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BOSTON MEETS WAR PROBLEM

WAR RELIEF, CIO, PRESS HEADLINE PROGRAM

10 Pay Pacts Reach WLB In Capital

CHICAGO—Ten Newspaper Guild wage increase agreements with managements have been sent to the War Labor Board in Washington for approval following completion of all but final action in procedure routed through the agency's special newspaper industry panel, which cleared the cases here.

The voluntary pay-boost contracts reached the WLB itself in the capital after analysis and approval by its stabilization division. Involved were the Guild and these newspapers:

Battle Creek (Mich.) Enquirer and News.
Bay City (Mich.) Times.
Indianapolis (Ind.) Times.
Madison (Wis.) State Journal.
New York (N. Y.) Post.
Philadelphia (Pa.) Inquirer.
Philadelphia (Pa.) Record.
Rockford (Ill.) Consolidated Newspapers.
Sacramento (Calif.) Bee.
St. Louis (Mo.) Globe-Democrat.

In the slow and involved course, charted by WLB directives, between local Guild-management conference room pay agreements and final consent to them by the national board, Guild pacts with The Joliet (Ill.) Herald News, Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel, Madison (Wis.) Capital Times and Lynn (Mass.) Telegram-News have been stamped by the WLB as approved.

12 GO TO WLB

In addition to the 10 contracts passed along from the Chicago panel to the WLB's stabilization division and from it to the board itself, 12 Guild-management voluntary pay increase cases had been approved and referred last

Initial Pacts Won By Two New Units

CHICAGO—An initial contract, providing for the highest minimum pay schedule in Chicago, plus a cost-of-living adjustment for employees earning up to \$60 a week, has been signed by The Chicago Sun and the Chicago Newspaper Guild.

Minimums for the top bracket were set at \$75 for day workers and \$80 for night shifts.

The night scale in all brackets is paid to those employees who work three hours or more during the period from 6 p. m. to 6 a. m. As the Sun is a morning paper,

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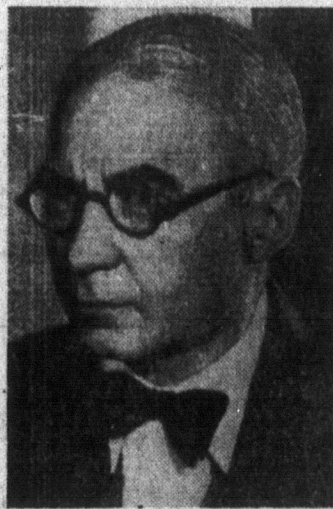
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MONROE SWEETLAND
Discusses war activities



JAMES B. CAREY
Speaks for the CIO



ELMER DAVIS
Outlines OWI policies

Boston Agenda Directed by War; Program Is Strictly Business

BOSTON—The tenth anniversary convention of the American Newspaper Guild opens this week in a desperate time for organized labor.

In contrast to some past conventions, the 1943 ANG sessions are conditioned to a sober wartime program, with the urgencies of the time controlling the agenda.

PROGRAM PARED

The program of the 1943 convention has been pared to essentials, with traditional speech-making and banquet-going pared to a minimum.

The union's international executive board started the proceedings in sessions June 9 and 10 at the Hotel Statler. Clinical conferences between local Guild leaders and the ANG staff were scheduled for June 11 and 12.

Registration of delegates—whose number was comparatively small, due to wartime transportation restrictions—opened June 13 and continued June 14, first day of the formal convention.

DAVIS OPENS IT

Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information was the principal scheduled speaker at the opening convention session.

Others were Mayor Tobin of Boston, Governor Leverett Saltonstall, Attorney General Robert T. Bushnell, President Joseph Salerno of the Massachusetts State CIO, Regional Director Francis Car-

Ripley Joins ANG Staff As Organizer

Appointment of Stephen Ripley, veteran Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guildsman, as an international representative of the union was announced last week in New York by Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks.

The appointment, which had been authorized earlier by the American Newspaper Guild's international executive board, brought to six the number of active representatives and organizers on the ANG staff. Two others are on leaves of absence in war service.

Ripley, 36, has been secretary-treasurer of the Guild's Midwest District Council, first vice president of the Northwestern Indiana local, and chairman of

his unit at The Gary Post-Tribune. A delegate of his local at the ANG's 1942 convention in Denver, he was an organizer of the Post-Tribune unit and served as its first controller.

Ripley had been employed as a copydeskman by the Gary paper, on the staff of which he entered newspaper work in 1929.

michael of the New England CIO district, and President Frank E. Connor of the Boston Typographical Union.

Punctuated in the Monday program were addresses and reports to the delegates by ANG President Milton Murray, Executive

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Crow Resigns His IEB Post

HOLLYWOOD—James Francis Crow, vice president at large of the American Newspaper Guild, has resigned his office to join the staff of Universal Pictures here.

In his resignation, written May 29 and effective June 7, he pointed out to other members of the ANG's international executive board that his new job made him ineligible to continue as a Guild vice president.

Crow, nationally-known motion picture critic, had been on the staff of The Hollywood Citizen-News and was movie commentator for Look Magazine.

He was named an ANG vice president in the union's first national referendum election of officers in 1941.

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Memo to Smith, Connally: The Bills Won't Work

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

The semi-annual attempt to legislate strikes out of existence is now under way.

Nobody is certain yet whether the latest in the long line of anti-union bills will be enacted by Congress. But one thing is certain:

The legislation won't work. It may succeed in harassing union leaders, in creating disaffection among labor's rank-and-file, in precipitating wildcat strikes that leaders are powerless to control.

All this may happen. But all this is not—ostensibly—what the sponsors of such measures intend.

ANG Leaders Frame Plans For Program

BULLETIN

BOSTON—The seventh new American Newspaper Guild local organized in the past year has been chartered in Massillon, Ohio, by the union's international executive board in pre-convention sessions here.

The Massillon Guild includes a majority of employees in all departments of The Massillon Independent, owned by Annenberg interests. Organization of the local was directed locally by William M. Davy, executive secretary of the Cleveland Guild and of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council.

BOSTON—Progress, stability, maturity were keynotes of the state of the union as the American Newspaper Guild opened its tenth anniversary—and critical second wartime—convention in the Hotel Statler here.

The ANG administration was prepared to present to delegates reports of steady advances by the Guild since November, 1941, when it took office, and to propose to the convention its program for a continuing march forward in wartime.

These reports and program objectives were developed by the ANG's international executive board in sessions which preceded the formal opening session of the 1943 convention, June 14.

On its record, the ANG administration was expected to seek reelection under leadership of the Guild's top officers—President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers.

CASE IS READY

They and other members of the administration were ready to put their case in terms of steadily expanding Guild organization, vastly improved collective bargaining relations with the newspaper industry—and their position of wartime leadership and influence in

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They insist that they want to bring peace and quiet to war plants, to prevent stoppages and to promote harmony.

Some men who voted for such legislation undoubtedly mean it. But a lot of others know what they are doing.

They know that while the bills they are promoting will not bring industrial harmony they will make it more difficult for unions to function legitimately.

EFFECTS FORESEEN

Collective bargaining will be further impaired. Union men will have to operate furtively, in the shadow of prosecution.

All of which will leave un-

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1 HOUR FOR A LIFE!

ONE HOUR'S PAY PER MONTH WILL BUY THESE LIFE SAVING SUPPLIES

10 MEDICAL KITS... 5 BLANKETS... 15 ANESTHETIC CONES... 10 SURGICAL SCALPELS...

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

This Is a Guide to Free Speech In Proper Conduct of a Meeting

Motion	Rank (1)	May interrupt speaker	Second required	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required	May be reconsidered
Adjourn	1	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Adopt report (treated as main motion)	12	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend motion	10	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Close nominations	12	No	Yes	No	Yes	Two-thirds	Yes
Information, request for	(2)	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
Limit or extend debate	7	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Two-thirds	Yes
Main motion	12	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Order of business, call for	4	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
Parliamentary inquiry	(2)	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
Point of order	(2)	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
Postpone definitely	8	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Postpone indefinitely	11	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
Privilege, question of	3	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
Question, previous	6	No	Yes	No	No	Two-thirds	Yes
Ratify action taken (treated as main motion)	12	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Recess	2	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No
Reconsider (treated as main motion)	12	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	No
Refer or commit motion (to committee)	9	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Rescind (treated as main motion)	12	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Two-thirds	Yes
Substitute motion (see amend)	(2)	No	Yes	No	No	Two-thirds	No
Suspend rules	5	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Table motion	(2)	No	No	No	No	Majority	Yes
Withdraw motion	(2)	No	No	No	No	Majority	Yes

¹ Numbers indicate precedence of motions, i. e., 1 first, 12 last. Example: a main motion (12) has been made and seconded with time open for discussion, whereupon the motion is amended (10) and seconded. The amendment must be voted upon first.

² No Rank. These motions, which can be quickly disposed of, are usually incidental to a pending motion and generally involve matters of convenience or requests for information.

HE DIDN'T VOTE RIGHT



—Cartoon from Journalist, British National Union of Journalists

ILGWU Demands Price Subsidy

FOREST PARK, Pa.—(FP)—Congress faces a "duty and a compelling obligation" to roll back prices to May, 1942, levels through the use of subsidies, the executive board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union asserted in a resolution demanding effective price control.

Meeting at Unity House, ILGWU summer camp near here, the board charged that "Congressional bungling and partisan political interests prompted by sectional pressures" had wrecked the President's stabilization program. The board also called on President Roosevelt and War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes to restore to the National War Labor Board its original powers "together with a flexible policy that would permit the national as well as the regional boards to operate with a living formula designed to maintain a truly proper balance between earnings and living costs."

INVEST IN VICTORY
—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

There is a fine art to the science of character assassination. This science, as its practitioners should know, demands the deft touch, the scalpel twist.

Its essence is destroyed by any regard for verity or any scruple of honesty. It withers in the open light and dies a brutal death if the bludgeon of forthright statement is applied to the wide insinuation of a whispered hint.

The finer craftsmen of the art are limited. But their imitators are many.

I still recall the days of my innocence when I was unable to detect a job of work when it was being done by these craftsmen and their imitators.

Out in the hinterlands we were warned about such-and-such. We were informed—not directly, but with subtle insinuation—that he was, say, an egomaniac. Oh, a nice enough fellow, personally. Yes, perhaps, effective under limited circumstances. But we could not give him position in the Guild. If we did, the Guild would be sacrificed upon the cross of his mad ambitions.

Or such-and-such was a swell guy, sure. He ought to go far in the Guild, you bet. Only it was too bad about him, wasn't it? The poor guy's unfortunate illness, you know. What a shame, what a shame.

All in the strictest barroom confidence, of course.

In the Guild we should, by this time, be aware of this technique. Not only from our own experience with it but from watching the gyrations in other unions.

The Auto Workers, for instance, are being subjected to a barrage to the effect that Walter Reuther is a Trotskyite stooge, a Hitler pal and a secret foe of democracy.

There are no reminders, of course, that Walter Reuther was pleading for an all-out mobilization against fascism long before June 22, 1941. There is no reminder of the Reuther Plan nor of his militant attacks on totalitarianism.

He is also, the red-headed what-you-call-it, fighting Phil Murray in the CIO.

I was glad to be present at the CIO policy meeting in Cleveland when Walter Reuther stood on the platform beside Phil Murray and identified these whisperings as the lies that they are.

I was amused to be in Detroit when a fumbling and confused regional director of the UAW, whose own boys got out of control and staged a wildcat strike, had the temerity to blame Reuther, whose record is a consistent and straight-forward one, of jumping jurisdictional lines to foment the strike.

All of which leads down to why this complaint.

It is none of my business, it may be pointed out, what happens within another union.

There should be—and are, I assure you—enough problems in the ANG to occupy the time and energy of any international officer.

But last week there arrived a copy of The Pilot, official organ of the National Maritime Union.

All of us know about the guys in the NMU. They sail the ships. They take to the fighting fronts throughout the world the material other CIO men build.

They also help transport the troops, of which the Guild has given some 3,000, and they have lost a great many members by drowning, by shell, and by flaming death.

They are good, substantial, respected, honored members of the union family.

Guild members like the maritime workers. (Which might be slightly personal because the tattoo on my arm wasn't won in a poker game and Standard Oil tankers were tough enough even in peacetime.) It was The Guild Reporter that went to town against the Guadalcanal fake that listed maritime men as shirkers in a war zone.

But the president of the NMU, Joe Curran, writes a column for his union paper. (Union paper editors, it appears, have their problems, too.) In his column, aptly headed "Passing the Word," Brother Curran passes this one:

"The Reuther forces, in working alliance with the Trotskyites, are instigating strikes and causing dissension in the ranks."

Then Brother Curran writes:

"The Industrial Union Council for the City of Detroit met while I was in town and I had the opportunity of speaking there. Mill Murray, of the American Newspaper Guild, and a handful of others were attempting to prevent the adoption of the program and policies laid down by the National CIO, but they were soundly beaten."

This attempt at character assassination lacks the deftness, the art required. Brother Curran makes the attempt in a flat statement, subject to a flat rebuttal. I give it that rebuttal:

It is a lie.

I maintain the national CIO policy as I have maintained it in each step of its adoption. I have had a voice in shaping that policy and so has the ANG.

And we have insisted that there are many fronts in the war against all of the Axis powers—and that one of these fronts is a home front against fascists, against those who—here and now—would deny us the democracy of trade unionism.

I have insisted that we must at the same time guard our defenses against those within our ranks who seek to distort and to pervert CIO policy so that it tends that the way to win the war for democracy is to surrender trade unionism.

Since that is the point I wished to make at the meeting to which Brother Curran refers, and since the chairman of the meeting denied me the floor to make it, I make it now.

I can only conclude that this is what Brother Curran is talking about in "Passing the Word" along, and I can only conclude that Brother Curran does not join us in this part of the contest.

Jail, Six Indictments Fail to Prevent Civil Liberties Probe by Guildsman

ST. LOUIS—Accusations of attempted bribery, imprisonment in a police cell and six indictments failed to halt Julius M. Klein, charter member of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild, from seeking the true story in St. Louis' celebrated civil liberties case—the mysterious death of Edward Melendes, obscure Mexican, in police headquarters.

Klein, veteran reporter for The St. Louis Star-Times and first chairman of the paper's Guild unit, overcame these difficulties to resume his probe to determine whether Melendes was beaten to death by police or by a cellmate.

NO EVIDENCE FOUND

Ten days after the indictments against the Guildsman were filed they were thrown out of court for lack of evidence before the newsman had a chance to plead not guilty.

On July 25, 1942, the Melendes case was just a petty item on a St. Louis police blotter. The Mexican was arrested with an

other man, Andrew Brinkley, in a \$40 "strong-arm" robbery of a tavern customer.

Two days later he died in a St. Louis police headquarters cell. His death was at first attributed to natural causes.

But his unclaimed body was sent to Washington University's Medical School, where students whispered about bruises which covered the body from head to foot until finally, two months later, the St. Louis Civil Liberties Committee was aroused and a second autopsy was ordered by Circuit Judge Harry F. Russell.

INTEREST SPREADS

The Mexican government, the U. S. State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation also became interested in the case.

The second autopsy, conducted by one of St. Louis' most eminent pathologists, confirmed the rumors that the husky Melendes had been the victim of a savage beating.

This jury indicted three St. Louis detectives for manslaughter but the charges against them were quashed in February this year by another circuit judge, who held Judge Russell's activities had been prejudicial.

CELLMATE INDICTED

Soon after the detectives were freed, a third grand jury indicted Melendes' cellmate, Brinkley, for the murder.

The chief evidence against Brinkley came from two city jail inmates, Warren H. Gresham, convicted of petty thievery, and James P. Carleton, serving a bogus check sentence.

These two said that Brinkley, while serving time for the "strong-arming" for which he and Melendes had originally been ar-

Panel Clears Guild Cases To Capital

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week by the panel to clearance machinery in Washington.

These cases involved the union and:

Albany (N. Y.) Kaickerbocker News.

Albany (N. Y.) Times-Union.

Boston (Mass.) Herald-Traveler.

Brooklyn (N. Y.) Daily Eagle (first increase).

Chester (Pa.) Times (bonus).

Denver (Colo.) Rocky Mountain News.

Los Angeles (Calif.) News.

New York (N. Y.) Journal-American (individual increases).

Newark (N. J.) Call (individual increases).

Portland (Ore.) Oregonian.

Pueblo (Colo.) Star-Journal and Chief.

Washington (D. C.) Post.

Before the Chicago panel for recommendations to Washington were voluntary Guild-management wage agreements with:

Acme Newspapers.

Birmingham (Ala.) Post.

Bronx (N. Y.) Home News.

New York (N. Y.) Evening Telegraph and Racing Form.

Norristown (Pa.) Times-Herald.

Rochester (Pa.) Post-Bulletin.

San Francisco (Calif.) Chronicle.

Toledo (O.) Blade.

Youngstown (O.) Vindicator.

The status of disputes in contract negotiations between Guild locals and managements filled a long schedule in Chicago, where ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks has been the CIO representative on tripartite panels of the WLB's advisory board.

DISPUTES LISTED

This was the score last week on wage and other disputes between the Guild and managements:

Associated Press: rebuttal briefs submitted May 29; panel has recessed and will meet on the chairman's call to draft recommendations.

Biddeford (Me.) Journal: certified to panel; hearing to be held June 30 in Chicago.

Cummins (N. J.) Courier-Post: meeting scheduled with management in Philadelphia.

Cumberland (Md.) Times: certified to panel; hearing to be held July 1 in Chicago.

Denver (Colo.) Post: hearing held in Chicago May 20.

Detroit (Mich.) News: certified to panel; hearing due to be held.

Detroit (Mich.) Times: submitted to referee in Detroit.

Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News: hearing held in Chicago May 14.

Long Island (N. Y.) Press: Guild has requested referee in New York.

Los Angeles (Calif.) Herald-Express: hearings held and briefs submitted to WLB referee.

Minneapolis (Minn.) Star-Journal and Tribune: certified to panel; hearing to be held June 28 in Chicago.

Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat-Chronicle and Times-Union: findings of special panel referred by N.Y. Regional WLB to Chicago panel for recommendation.

Sacramento (Calif.) Union: rebuttal briefs due in Chicago June 28.

San Francisco (Calif.) citywide contract: recommendation of panel sent to WLB in Washington.

Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Record-Times-Leader and News: hearing held in Chicago May 21.

IT'S LABOR'S WAR
LABOR KNOWS THE SCORE

Capital Guild Leader Is Press Club Prexy

WASHINGTON—Elisabeth May Craig, an active leader of the Washington Newspaper Guild, was inaugurated this month as president of the Women's National Press Club.

Mrs. Craig was elected without opposition to the post, one of the highest honors that can come to a member of the women's press corps here.

A member of the WNG executive committee, Mrs. Craig has worked for the Guild as organizer, negotiator and officer since 1934.

WENT TO MEMPHIS

She was a delegate to the ANG's 1941 Memphis convention.

The new Press Club president is Washington correspondent for The Portland (Me.) Press Herald and other Maine newspapers. She is one of the most influential newspaper correspondents in the capital.

Her son, Don Craig, also a



ELISABETH MAY CRAIG
Wins "highest honor"

Guild member, is now a sergeant in the air forces.

Headliners Cite Guild Members For Outstanding Achievements

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Newspaper Guild members were given 1942 journalistic achievement citations by the National Headliners' Club at its tenth annual award dinner here.

They included:

Keith Wheeler of The Chicago Times, for exclusive war reporting in the Aleutians.

Irving Cohen of The Brooklyn Eagle, for the best newspaper section devoted to men in the armed services.

Robert L. Mooney of The Philadelphia Inquirer, for the best news photograph.

Julius M. Klein and Ralph O'Leary of The St. Louis Star-Times, for outstanding public service by a newspaper-exposure of production of defective cartridges in a St. Louis ammunition plant.

Virginia Scott of The Great Falls (Mont.) Leader, for the best domestic feature—a story about a dog and some Army engineers.

She is a member of the Great Falls Guild's executive board.

Jack Vincent of The Washington bureau of International News



VIRGINIA SCOTT
A dog was a character

Service, for the best domestic spot news scoop—conviction and execution of the Nazi saboteurs in Washington.

Sylvia F. Porter of The New York Post, for the best financial



KEITH WHEELER
Aleutians are his beat

and business reporting. She was cited for stories on the silver bloc in Congress and on the I. G. Farbenindustrie.

Howard DeJette of New York's PM, for the best newspaper maps.

UAW Organizes Drive on Congress

WASHINGTON (FP)—Thirteen Midwest Congressmen attended a banquet the CIO United Auto Workers gave in the Statler Hotel and between the soup and nuts heard blame for a slump in workers' morale attributed directly to Congress.

They heard not only what's wrong with Congress but what the UAW intends to do about it.

A Toll-to-Congress Week June 6-13 will enroll workers in every local in UAW in Detroit in a drive to educate Congress.

Jobs Are Traded In Bridgeport

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—Robert C. Wilson and Alfred Faust exchanged offices in an election by the Bridgeport Newspaper Guild.

Wilson, who had been treasurer of the local, was unanimously elected president to succeed Faust, who was unanimously named treasurer.

Andy Marxik was elected vice president and Jane Brower, secretary, succeeding Frank Wooding and Ethel Beckwith in those posts.

—BONDS BATTER HITLER—

—ON PAYDAY BUY BONDS—

Guild Shop Negotiated In Elizabeth

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In one classification, half-credit for time spent in that classification is granted when promoted.

Overtime brings time and one-half in cash after eight hours, and a call-back brings an extra hour's pay. The contract provides for six full holidays.

Severance pay is at the rate of one week for 26 weeks of service or major fraction, not to exceed 26 weeks. Mileage expense is 10 cents per mile.

Disputes, except dismissals under the Guild shop provision and contract renewal questions, may be arbitrated.

FOLLOWS MODEL

The military service section is patterned on the model ANG contract, as were most of the contract sections.

Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, who organized the local, was in charge of negotiations, assisted by Charles E. Crissey, Elizabeth Guild president, and Franklin Umber, vice president. Crissey is a reporter and Umber is an advertising solicitor.

The Elizabeth Guild, chartered last November, includes Journal editorial, advertising, business, circulation and maintenance workers and drivers in its membership.

The contract went into effect as of May 27, and runs for one year.

Members of the Elizabeth Guild voted to contribute half of the first week's raise, when approved by the War Labor Board, to the local emergency fund.

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ELIZABETHANS OKAY FIRST CONTRACT



Points of progress in the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild's initial contract are shown in the photo. Seated, from left, are Anna E. Miller, business officer; Charles E. Crissey, president; and Franklin Umber, vice president. Standing behind them are Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, and Walter E. Crissey, business officer.

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PITTSBURGH—After 10 weeks of bargaining, the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild and management of The Post-Gazette have agreed on a new contract which for the first time incorporates in one master pact four departments included in the Guild's jurisdiction.

Major improvements, which make the new editorial-advertising-business-maintenance department agreement the best in Pittsburgh, include:

Increase in contract salary minimums, based on 15 percent raises for all salaries up to \$40 and 10 percent up to \$75, gained last year.

INCREASES APPLIED
Generally, the full percentage increase is applied on the final year rate in each classification, with about half the percentage added to all other experience rates.

A bonus of four weeks' pay and pro rata vacation pay is guaranteed each member entering armed service, while severance pay credit contingents to accumulate during the military service time.

Reimbursement for automobile use is increased to eight cents a mile, with a daily guarantee for cars used in emergency only.

CLAUSES ARE STANDARD
Building maintenance department employees are included in standard vacation, sick leave and differential clauses.

Leaves of absence are liberalized. Grievance and arbitration procedure is simplified. Military replacements are placed on the rehiring list.

All improvements in the contract are retroactive to April 1.

Blair Rice, president of the Pittsburgh Guild, was chairman of its negotiating committee.

He was aided by Leo Pingold, local treasurer; Charles Cross, Post-Gazette unit chairman; Margaret A. Donley, Post-Gazette unit treasurer, and Bernice Shine, chairman of the Sun-Telegraph unit.

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In one classification, half-credit for time spent in that classification is granted when promoted. Overtime brings time and one-half in cash after eight hours, and a call-back brings an extra hour's pay. The contract provides for six full holidays.

Severance pay is at the rate of one week for 25 weeks of service or major fraction, not to exceed 26 weeks. Mileage expense is 10 cents per mile.

Disputes, except dismissals under the Guild shop provision and contract renewal questions, may be arbitrated.

FOLLOWS MODEL
The military service section is patterned on the model ANG contract, as were most of the contract sections.

Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, who organized the local, was in charge of negotiations, assisted by Charles E. Crissey, Elizabeth Guild president, and Franklin Umber, vice president. Crissey is a reporter and Umber is an advertising solicitor.

The Elizabeth Guild, chartered last November, includes Journal editorial, advertising, business, circulation and maintenance workers and drivers in its membership.

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ELIZABETH, N. J.—Members of the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild approved terms of their new contract during a blackout.

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The meeting continued with candle light until raid wardens toolied their whistles.

Chamber of Commerce Talk Helps Embattled Employers

INDIANAPOLIS (FP)—You can't say that the Indiana Chamber of Commerce isn't on its toes when employers' democratic rights are at issue.

According to The Union, oldest AFL newspaper in America, the chamber has got out a letter for use of its members who want to break the spirit of the Wagner Act without violating the letter.

It argues like this: Employers can make speeches to employees on the eve of NLRB elections so long as there is no

KEEP PAY BALANCE, BOARD SAYS IN RULE
CLEVELAND (FP)—If a company traditionally pays higher wages than other companies in the same area, its employees have a right to wage rates which will maintain their relative position.

This was the basis for a ruling handed down by the Regional War Labor Board here in the case of the Fisher Cleveland Aircraft Division, owned by General Motors and known as the Cleveland Bomber Plant.

Wage rates approved were about 10 cents an hour higher, on an average, than rates prevailing in the area.

ELIZABETHANS OKAY FIRST CONTRACT



Points of progress in the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild's initial contract are checked here by leaders of the new New Jersey local, which won a virtually full Guild shop and plant-wide pay raises at The Daily Journal. Seated, from the left, are Anna E. Miller, business officer; Charles E. Crissey, Guild president, newsroom; Mrs. Marie Graney Harrahill, business office. Behind them are Franklin O. Williamson, circulation department; Franklin L. Umber, advertising department, and Walter E. Claus, circulation department.

Workers Who Exceed War Bond Quotas Need No Pay Raises, WLB Is Advised

WASHINGTON (FP)—The Treasury Department and the National War Labor Board hit back at a suggestion that union workers in Los Angeles who are subscribing 13 percent of their pay for war bonds don't need raises.

This suggestion was made in a minority report of a WLB panel that CIO rubber workers at a local plant should not have a wage increase because they had voluntarily gone over the usual 10 percent of their pay for bond-buying.

The minority report said that this is "3 percent more than the government is asking from its citizens," thus showing "without doubt, that workers are highly paid and not suffering from maladjustment; otherwise they would

"coercion or implied threat of reprisal."

In order to get the point across (and still not have to draw pictures) the chamber has prepared a model speech.

The model speech—sprinkled with corny whimsies like "fellows," "just ask yourself," "play the game," "your status under my leadership" and the like—begins by telling the workers how generous their wages are, reminds them that they would have to pay dues, and expresses touching concern about the motives of "total strangers (union members) so suddenly interested in your welfare."

JOBLESS ERA IS FORESEEN
OMAHA (FP)—Maury Maverick, director of the War Production Board's governmental division, predicted here that the end of the war will bring "the most serious unemployment in the history of our country and in the world."

He urged that emphasis be placed on constructive, worthwhile postwar programs designed "to build and keep people working."

ILGWU Negotiates Pension Plan
New York cloak makers over 65 will receive \$600 annual pensions from an employer-created fund under a new wage contract negotiated by the New York Cloth Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

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To this Harold N. Graves, assistant to Secretary Henry Morgenthau, replied that "it raised an issue involving the war savings program which we cannot let pass without objection and protest."

Chairman William H. Davis of the WLB backed up the Treasury's reply by saying that members of the board shared those views on the "impropriety of these remarks."

This is the first instance in which any language of the sort quoted has appeared in any panel report submitted to the board, and the sentiments expressed will be given absolutely no weight in the consideration of the case."

San Francisco Asks Parley On 48-Hour Week Order
SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild last week awaited response of the San Francisco-Oakland Publishers Association to a request for a meeting on a 48-hour week order for the Bay area.

A special meeting of the Guild's representative assembly voted to send a committee to the publishers in an attempt to learn whether the newspapers intended to accept the 48-hour week and also to make formal request for setting up a labor-management committee.

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Informal attempts to learn whether the newspapers will ask

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Signing of the contract took place in the nineteenth month of the Sun's existence.

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Under direction of Weilburg, the unit brought its organizing drive to a climax last winter and won a National Labor Relations Board election in February, 1941 to 34.

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Weilburg negotiated for the Guild, assisted chiefly by Will O'Neil, chairman of the Sun unit contracts committee.

FIELD FOUGHT GUILD
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The Post-Dispatch unit a year ago gained about \$120,000 through new minimums and cost of living adjustment.

The new Star-Times contract will bring increases of \$5.15 weekly to 60 percent of the Guild's jurisdiction. Most of the others will benefit under new minimums, the minimum benefits ranging broadly from \$2.50 to \$5.

Numerous other benefits are included in the new Star-Times agreement, among them a "manpower" clause insuring the return of jobs, higher severance pay paid at a more rapidly mounting rate, and overtime pay beginning when the worker leaves his home and extending to the time of his return home on callback assignments.

William Plowman, Star-Times unit chairman and chairman of the Post-Dispatch negotiations, was aided by John Fletcher, city Guild president; Arthur Gerecke, Post-Dispatch unit chairman; Howard Piening, chairman of the representative assembly, and Julius Klyman.

Klyman was chairman of the Star-Times negotiating committee, other members of which were John Trebilcock of the Post-Dispatch unit, Plowman, Margaret Nothdurft, vice-president of the local, and Quentin Gore of The Star-Times.

PUBLISHERS BUY CONVENTION ADS
BOSTON—Maturity of relations between the Boston Newspaper Guild and the publishers with whom it has negotiations has been demonstrated by a unique gesture by them.

Both publishers with whom the Guild has contracts have taken full page advertisements in a Boston Guild program booklet to welcome delegates to the ANG convention here June 14.

'AS SIMPLE AS ANG' REISSUED
A second and revised edition of "As Simple As ANG," American Newspaper Guild pamphlet which had a first-run distribution of 12,000 copies, has been issued by headquarters of the union in New York.

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WAR BONUS UPPED
One of the members to benefit financially from the new contract was Herbert C. Lukmann, photographer.

Inducted into the Army, he was the first of seven editorial department employees now in the armed forces to receive the new military service bonus of five weeks' pay.

Previously the bonus had been four weeks' pay. Lukmann has been a Guild member since organization of the unit in November, 1941.

Rose Elected In Syracuse
SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Thomas A. Rose has been elected vice president of the Syracuse Newspaper Guild, in the local's first contested balloting, by a vote of 26 to 3 over Ronald Graham.

Rose is one of Syracuse's pioneer Guildsmen, having been president of a small group which organized several years ago before the present local was established.

Now copydesk head of The Post-Standard, he has served as assistant state editor.

He was a member of the Guild's initial bargaining committee of a year ago and is a delegate at the Boston convention.

FLETCHER ELECTED AS ST. LOUIS PREXY
ST. LOUIS—John Fletcher of The Post-Dispatch, acting president of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild since Ray Kringer entered the Army, was named president of the local in a new election.

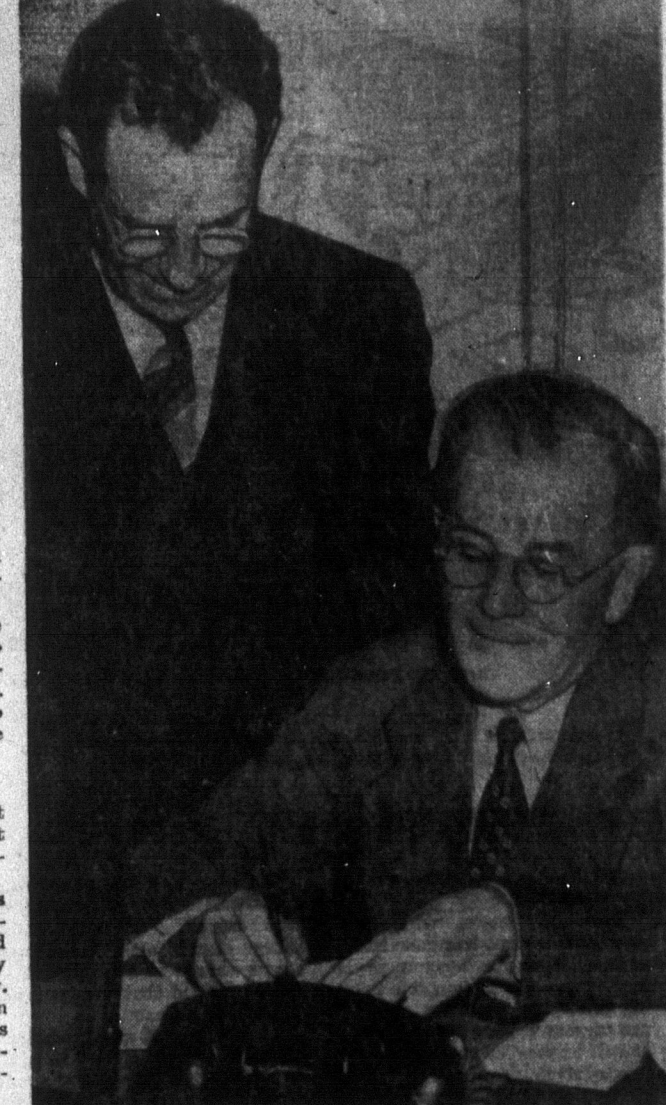
Margaret Nothdurft of The Star-Times was elected first vice president; John Sterbens of The Globe-Democrat, second vice president, and Ray Opel, treasurer.

Ralph Johanning is the local's secretary.

POSTAL PAY BOOST IS OKAYED BY WLB
WASHINGTON (FP)—The National War Labor Board approved a wage increase of 25 percent for all adult employees of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, approximately 13,500, on ground that their pay was substandard, both with respect to the cost of living and in comparison with wages paid by Western Union.

The award was won by the CIO American Communications Association, which holds a national closed shop contract with the company, and is retroactive to October 1, 1942.

BONDS BATTER HITLER—ON PAY DAY, BUY BONDS



The comparatively young Gary Post-Tribune unit of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild winds up successful contract negotiations here with signing of an agreement bringing pay increases and other broad improvements. Editor H. E. Singer wields the pen. Guild President Ernest G. Bayton witnesses the pact, second won at the paper.

Hearst Payroll Data Slows Negotiations for INS, INP
American Newspaper Guild negotiations for contracts with International News Photos and International News Service, proceeding with the aid of a federal conciliator, were delayed last week until management could assemble necessary payroll data requested by the conciliator.

In a series of meetings with Commissioner Fred Croton, the Hearst managements remained obdurate for the most part on most issues, and nothing more could be done on wage minima until the payroll information was forthcoming.

GUILD SHOP? "NO"
E. M. Gundy, management spokesman, sought to dismiss the union security issue by saying management was not prepared to grant the Guild shop, nor any form of it, at this time.

Counter proposals were advanced by the Guild on some issues in an effort to break deadlocks, and some compromise proposals were advanced by Commissioner Croton, which both sides were studying.

SEEK CLARIFICATION
Conferences also were scheduled with wage-hour officials in an effort to clarify status of Washington newsmen and various employees management sought to exclude from hours and overtime provisions.

Guild negotiators at the sessions included Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization; Thomas Murphy, New York Guild organizer, and William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer.

New UP Pact Sought by ANG
United Press management in New York City was notified June 7 by the American Newspaper Guild of the union's intention to open negotiations for a new national contract with the wire service.

In a bulletin to all UP units of the Guild, ANG International Representative Wilbur E. Bade, organization director, urged them to file "proposals and suggestions" for a new agreement.

"Through the wire service committee, and in work with wire service units," Bade pointed out, "the ANG has sought to eliminate disparities in wire service contracts, and to strengthen clauses in line with contracts with newspapers."

BROADEN WAR CLAUSE
Unconditional reinstatement for news workers on military leave of absence was extended to cover those who volunteer for service with the American Red Cross.

Wage increases and all other contract terms are retroactive to May 2.

Commissioner Croton helped in achieving final solution of the points at issue, as did ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers.

Master Pact Is Negotiated In Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH—After 10 weeks of bargaining, the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild and management of The Post-Gazette have agreed on a new contract which for the first time incorporates in one master pact four departments included in the Guild's jurisdiction.

Major improvements, which make the editorial-advertising-business-maintenance-department agreement the best in Pittsburgh, include:

Increases in contract salary minimums, based on 16 percent raises for all salaries up to \$40 and 10 percent up to \$75, gained last year.

INCREASES APPLIED
Generally, the full percentage increase is applied on the final year rate in each classification, with about half the percentage added to all other experience rates.

A bonus of four weeks' pay and pro rata vacation pay is guaranteed each member entering armed service, while severance pay credit continues to accumulate during the military service time.

Reimbursement for automobile use is increased to eight cents a mile, with a daily guarantee for cars used in emergency only.

CLAUSES ARE STANDARD
Building maintenance department employees are included in standard vacation, sick leave and differential clauses.

Leaves of absence are liberalized. Grievance and arbitration procedure is simplified. Military replacements are placed on the rehiring list.

All improvements in the contract are retroactive to April 1.

Blair Rice, president of the Pittsburgh Guild, was chairman of its negotiating committee.

He was aided by Leo Finegold, local treasurer; Charles Gross, Post-Gazette unit chairman; Margaret A. Donley, Post-Gazette unit treasurer, and Bernice Shine, chairman of the Sun-Telegraph unit.

Capital Pact Brings Gains At S-H Paper

WASHINGTON—The Washington Newspaper Guild signed a vastly improved contract last week with The Daily News, the capital's Scripps-Howard newspaper, with wage increases for all editorial employees on the staff.

Negotiations stalled in May and the U. S. Conciliation Service assigned Fred C. Croton to the case at the request of WNG.

MULTIPLIED BY SIX
The final and accepted wage offer made by Daily News management was approximately six times greater than its earlier—and very original—interpretation of the Little Steel formula.

Increases of \$2.50 for employees paid under \$30; \$3.50 for those making between \$30 and \$50, and \$4 for those earning \$50 or over are guaranteed to every editorial worker and are written into the scales.

Time and one-half for overtime was written into the Scripps-Howard contract.

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

Price Roll-Back Threatened By OPA Personnel Juggling

By CIO Cost of Living Committee

WASHINGTON—Just as labor was moving up its attack batteries to defend the OPA roll-back and the dollars and cents ceilings against the dive-bombing attacks of the trade lobbies and their Congressional spokesmen, Price Administrator Prentiss Brown created confusion and dismay within the ranks of OPA by firing the fighting leader of the new program, Deputy Administrator J. K. Galbraith.

Galbraith's dismissal came as a result of joint pressure from the trade lobbies and the notorious Lou Maxon, who has set out to become the guiding of price control.

Maxon, head of one of the nation's largest advertising agencies, whose clients are opposed to price control, also served an ultimatum on Brown that he be made

general manager of OPA or else he would quit.

Although Brown, with characteristic tactics, has delayed accepting Maxon's demand to be made general manager, his firing of Galbraith indicates that at the present writing Maxon is "in." It will be recalled that during the grade-labeling controversy Brown delayed formally announcing the repeal of grade-labeling until a favorable moment, although the decision to do this was made known two months earlier by Maxon.

POLICIES THREATENED
The Cost of Living Committee is not ordinarily interested in personnel changes at OPA.

But the current revolution in personnel goes to the heart of price control policies. Galbraith is cut down just at the time he had got the OPA to undertake a real program of price control.

AMONG OURSELVES



JAMES L. MAHONEY, Manchester (N. H.) Guildman, has been elected president of the Manchester Auxiliary Police. Prexy MAHONEY led the police division in a recent parade. . . Indianapolis Wire Service unit president HOWARD EMICH resigned his post as United Press Indiana-Kentucky radio manager to join the staff of Chicago radio station WBBM in the news and sports department. . .

LYON, head of The Syracuse (N. Y.) Post-Standard's women's page and treasurer of the Syracuse Guild, and new Guildman JOSEPH E. SAGE, Post-Standard reporter. . . New Guild Reporter correspondent for Indianapolis is DAN GORDON of The Times editorial staff. . . GORDON takes the place of SEXSON HUMPHRIES, recently inducted into the Army. . .

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bureau of The Union-Leader, goes into the Seabees, June 17, he'll be the seventh Manchester Guildman in the service. . . Pilot Officer DAVID MARSHALL, former Indianapolis Times staffer now serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a navigation instructor, has been promoted to Flying Officer and named intelligence officer at No. 1 Air Observer School, Malton, Ontario. . .

Wedding bells for LITITIA J. LYON, head of The Syracuse (N. Y.) Post-Standard's women's page and treasurer of the Syracuse Guild, and new Guildman JOSEPH E. SAGE, Post-Standard reporter. . . New Guild Reporter correspondent for Indianapolis is DAN GORDON of The Times editorial staff. . . GORDON takes the place of SEXSON HUMPHRIES, recently inducted into the Army. . .

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'Strike' Legislation Would Be Delusion

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touched the real cause of strikes—the petty grievances and the larger dissatisfactions that impel patriotic workers to quit their jobs.

All of which will also hinder, rather than help, the efforts of the bulk of American labor leaders to maintain uninterrupted production.

They will tell you that the legislation is aimed at John L. Lewis but in real life it is not the victim.

The victims will be those who have sought, in the face of home-front failures and inequalities, to keep up the fighting faith of U. S. labor.

It can plausibly be argued that this legislation, if enacted, is the gift of Mr. Lewis to organized labor. Beyond dispute the coal strike was invaluable to the beat-labor-first bloc.

THEY KEEP COMING

Unfortunately there were similar moves made before Lewis started his show. And if the Smith-Connally bill is defeated, there will be other bills—whether Lewis goes on a rampage again or not.

There will be such bills as long as a substantial body of solid citizens clings to the hope that labor unionism can be put out of business in wartime.

And the bills won't work. They won't work because the only real answer to strikes in wartime is the effective operation of collective bargaining machinery and the granting of decent breaks to war workers.

It happened during the second coal strike.

During a lull in the proceedings a party of about 20 newspapermen and photographers was taken on a tour of a Pittsburgh coal company mine. I guess the theory was to show us what it's like to work for a living.

We rode down the shaft into the mines and then we got into the pit-car that takes the men to their posts way down below.

A CONVERSATION STARTS

As we were riding, one of the newspapermen got into a conversation with the mine foreman—a veteran miner who had worked his way up. The newspaperman said:

"You know, I once covered a story about a guy who was supposed to have fallen off that shaft and killed himself coming down."

Five ships a day are coming down the ways and several hundred new men a week are needed to man them.

"It was supposed to be a mine accident but I never believed it. I couldn't see how you could get hurt in a shaft."

"I guess maybe some of the miners didn't like him and gave him the business on the way down."

THEN CAME QUIET

The foreman listened to it all. He didn't say anything for a minute and then he said very quietly:

"I wouldn't say nobody could get hurt on the shaft. My father got killed on one, too."

There was no more comment.

High Court Upholds Guild In Test Cases

MINNEAPOLIS—The Minnesota supreme court has upheld the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild in a long-drawn suit to collect severance pay from the Minnesota Tribune Company for employees severed from jobs by its consolidation with the Star Journal Company.

The high court gave its decision in favor of the Guild and the union's contract after the company appealed from decisions in the first two of nine test cases, which were won by the Guild.

Involved was application of a citywide Guild contract covering all Minneapolis papers and the agreement's application to employees of a paper which was absorbed by another.

The high court decision was a clear-cut victory for the union.

WSA APPEALS TO LABOR PRESS

The War Shipping Administration has turned to the nation's labor newspapers for help in bringing back into the merchant marine experienced seamen who have in the past few years gone into other industries.

In a letter to Federated Press, WSA Deputy Administrator Marshall E. Dimock asked FP member papers to publish an appeal for former seamen to report once more for duty with the merchant fleet.

The executive committee also voted unanimously to advance George A. Harris, now in his second term as president of the Boston local, as a candidate for an ANG vice presidency.

Convention Is Streamlined At Boston

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Vice President Sam B. Babansky and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers.

Following selection of convention committee personnel, delegates were invited to a special "American Newspaper Guild Night" performance at a Pops concert at Boston's famed Symphony Hall.

Tuesday convention sessions, interspersed with committee meetings, were headlined in the program by an address by Monroe Sweetland, director of the CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief, and by announcement of the winner of the 1943 Heywood Brown Memorial Award.

LIST COMMITTEE WORK

The late afternoon Tuesday period and the Wednesday morning period were reserved for committee meetings in an effort to expedite their work.

Committee reports were listed for Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning sessions. Intervening was a night club party for the delegates in the Statler's Georgian Room Wednesday night.

James B. Carey, national secretary-treasurer of the CIO and its second-in-command, was listed for an address to the Guild delegates Thursday, climactic day of the convention.

On that day, final reports of the convention's resolutions and officers' reports committees were to be heard, nominations of ANG officers were to be made, and the 1944 convention city was to be chosen. Then, adjournment.

A post-convention meeting of the IEB was scheduled for 11 a. m. Friday, June 18, at the Statler, to correlate convention instructions voted by the delegates.

COURT DISMISSES SYNDICALISM CASES

OKLAHOMA CITY (FP)—Criminal syndicalism charges against nine persons in Oklahoma City charged with membership in the Communist Party have been dismissed.

Still pending are five charges of criminal syndicalism based on the sale of literature.

FILE: BOSTON



BETH SCHOPPE

Paper work is a big part of preliminaries to Newspaper Guild conventions—as well as conventions themselves. This Boston committee member gets a file in order here, ready for the convention call to order on June 14.

THEY OPEN CONVENTION



At the left is George A. Harris, president of the Boston Newspaper Guild, host to the American Newspaper Guild's 1943 convention. With him, in this presidential meeting, is Joseph Salerno, head of the CIO in Massachusetts. They were listed for welcoming speeches in preliminary proceedings leading to the convention's call to order.

Three Delegates Sent By St. Louis Guild

ST. LOUIS—St. Louis is sending only three delegates to the convention this year, with six votes, in recognition of the transportation situation—and two of them are women.

The St. Louis Newspaper Guild's Boston delegates are Arthur Gerrecke, Margaret Nofthardt, and Del Hartley.

Gerrecke is chairman of the Post-Dispatch unit, serving his first term. He previously was a vice chairman for two terms, and has been active in contract negotiations for his unit.

LEADS WAR ACTIVITY

Gerrecke also is chairman of the St. Louis Guild war activities committee, and has directed the

committee and its subcommittees in a series of highly-successful enterprises that have attracted wide attention.

He is a display advertising salesman. This is his first convention.

Mrs. Nofthardt of the Star-Times circulation department, has been a member of the Guild since the commercial departments were admitted in 1939, and a member of the representative assembly from the start.

She is secretary of the Globe-Democrat unit. This is her first convention.

—BUT BONDS EACH WEEK—

Miss Hartley, also a Guild member since the commercial departments were admitted, is an artist in the advertising production department at The Globe-Democrat. The third commercial employee at The Globe-Democrat to sign an application card, she has been active in Globe-Democrat organization work ever since.

She is secretary of the Globe-Democrat unit. This is her first convention.

GRAFFT REPLACES PAT FRAYNE

In San Francisco Delegation

SAN FRANCISCO—Illness of the father of one of the delegates has resulted in a change in the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild's convention delegation to Boston.

Pat Frayne of the Chronicle editorial department, former executive secretary of the SFONG, announced at a representative assembly meeting that his father's critical condition precluded his attendance at the convention.

GRAFFT TAKES PLACE

George Grafft of the San Francisco News display department, first alternate, took Frayne's

place. Grafft was a delegate at last year's convention in Denver.

Others on the delegation of four—with 10 votes—are: Floyd Healey, Chronicle editorial, first vice president, SFONG, a delegate to the Detroit convention; Bill Ryan, Oakland Post-Enquirer display, president, SFONG, and Arthur Gilbert, Examiner display, former president, SFONG, delegate to Detroit.

The SFONG delegation has only one instruction: To follow policies of the national CIO. All were elected on a platform supporting the present ANG administration.

Gailey Named Delegate from Maine

PORTLAND, Me.—Local 128 will be represented at the Newspaper Guild's national convention in Boston by Raymond H. Gailey, local secretary, and possibly two other delegates to be named later.

The membership voted to send its delegates uncommitted.

Gailey, a staff reporter for the Portland Evening Express seven years and its present Superior

Murray, Carey Are Backed In Capital Guild's Program

WASHINGTON—Support for the leadership of President Philip Murray and Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey and for national CIO policies was voted by the Washington Newspaper Guild in its ANG Boston convention program.

Other top points in instructions to the capital Guild's six delegates, voted at a membership meeting, included:

Continuation of the successful ANG organizing campaign of the last 18 months, with renewed emphasis on Baltimore and Southern papers.

Revision of the War Labor Board's newspaper industry panel procedure to speed up approval of contracts negotiated voluntarily.

The delegates were told to urge continued improvement of the union's newspaper, which "during the last 18 months has become

the best labor paper in the country."

The WNG also instructed its delegates to nominate Gordon H. Cole for a vice presidency and a seat on the ANG's international executive board. Cole, a past president of the WNG, is chairman of the Washington delegation.

GROUP UNOPPOSED

Besides Cole, the delegation from Washington includes: Alfred Toombs, WNG president; Dorothy Rockwell, chairman of the WNG negotiating committee; Al Brandon, Post circulation chairman; William Crawford, chairman of the WNG organizing committee; Philip Reed, chairman of the WNG vice service committee and Mary Koryner, WNG administrative officer.

The delegation was elected without opposition.

Twin Cities Guild Sends Five As Delegates to Convention

MINNEAPOLIS—The Twin Cities Newspaper Guild will be represented at the ANG's Boston convention by five delegates.

They are: Ray Thibodeau, local president, St. Paul Dispatch Pioneer Press display advertising salesman. Boston will be his first ANG convention.

Kenneth B. Crouse, ANG vice

Secretary Sent By Youngstown

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—Mrs. Mary Ellen Apuli, a delegate to the 1942 Denver convention, has been selected to represent the Youngstown Newspaper Guild at the Boston ANG convention.

Mrs. Apuli is secretary of the Youngstown Guild, the first suburban correspondent member of The Youngstown Vindicator staff to become a Guild officer.

Her husband, a school teacher, is now in the armed forces.

ANG ADMINISTRATION ENDORSED UNANIMOUSLY

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The Syracuse Newspaper Guild has gone on record as favoring the current ANG administration and officers and, in a unanimous vote, instructed its two Boston convention delegates, Thomas A. Rose and Alfred M. Green, to follow through that policy at the national meeting.

Few Contests Are Advanced At Boston

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the CIO and the American labor movement.

As the June 14 opening session of the convention approached, there were few indications of controversial problems which might disrupt union unity in the war.

There was no announced, concerted campaign for election of administrative officers to replace those who won office in the ANG's first national referendum election in 1941 for two-year terms.

Opposition to the administration's Guild policies, however, was expressed, particularly in pre-convention actions and statements stemming from officers of New York and Los Angeles locals of the union.

BOSTON CHIEFS CAUCUS



When two or more gather together at a Newspaper Guild convention, they are regarded as in caucus. A typewriter is a handy instrument in such events. Gerald Harvey, Boston convention general arrangements chairman, presides at the instrument here. His pre-convention caucus consultant is Joseph Crowley, chairman of the registration committee.

Labor Plays Big Role In Community Affairs

"Labor's increasing participation in war and community relief activities is only the beginning of a trend that will bring trade unionism a deeper integration in the pattern of American social life," according to Monroe Sweetland, national director of the National CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief.

Sweetland, writing on labor's contributions to war relief and community chest in Common Ground, published by the Common Council for American Unity in New York City, maintained that labor's first comprehensive venture into group philanthropy represents "a much more important turning point in organized labor's relations with the rest of the public than is now suspected."

"Labor's new relief role," he concluded, "will not end with the end of the war."

"Not only does it expect to participate in the huge work of rehabilitating a socially and economically devastated world, but also to expand its influence in the organization and administration of social services in every large industrial community at home."

Sweetland pointed to \$30,000,000 for relief purposes at home and abroad raised this past year by the CIO and AFL together—a total that would be considerably swelled by the contributions of the independent and other unaffiliated unions.

This fiscal year labor's donations are expected to be doubled. CIO contributions to the Red Cross alone have reached \$7,000,000 in 1943.

Both the CIO and AFL are full participating members, with board representation, of the National War Fund, established this year to combine all war appeals except the Red Cross into a single unified campaign.

CHESTS ARE FILLED
Labor's role in the community today has been strikingly demonstrated in many recent community chest drives in different cities.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (FP)—Asserting that the McKellar bill, making all appointments to federal jobs subject to Congressional approval, would place the TVA completely in the hands of "our senior Senator," Kenneth V. McKellar, the Nashville Typographical Union opposed it in a resolution.

TRADITIONAL FROLICS PARTY
CHICAGO—Another step in rebuilding the Chicago local into a second-to-last position among Newspaper Guild cities was taken in revival of the famous Front Page Frolics party, for years a high spot of Guild activity here.

This year's Frolics, held at the Casino Terrace of the Hotel Morrison, was attended by more than 400 Chicago Guildmen and friends.

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The pioneer Times unit led in representation, followed in a close second by the new, strong and victorious Sun unit.

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According to the inviolable tradition of newspaper parties, the Frolics finally wound up in the small hours in small and select poker games.

The party was organized and arranged by three co-chairmen, August Sisco, Times unit; Betty Wood, Sun unit, and Jack Morris, Times unit, with the help of Dave Karno, Burt Marvin and Nancy Melner of the Daily News unit.

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WAR RELIEF: CASH, FUN



HIS HONOR is honored by the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild at a benefit party for servicemen. Mayor Bernard Samuel, a special guest, strikes the statesmanlike pose. At his right, Mary Smith, Guild office manager. At his left, Raymond Nelson, party chairman.

As greater numbers of labor representatives begin to appear on boards and committees of local and national philanthropic agencies, "it is inevitable," Sweetland said, "that trade unionists will obtain representation in other welfare and social planning."

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NOTE THE ART at the left—a painting by Daniel Garber, party prize in a Guild drawing. In a characteristic photographer's pose with it is Mrs. Laura Long of The Inquirer's advertising telephone room. Actual winner was her sister, Mrs. Edith Hartzell, same paper.

CHICAGO (FP)—Organized airline pilots of the U. S., Britain and Canada have taken the first step toward formation of an international body, the AFL Air Line Pilots Association, it was disclosed here.

The other two groups are known as the British and the Canadian Air Line Pilots Association.

Philadelphia War Benefit Raises \$500

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild cleared more than \$500 at an informal party under the auspices of its war activities committee.

Staged with less than a month's preparation, the event proved an even bigger social success than its elaborate predecessors.

The colossal Guild whoop-de-dooers of other years required two or three whole floors of Town Hall, one of Philadelphia's biggest auditoriums, and attracted crowds of 3000 or more.

USO GAVE TICKETS
This year's dance was held in the ballroom of the Stephen Girard Hotel as a strictly Guild party, and the crowd didn't go much above 500—including 50 visiting service men who came on free tickets turned over to the USO.

There was no public sale of tickets, no name band, no floor show. But there was a conga line, an impromptu jitterbug contest, and a good but little-known orchestra.

For the non-dancers there was a "gambling casino" where the sky was the limit—but with all bets in play money.

Finally, there was a drawing for an original landscape contributed by Daniel Garber, famous American painter.

MAYOR ATTENDED
Mayor Bernard Samuel, one of the few outsiders invited, interrupted his busy schedule for what he intended as the usual brief courtesy appearance—and stayed for more than an hour.

The entire proceeds from the party will be used for the benefit of Philadelphia-Camden Guild members in service, under the supervision of the war activities committee headed by Kay Mott, inquirer feature writer.

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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.

"RISING INDIGNATION" IS NOTED IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

We note with rising indignation the statements made by John F. Ryan in regard to the organization procedure of the present administration of the ANG. Being members of one of the newest units of the ANG from a paper which Mr. Ryan seems to feel should be called the "Crossroads News," we know nothing about Mr. Ryan.

JOHN E. McKENNA,
Portland Newspaper Guild.
CIO EDITOR BLASTS COMMUNIST TACTICS

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
I am a firm believer in the theory that no member of the American Newspaper Guild should endeavor to dictate to the members of the National Maritime Union.

It doesn't necessarily follow that I would want Joe Curran for president of the Guild. The "please kick me" statement in his recent letter to Pegler that "this war did not become a People's War until the Soviet Union was attacked" places him quite outside the realm of serious discussion.

So much for his recent attacks in the NMU Pilot on ANG President Milton Murray.

Now that the American Communist Party has been officially brushed off by the Soviet Union, its present course of action is to redouble its efforts to move into and take over the American labor movement.

What should concern us in the Guild is not the disruptive sniping at our own leadership, the leadership of other CIO internationals, and the leadership of the national CIO by disciples of "unity."

The thing of moment is the all-out attempt of the Communist Party per se, redoubled since the brush-off, to dictate policy to the CIO and the AFL. Any smoke screen will do for the attempt.

Mr. Earl Browder would like nothing better than interminable debates on Polish questions and everything else under the sun provided he can convince enough suckers among us to change our leadership for far, far worse. He

Please note, Mr. Ryan, that this organization increased the membership of the Portland Newspaper Guild by 50 percent. Also we believe, Mr. Ryan, that the winning majority would do credit to one of your great New York units.

We are exceedingly sorry that we did not go through the procedure outlined by Mr. Ryan and mail in our membership cards and receive a charter by return mail. But the facts are that the Portland Newspaper Guild already had a charter and that a very constructive group, very ably assisted by the ANG, carried out

ELsie Bowman, Record telephone solicitor, managed the "casino." Jules Schick, Associated Press photographer and ANG vice-president, handled music and entertainment.

Included in the war activities committee's plans is a monthly letter for Guild service men and news from the home front. Samson Berry, Record unit chairman, and Elsie Finn, Record-movie critic, are in charge of this project.

LABOR EDITORS CITE A MENACE
NEWARK, N. J. (FP)—Increasing threats to the nation's labor press lurk in such legislation as the Connally-Smith bill, the second annual Eastern Labor Press Conference declared.

In a resolution urging vigorous counter-attacks against the enemies of the labor movement who are initiating this legislation, the conference said that "such measures are only the beginning. The labor press will be the next victim."

Another resolution called upon the AFL, the CIO and the railroad brotherhoods to establish daily labor papers as a means of counteracting anti-labor propaganda in the commercial press.

PILOTS' UNION PLANS INTERNATIONAL SETUP
CHICAGO (FP)—Organized airline pilots of the U. S., Britain and Canada have taken the first step toward formation of an international body, the AFL Air Line Pilots Association, it was disclosed here.

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ganized way. Which, incidentally, was a point in my letter.

The Resident Organizer plan was instituted primarily to assist such groups. I urged that it be re-established or an adequate substitute provided.

Such wide support for organization of the smaller papers must raise the level of the debate to: "Which is the best program?" Up to now, the central question has been: "Should there be a program?"

Unfortunately, any criticism of ANG policies—however well taken—still calls for a barrage of caustic reply from friends of ANG officers. In this case, incentive is not going to keep the subject from being debated on its merits.

JOHN F. RYAN,
General Organizer.

HE ISSUES CALL FOR "FIREMEN"

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
It seems to me that at this time, we might hear one small plea—in the midst of the contention—for something which I should like to call UNITY but which I shall not, but it is tagged as being the property of one of the factions.

The Denver Guild sends its delegate to the convention at a time when we are faced with the imminent enforcement of what was cynically cited by its sponsors as "The Labor Peace Act." It constitutes a declaration of total war on the unions of the State of Colorado and its successful enforcement will mean the end of effective trade unionism in Colorado.

We are face to face with the forces that hate labor and will stop at nothing to bring our ruin. So we no longer feel that we can afford the luxury of intra-union feuds.

The Denver membership wants to see the Guild moving forward in a unified, progressive union program. It wants to see the Guildmen all over the country want to see just that and I believe that they do. Naturally, if a majority is dedicated to the promulgation of internal strife, the fight must go on. I won't believe this.

We are going into a critical campaign with two large groups at serious odds. The situation approaches the point where some of the issues seem to be decided—or fought—on the grounds of "who thought of it first?" not "is it a good thing for the Guild?"

In Denver we want to win the war first. We are back of President Roosevelt and Philip Murray's CIO program. But looking back at the aftermath of the last war, looking into the faces of the labor-baiters victorious in this state, the Denver local wants above all to come out of the war with a strong, united union prepared to fight the coming battle at home without dissension in the ranks.

If this letter is construed as an attack on the administration, it falls far short of its purpose. I believe the administration stands ready to fulfill any mandate shown to be the voice of the majority. I believe the administration is capable of leading the Guild in a real trade union program which all Guild members can and will support. It is up to the convention to provide the mandate.

After a fire starts, it can be brought under control only if somebody starts trying to put out the fire. Arguing about who started it only gives a nice wind to fan the flames.

Are there any volunteer firemen in the house?

KENNETH BUNDY, President,
Denver Newspaper Guild.

PUEBLO GUILD BACKS ANG ADMINISTRATION

PUEBLO, COLO.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The Pueblo Guild wishes to affirm its support of the Murray-Rodgers-Eubanks administration.

Last January, when the Pueblo Guild was in process of organization, the national Guild officers gave us every possible assistance.

That help, given in the midst of wartime manpower problems, was as effective as we now virtually have a Guild shop.

Not only was that aid effective during our organization, but also in the contract negotiations which were concluded successfully in April. Larry MacLean, then on the editorial staff of The Denver Post and now ANG International representative, was chief negotiator and did a bang-up job.

The Pueblo Guild holds, too, that the ANG leaders are not excluded from unfettered expression of opinion, which, we note, is indulged in so freely in certain dissonant quarters.

PHIL KERBY,
President, Pueblo Guild
(At direction of executive committee.)

CALIFORNIA CITES ORGANIZING PROGRESS

SACRAMENTO.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I guess the shouting which followed John F. Ryan's comment concerning the crossroad Guilds has about died down. Nevertheless, I should like to correct his assertion that the only planned organizational work is being done in Chicago.

The Northern California District Council, ANG, comprising locals in San Francisco, Oakland, Stockton, San Jose and Sacramento has a definite organization program which was vigorously pursued during the past year, and which is now being carried forward as rapidly as restrictions and circumstances occasioned by the war will permit.

The Sacramento Bee unit, of which I am chairman, is a direct outgrowth of the council's organization program and the organization of the Sacramento Union's circulation department and the formation of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild can be listed as council accomplishments.

Larry Coats, council president, spent two weeks in Sacramento and personally assisted in preliminary work.

Bee unit members also were aided by Pat Frayne, then executive secretary of SPONG, and Sam E. Eubanks, executive vice president, ANG, from the time that management was informed that a unit had been organized and was ready to prove its right as the bargaining agent for the staff.

Eubanks, with Frayne and the Bee committee, opened negotiations in negotiations and the combined efforts of national, district and committee Guildmen obtained an initial contract which is better than average.

The work of Bob Brown, executive secretary, SPONG, Art Gilbert and Urcel Daniel in negotiating the Sacramento Union contract now pending before the WLB newspaper panel also is an example of the council's organizational work.

The Northern California District Council, ANG, has a definite, specific organization program which is being carried forward as rapidly as possible.

HARRY P. BAGLEY,
President, Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild.

WASHINGTON.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Because there has been so much interest in the Washington Newspaper Guild's policy on the 48-hour week, we are presenting a more detailed account.

For the record, the Washington Newspaper Guild is not departing from the Guild's standard 40-hour week. All the contracts which have been renewed in the past three months still call for the basic 40-hour week. The sixth day is to be worked at time and one-half. But we want to see that sixth day worked.

Washington is a real labor shortage center. There just aren't enough people to go around in this war swollen city. Our cost

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FOR WHOM THE BELL...



Cartoon by John F. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild.

"IT IS REGRETTABLE" ORGANIZER RYAN SAYS

NEW YORK.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

It is regrettable that the Crossroads News reference in my letter was misinterpreted to mean that I am opposed to organizing the hundreds of small papers in the country. Particularly, when my letter was one of the first appeals to do something about organizing them. Some heartening trends are indicated in responses which appeared in the GR, however sharp the barbs may have been. So many Guildmen ready to defend the Crossroads News should guarantee that this convention helps them in an or-

anization program which not only greatly strengthened the Portland Newspaper Guild but also the American Newspaper Guild.

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The Rewrite Desk

Senator Robert Rice Reynolds has changed the name of his *American Vindicator* to *The National Record*, but nothing else about it has been changed.

The sacred cows of *The National Record* are from the same smelly stable in which Reynolds' "Vindicators," who were presumed to have "disbanded" after Pearl Harbor, used pitchforks:

The Chicago Tribune, Martin Dies, *The New York Daily News*, Edward V. Rickenbacker, Clare B. Hoffman and Robert Rice Reynolds.

Wesley Price of PM, assisted by the Friends of Democracy, has been doing a good job on a recapitulation of evidence against the Pelleys, the Dillings, the Smythes and similar characters in the seditious conspiracy cases, which make the hearts of such characters as Hoffman bleed in Congress.

It was another Newspaper Guildsman—Dillard Stokes of *The Washington Post*, now Private Stokes—who first upturned composing room stones to expose their vermin press, as the union pointed out in citing him last year for the Heywood Brown Memorial Award.

Fortune, in a poll on a fourth term for President Roosevelt if the war is still on at 1944's election time (nearly 65 percent favored it), divided the country into five economic levels: "High," "Upper Middle," "Lower Middle," "Low" and—"Negro."

It's a tragic commentary on the state of democracy in a war for democracy that such a fifth category should be considered necessary in any poll of Americans on any subject.

Another tragic commentary was a historical note made in Washington, the capital of democracy. There, for the first time, five reporters for Negro newspapers were given credentials which admitted them to the White House and gave them the ineffable pleasure of looking at their representatives from the House press gallery.

These unprecedented honors accorded to Negro newspapermen were limited, of course, to the occasion of the visit to Washington by President Edwin Barclay of Liberia, whose skin does not happen to be white.

Have the editorial pages opened up in unison to cry out against another attempt in Washington to subsidize, control and destroy the free press?

This is an attempt by Senator Bankhead to put through a bill which would spend "idle currency"—up to \$30,000,000 in tax funds—to buy advertising in newspapers to promote bond sales and "aid in the stabilization program and the war effort."

Editor & Publisher long ago started crusading for such a pork barrel bill on a theme that advertising will win the war.

Let's hear some editorial objections to any such wartime waste of desperately-needed public funds.

John L. Lewis has received fulsome press notices—in the Nazis' *Voelkischer Beobachter*.

The United Press reported from Stockholm that this sheet described Lewis as "the man who sees calamity in the United States alliance with Britain," as "the man who sees things more clearly than others."

The National Association of Manufacturers has found it expedient to issue a wartime manual engagingly entitled *How to Prevent Misinterpretation of Your Profits*.

Advice on this dread subject is that one way for corporations to "prevent misinterpretation" in their war profit reports is to lump huge-salaried executives with "employees," thus misrepresenting the proportion of wages paid to workers.

The *United States News* reported that "Officials are estimating the 1943 profits, after present taxes, will amount to about \$6,000,000,000, or 13 percent more than the \$5,360,000,000 of 1942."

Wage boosts of corporation executives, between 1940 and 1942, are in the Horatio Alger tradition, without benefit of a Little Steel formula. These are some 1940-1942 comparisons:

W. Dickerman, American Locomotive, \$75,954 to \$114,091; G. A. Eastwood, Armour, \$74,378 to \$101,340; E. G. Budd, Budd Wheel, \$110,428 to \$140,318; J. Spencer Love, Burlington Mills, \$91,940 to \$196,340; J. W. Thomas, Firestone, \$91,937 to \$120,000; L. B. Mayer, Loews, \$697,048 to \$959,766.

The *Wall Street Journal* reported: "A Wall Street trader said he made more trades thus far this year than in all the last two years and his profits in 1943 to date are larger than in all 1942 although he had been quite successful last year."

War victory aims of the investments, set, as outlined by *Poor's Investment Advisory Service* in listing "outstanding profit opportunities":

"We forecast a decisive, overwhelming United Nations Victory, and a further bull market rise over twice as great as that scored from early 1942 to date." (Emphasis by PIAS.)

And *Investors Guide* charts the war and postwar course for the Four Freedoms even more succinctly:

"It is clear your chance to build for today and tomorrow lies in the security markets!"

Freedom of speech, never too free on the air, as such commentators as Newspaper Guildsman Drew Pearson can testify, is in for further confinement if the National Association of Broadcasters is permitted to carry out a quietly-developed policy.

The policy, in effect, would ban labor unions from broadcasting their case to the public if the broadcast, in the opinion of the NAB, involved "solicitations of memberships." The NAB ruled that "time should be neither given nor sold for this purpose."

This domestic threat to one of the Four Freedoms was disclosed by *Variety*, which said a resolution embodying it was passed by the NAB at its Chicago convention "amid the drowsy insouciance of a late afternoon session."

Variety suggested that labor's "recoil may have the sting of a whiplash." It is so moved.

Hollywood Red Cross ads, headed "Salute to Labor," gave labor credit for 18,000 of 20,000 contributions to the agency's Spring drive.

PICKET FOR PROFITS



—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

Midwest Meet Readied By Labor Press Editors

CHICAGO — Labor editors and labor leaders from Midwest unions will hold a two-day labor press conference July 10 and 11 on policy and other problems.

It is sponsored by the American Labor Press Association, of which Editor J. B. S. Hardman of *The Advance* of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers is chairman.

PROGRAM OUTLINED

In addition to an exchange of ideas on the labor editor's role in the war, the conference will discuss the following specific points:

1) Labor's view of what U. S.

domestic policy should be in the postwar period.

2) Labor's ideas with regard to international policy and world organization.

3) Labor's public relations in war and peace.

COMMITTEE NAMED

The planning and organizing committee of the conference includes:

Svend Godfredsen, Packinghouse Worker, chairman; Robert H. Perkins, Federation News, secretary; George T. Guernsey, *The American Teacher*; Loren Norman, Racine (Wis.) Labor; Ken Hunter, midwest editor of *Steel Labor*; Ernest Calloway, CIO News, and E. A. Stevenson, Train Dispatcher.

The conference is scheduled for the University of Chicago campus.

Star Attempts To 'Buy' Guild In Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS—Benjamin F. Lawrence, general manager, of *The Star*, is trying to "buy" its unit's demands for a Newspaper Guild shop, seniority, preferential hiring and dues check-off in contract negotiations.

"We're not pleading poverty this year," he argued repeatedly, expressing great willingness to "discuss" salary increases, "subject to WLB approval, of course," on condition that the Guild waive all of its union security proposals.

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Unless it did waive, he declared, he wouldn't discuss anything at all.

The Guild promptly requested conciliation, and Commissioner Arthur H. Pierson was assigned by the Department of Labor.

The Star countered with an offer to meet the Guild's salary demands exactly.

Management also offered to join in a request to the War Labor Board, but still predicated the offer on Guild waiver of the Guild shop, checkoff and other security provisions.

Commissioner Pierson arranged for separate conferences with management and Guild.

UNIONIST AT WHEEL AT CASABLANCA PARLEY

BUTTE, Mont. (FP) — Behind the steering wheel of the second car in the procession at the historic meeting of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at Casablanca was a good union man—"Lefty" Orlich, member of the CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers.

SAILOR'S SPEECH SHOCKS HOUSE

WASHINGTON (FP)—The House was electrified during the hottest part of debate on the bill repealing the poll tax, when a young sailor stepped out on a gallery ledge and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I speak for the thousands who can't be here. Why should a man have to pay to vote but not to fight?"

Grabbed on all sides by gallery doorkeepers and police, he said with dignity he'd go quietly. He was Evan O. Jones, 21, of Los Angeles, veteran of several battles, including Singapore, in two years at sea.

Before being sent back to his ship, the sailor said:

"Those men in there are fighting the Civil War over again. Why don't they get into thinking about this war?"

He didn't get to stay for it, but Sailor Jones would have been pleased at the vote: 265 to 110.

RITZ-CARLTON IS UNION SHOP

NEW YORK (FP)—The Hotel Ritz-Carlton, which gave America a synonym for swank, now offers its wealthy clientele a new exclusive feature—complete union service.

The management signed a contract with the AFL New York Hotel Trades Council, representing every craft working in the hotel, which provides for substantial wage increases retroactive to January 1.

CIO UNION STARTS OWN COL SURVEY

CAMDEN, N. J. (FP) — Shipyard workers in boomtown centers throughout the nation are planning to offer stiff competition to the Bureau of Labor Statistics cost of living index with a price review of their own.

The CIO Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers is sending price questionnaires to its members living in such crowded shipbuilding towns as Baltimore, Mobile, New Orleans, Portland, Seattle and San Francisco, where food costs are much higher than the average for the entire country.

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