of a civilian nature" as including the 48-hour order.

"Memphis has a somewhat different setup," Giesel said. "I wouldn't dare do that here."

He made it clear, as it had been clear through weeks of negotiations when the absent lawyer countermanded results which could have been attained, that he was not free to deviate from language laid down by the lawyer.

In several instances he was unable even to explain to the Guild or conciliator what the lawyer's objections were.

First reason given by Giesel on the 48-hour matter was that it wouldn't "be fair to soldiers to give civilian layoffs the same status." Management demonstrated

its fairness to soldiers by refusing to allow their service time to accrue during their leaves.

The Guild declared that management should not be permitted to take advantage of the war to permanently sever experienced newspaper workers from the employment in which they are trained and saw in the management's insistence a hope to carry out a S-H purge under the guise of complying with a federal order.

Carl Groat, Post editor, objected to the term "purge" and explained of S-H firings that it simply becomes necessary sometimes in newspaper operations "to cut away deadwood."

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