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Guildsman Survives In Crash of Bomber

NORRISTOWN, Pa.—Staff Sergeant John Charles Whitman II, member of the Norristown unit of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild, was safe in Greenland last week, rescued from a 300-foot reef where his patrol bomber crash-landed in a nearly incredible flying feat.

Whitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Thomas, who was classified advertising manager of The Norristown Times Herald and an active Guildsman before he entered the Army, was bombardier in the plane's crew, all of whom were rescued in the epic of the North Atlantic.

INJURIES SLIGHT

The Guildsman's shoulder and ankle were injured in the crash landing, accomplished by First Lieutenant Julian J. Blais of Fitchburg, Mass., but he quickly recovered and was expected home soon to enter an Officers' Candidate School.

Blais and his crew of five were headed back toward their base from patrol off Greenland when trouble started.

Fog closed in, blind flying over the mountainous terrain would have been suicidal, snow and static prevented radio navigation, ice weighed the plane down, there was no alternate airfield—and gas was running low.

Blais came over the base, but there was no hole in the fog and he couldn't bring the bomber down, so he headed out to sea, skimming the water and dodging icebergs which loomed suddenly through the fog.



JOHN CHARLES WHITMAN
He landed on a reef

With only a few minutes' gas supply left, the pilot finally sighted a snow-covered reef with not more than 300 feet of landing room and decided to risk it.

REEF IS CITED

The bomber's tail struck first and the plane plowed into a boulder, then jolted to a halt, nearly broken in two. The crew climbed out a window unhurt except for bruises and cuts.

Three days later a searching plane finally sighted Whitman and his crewmates, who had built snow houses and lived on emergency rations. A Coast Guard rescue ship then was dispatched to the reef to take the men off.

Authority in Wages Restored to Panel

Final authority to approve voluntary wage increases in Newspaper Guild contracts under the Little Steel formula has been restored to the special newspaper industry panel of the War Labor Board.

This re-designation of ultimate jurisdiction of the WLB agency in such cases was announced in Washington July 29 following weeks of confusion, delay, indecision and doubt about the status of the panel itself, in which the Guild has been a principal participant.

The Washington order, in effect, reconstituted the panel in a top position it held, briefly, following the June convention of the American Newspaper Guild in Boston and prior to passage of the Smith-Connally Act.

Guild Referendum Gets Under Way

Machinery in the American Newspaper Guild's biennial referendum election of international officers was moving this weekend. From New York headquarters of the union, ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers forwarded on July 31, to all treasurers of all Guild locals, a list of their members who were marked in ANG records as eligible to vote in the election.

The eligible list, which totaled about 13,000 nationally in the

headquarters roster, will be determined finally August 20, after local treasurers have completed checks of their own records. They will be entitled until then to seek corrections at headquarters.

The election itself will be held in each local within 10 days following receipt of ballots, which will be sent by Rodgers by certified mail to local presidents by August 24.

Ballots then will be counted by the locals and the vote certified and filed at ANG headquarters not later than September 15. Eight days later the election will be completed under supervision of a bipartisan election commission.

The commission, meeting at ANG headquarters July 21, agreed that candidates should be listed alphabetically on the ballots. It also recommended that locals make available to all members the list of members eligible to vote.

August 21 was scheduled for the next session of the bipartisan commission, composed of Katherine Mulrenan Martin of Boston and Gerald Hayey of Boston, representing candidates who support the present ANG administration, and Gladys Bentley and Chan Norris of New York, representing other candidates.

Meanwhile, formation of a national Committee to Keep the Guild Strong, pledged to support candidates who support the present ANG administration, was announced in Philadelphia. Its chairman is Arthur Riordan, Philadelphia-Camden Guild president.

ANG Joins CIO Session On Politics

PHILADELPHIA—With the American Newspaper Guild participating, the national CIO political action committee outlined its elections course for unions at an eastern conference here.

The conference, at which William J. Farson of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild represented the ANG as a member of the union's national government relations committee, emphasized need for support of Congressmen who have backed liberal measures for both war and home fronts.

Joseph M. Walsh of the Wilkes-Barre Guild, ANG vice president, attended the conference as a CIO delegate from Northeastern Pennsylvania, where he is CIO regional director. Sidney Hillman was chairman of the meeting.

WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Bricker, Taft & Company Bore Toward White House

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—The issue before the house is: How far can a bore go in American politics?

I raise this issue in view of the persistent emergence of Bricker, Taft and a dozen other dreary characters as major aspirants for the Presidency.

SEES PULLMANN PERIL

As newspapermen, we have a personal stake in this matter: Some of us may have to take long train rides with them.

Now Bricker, Taft & Company probably are fine family men, good fellows for a round of golf. Maybe they even like to sneak a few quick ones in the clubhouse.

I haven't looked them up lately, but they may belong to all the livelier societies and collect stamps for a hobby.

THEY SAY NOTHING

But it seems unmistakably and overwhelmingly clear that they are capable of boring almost any given assemblage to death.

Perhaps they just don't express themselves well. Maybe their minds glimpse gaudy visions that their speeches are unable to articulate.

But I am writing strictly from the record of public appearances. On that record they are as dazzling and dramatic as my astronomy professor in college, (Continued on Page Eight)

Gains in Guild Contracts Shown in Year's Survey

Substantial collective bargaining gains made by the American Newspaper Guild during the past year are reflected in a new survey of "Wages and Conditions in Guild Contracts" mailed to all locals.

Appropriately, one of the most marked improvements was shown in benefits for Guild members entering military service. The number of contracts with induction bonuses jumped from 37 to 57 in the one-year period, and disability benefits were written into 103 agreements, compared with 87 last year.

NUMBER GOES UP

One hundred sixty contracts were listed in the new survey, compared with 149 in a 1942 compilation. The net gain in union security clauses was nine—four

Guild shops and five maintenance of membership sections.

The booklet, second to be issued by the ANG research department in New York, is based on signed copies of contracts sent in by Guild locals.

It was prepared by ANG Research Director Urcel Daniel and Jean Weinstein, administrative assistant at the union's headquarters.

How rapidly Guild bargaining responds to the programs and policies worked out by Guild members at conventions is shown in the record of two new clauses inserted in the collective bargaining program by the 1942 convention at Denver.

LEAVES PROVIDED

Leaves for Guild work were written into 33 contracts, and

checkoff of Guild dues in 31. Both clauses were in so few agreements last year that no count was made of them in the 1942 survey.

The same was true of leaves of absence for required civilian war work, which have been inserted in 47 current contracts.

Maternity leave clauses showed a gain from 23 to 36 contracts.

Only six additional arbitration clauses were written, making the total number 40.

Four contracts broke through the previous ceiling of 8 cents per mile automobile allowance, and established 10 cents as the rate of compensation. Still others pushed up from the lower rates of 5, 6, and 7 cents.

Many units lengthened their severance pay schedules. Fifty-

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The order meant that the special WLB panel, which convened again in Chicago July 29 with ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks representing the Guild and the CIO, again had authority to speed WLB contract cases to conclusions and to give ultimate approval, in unanimous decisions, to agreements which have represented more than 70 percent of newspaper industry contracts referred to the WLB.

IT'S "GOING CONCERN"

The new Washington WLB directive did not represent a complete clearance of all objectives sought by ANG officers since establishment of the newspaper panel was proposed by the ANG early this year. But it did reestablish the panel as an authoritative agency—as a going concern.

Meanwhile more than 2,500 newspaper employees covered by Guild contracts were sharing annual wage increases and retroactive payments, approved by the national WLB, totaling more than \$605,300.

And since many pending WLB cases involving increased pay represented Guild-management agreements, it was expected that the crowded docket of the WLB and the panel in Chicago would be cleared more rapidly, bringing the Guild's contract score higher and higher.

AUTHORITY LISTED

The Chicago panel, which faced collapse following passage of the Smith-Connally Bill and the confusion caused by the law, was given authority by the July 29 order to:

1) Consider and approve finally all voluntary newspaper wage agreements within limits of the Little Steel Formula.

2) Consider and make recommendations to the Sixth Regional War Labor Board in Chicago in any other contract cases outside the Little Steel formula, including disputes.

In cases in which the panel does not agree, the regional board in Chicago will be the determining body, subject to any appeals by labor or management to the national board in Washington.

The July 29 directive by the WLB to the special newspaper industry advisory panel in Chicago followed announcement by WLB counsel that study of the Smith-Connally Act and its restrictive provisions showed that the law was not to be construed as abrogating the authority of the WLB and its agencies.

ORDER REVOKED

The directive countermanded a July 3 order which revoked the panel's final authority in wage agreements two weeks after the

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WLB Orders BRICKBAT HARDTACK Fix Status Of Panel

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original delegation of authority to it had been given by the WLB.

At the same time it was learned in Washington that a legal interpretation of a "conflict of interest" section of the Smith-Connally law was that it did not apply to ANG Executive Vice President Eshank's participation in panel consideration of Guild cases.

This section rules that:
"No member of the board shall be permitted to participate in any decision in which such member has a direct interest as an employer, employee or representative of either party to the dispute."

It was held in Washington that application of the "conflict of interest" section was limited to the WLB itself and to regional boards as final decision agencies.

LOGJAM BROKEN

In its first two weeks of operation under the initial delegation of authority the Chicago panel had cleared more than 250 contract cases which had been caught in a logjam in channels leading through the national board in Washington.

Under procedure by which the panel operated in its first three months of existence, the newspaper industry agency was merely an advisory body which made recommendations in all cases to the WLB for action.

As the labor-industry public panel reconvened in Chicago, completion of a report in contract disputes between the Guild and six Associated Press bureaus was on the top of the agenda.

Nearly 40 other Guild-management cases were pending in various stages of filing, hearings and study by the panel. Latest cases certified to the panel under WLB procedure involved the Guild, Indianapolis Star, Time, Inc., and Sioux City (Ia.) Journal-Tribune.

TEST IS SOUGHT

An early test of union security contract cases contested by management, with the fervent encouragement of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, was expected to be made in a move from the panel direct to the national board in Washington.

The Guild planned to answer the challenge of the ANPA by making a test case of one of a half-dozen disputes on the issue which have been referred to the panel. Likely choice for the test was a union security dispute between the Guild and The Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News, a liberal lawyer who won the Guild's Morris Watson case before the Supreme Court, affirming validity of the Wagner Act, was engaged to carry the test to its conclusion.

ANPA LIFTS BANNER

The publishers, rallying behind a "freedom of the press" banner, clutched by ANPA Counsel Elisha Hanson, drew on restrictive provisions of the Connally-Smith law for ammunition for their organized assault on Guild security and organization.

ANPA color guards included Frank Gamett, publisher of two Rochester papers for which the New York regional WLB unanimously recommended maintenance of Guild membership; Vance McCormick, Harrisburg publisher; John Cowles, Minneapolis Star-Journal publisher, and Fred Bonilla of Denver.

PUEBLO SCHEDULES BLOOD DONATIONS

PUEBLO, Colo. — Newspaper workers here will appear at a mobile Red Cross unit August 5 to make group blood bank donations arranged by the Pueblo Newspaper Guild.

The Guild-Red Cross project was given page one notice by The Pueblo Star-Journal.



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

\$605,364 Is Won By Guild in Raises

Newspaper employees have added \$605,364 to their incomes under Newspaper Guild contracts recently approved by the War Labor Board in Washington.

A national compilation last week showed that 2,567 employees covered by Guild agreements had won annual pay increases totaling \$390,867 annually and ranging, at individual newspapers, to \$80,000 for 1600 working for The Philadelphia Inquirer.

An additional \$214,502 was won by the Guild in retroactive wage boosts which ran back, in several cases, to a year ago.

The following table shows the distribution of pay increases won in Guild contract negotiations, recommended by the WLB's special newspaper panel in Chicago, and approved by the board itself:

ANNUAL INCREASES		
Newspaper	Employees	Amount
New York Post	215	\$45,000
Bronx Home News	35	5,800
Los Angeles Daily News	162	28,500
Boston Herald Traveler	310	14,450
Bay City Times	37	6,000
Joliet Herald-News	14	2,500
St. Louis Globe-Democrat	250	50,000
Madison Capital Times, State Journal	71	3,692
Knoxville News Sentinel	24	4,628
Washington Post	332	51,792
Indianapolis Times	80	7,280
Indianapolis Inquirer	500	90,000
Philadelphia Record	360	55,000
Albany Knickerbocker News	25	5,850
Albany Times-Union	85	9,945
Sacramento Bee	49	10,000
Battle Enquirer and News	18	11,000
TOTALS	2,567	\$390,867

RETROACTIVE INCREASES		
Newspaper	Employees	Amount
Los Angeles Daily News	162	\$ 8,250
Bay City Times	37	4,000
St. Louis Globe-Democrat	250	50,000
Madison Capital Times, State Journal	71	3,692
Washington Post	332	16,000
Philadelphia Inquirer	500	75,360
Philadelphia Record	360	42,280
Albany Knickerbocker News	25	2,920
Albany Times-Union	85	4,000
Sacramento Bee	49	5,000
Rockford Consolidated Newspapers	18	3,000
TOTAL		\$214,502

War Slows Bargaining, But Advances Continue

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nine of them now have 28 weeks' maximum severance pay or more, compared with 43 in the top brackets a year ago.

Even greater gains in all contract clauses would have been shown if it were not for the slower pace of negotiations under wartime conditions.

Many contracts were marked in the survey as "negotiating" or "War Labor Board dispute."

Still others have been re-negotiated but were not signed pending War Labor Board approval of wage increases.

In all such cases, the conditions

in the new survey were not changed over those in the old one.

MINIMUMS INCREASED

Gains in wages could not be clearly summarized in the 1943 survey, but can be estimated by comparison of the two books. Many locals already have achieved 16 percent increases allowable now under the WLB's Little Steel formula.

As in past years, a vast majority of contracts added wage increases to minimums, as well as to salaries, thus establishing the gains on a firm basis for the future.

Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

There have been lately a number of warnings that labor unions and their leaders had better watch out because the soldiers, when they return, will do a job on them.

Most of this, considering its source, can be dismissed as wishful thinking.

There is, however, increasing evidence that servicemen are being built up with the idea that such a job should be done. It appears there is a deliberate policy to portray unions as the enemies of the servicemen.

Every legitimate union activity is twisted into an affront to "the boys in the foxholes" and the scattered wildcat strikes are magnified out of all proportion as destructive to the war effort.

Effectiveness of this policy is indicated in the increased outpouring in the public letter boxes, purportedly from servicemen, denouncing unions and their leaders.

Some of these letters purport to come from rank and file union members.

At the Guild we have been notably lacking in such communications. If any of our 3,500 servicemen have complaints to make about wartime union programs they are keeping very quiet about it.

But there can be no doubt of the validity of most of these letters. Servicemen represent a cross section of America. They are as subject to propaganda, misinformation and misleading as any of us. Probably a little more so, in fact.

A man who would like to be home under almost any terms could, I submit in the kindest of spirits, be subject to a slight taint of envy to hear that the boys in the mill had just gotten an eight-cent-an-hour pay boost.

The means of obtaining that increase can readily be distorted into a criticism of unions. The representative who argued for it can easily be pictured as a dues collecting scoundrel who has no interest in the workmen beyond their per capita.

Such distortions are being made. Cunning men with a deep hatred of unionism and the restrictions it places on their social piracy make them.

Considering their objectives, they would be stupid if they failed to capitalize on the war, its manifold confusions and the sudden removal of millions of men and women from their civilian liberties and comforts. They are not stupid.

It is folly for unions and their officers to ignore the complaints. It is an issue we cannot evade. Nor should we wish to evade it.

It would be comfortable if we could brush the complaints aside, knowing their falsity and knowing the malice that instilled them in the minds of their makers.

It would be easy to wave a patriotic banner in answer to the ones waved against us. We could exploit "win-the-war committees," war bond drives, blood donors and the number of tanks and jeeps that union men have built.

Perhaps such counter-propaganda would be effective. But I suspect that servicemen would read it as humbug.

The job we have to do is getting out some other facts, too.

We must convince the soldiers, for example, that when we battle for wages it is in their wages we are protecting—not, of course, their present \$50 a month but the paycheck they expect to come back to when the war is won.

If we can keep wages relatively in line with the economic system now we will save them the battle of lifting them when they are back in civilian.

I think it proper to remind the servicemen that the families they left behind are trying to get along with dollars that have shrunk badly—and would have shrunk far worse if unions had not battled to protect them.

There should be a little more emphasis on the fact that food prices have jumped more than 40 per cent. I suspect that the soldiers are anxious that their wives and mothers and their kid sisters should have sufficient food.

They can be reminded that unions have fought for a proper rationing program to curb the greedy, allocate available supplies equitably and for a price control system that will work for the consumer and against the profiteer.

There are a number of things we can point out to the servicemen and we should point them out. The point can be made—and repeated as often as necessary—that we are not doing these things for our own little, selfish selves exclusively.

We are trying—and against mobilized and militant opposition—to hold a social order along the lines the servicemen knew and for which they are fighting.

I'd like to quote a rank and file member of our union:

"We try to hold before us the vision of a world to which we hope our loved ones will return.

"A world in which there will be justice and, therefore, we may hope for peace. A world in which people of all faiths and races will live as brothers and welcome each other's presence upon the earth, believing that the Creator made us different, but still equal in His sight.

"A world in which we will seek together to eliminate want from the lives of human beings, so that in truth there shall no longer be slaves on this earth."

That member is Eleanor Roosevelt.

I admire her vision. In whatever manner I can I propose to work toward its realization—and to ask the Guild so to work.

If this path is followed I have no concern as to the adequacy of our post-war accounting to our servicemen.

Legislative, Organizing Programs Advanced by Ohio Guild Councils

DAYTON, O. — Plans for expanded organization work, greater mutual assistance in contract negotiations and grievances, and participation in the legislative affairs program of the American Newspaper Guild were formulated at a joint meeting of the union's Northern Ohio and Ohio Valley District Councils.

The Dayton Guild was host at the July 25 session, at which all affiliated locals except Zanesville were represented with 31 members from 11 locals participating.

LABOR GROUPS REPORT

A feature of the conference was reports of operations of United Labor and the Church Labor Council, Dayton labor organizations which are making labor's voice heard in legislative fields and among clergymen and church groups.

Members of the Dayton Guild were instrumental in formation of both organizations, which include CIO, AFL railroad brotherhood, and independent unions.

The joint Guild council session, at which John Stuart of Columbus, Ohio Valley president, presided, charged delegates to assist in promulgating objectives of the ANG government relations committee in their own locals.

Also attending the meeting were Larry MacLean and Steve Ripley.

ANG international representatives, and Wilbur E. Bade, director of organization.

Ripley is aiding Columbus in local projects. MacLean, following negotiation of an initial contract for the new Terra Haute Guild, is going on to assist the Sioux City Guild in deadlocked negotiations.

MacLean spoke on contracts, negotiations and War Labor Board procedure. He stressed the necessity for demanding protective clauses and discussed operations of the WLB's newspaper industry panel. Using examples, he also conducted a discussion session on these phases.

Bade discussed organization procedure, reviewed progress, and cited operations of other district councils.

FORUM CONDUCTED

An open forum was conducted on organization procedure and plans for the Ohio area, and the meeting voted to have a committee of one member from each local, chairmaned by Frank Klein of Lima, survey potential organization work and to analyze prospects.

The report, to be made in cooperation with the ANG, will be submitted to all locals before the next meeting at Columbus October 24. From this report a blue-

printed plan of action will be drawn, aiming to extend Guild organization to various unorganized areas.

Mutual assistance was pledged by the Northern Ohio and Ohio Valley Councils in routine work as well as in organization and negotiations, and proposals for a mimeographed bulletin were discussed.

Spokesmen for United Labor and the Church Labor Council were Harry Miller, president of the Dayton Typographical Union, and Ralph E. Krisher of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, president of both organizations.

They reported on success of interviewing Congressmen who had voted for anti-labor bills.

"Political leaders who once refused to see labor delegations now call up labor representatives and ask for an appointment," Krisher said.

Krisher stressed that United Labor had for its major objective legislative activity and was not organized, nor used, to further political ambitions of any man or group.

United Labor also sponsored successful bond sales drives and higher production of war material. The group now is engaged

LEADS DRIVE

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — An inspired, militant Lehigh Valley Newspaper Guild membership is in the midst of contract negotiations for editorial employees of the Call-Chronicle Newspapers, Inc. seeking to erase a stigma created two years ago when it accepted a contract which threatened the standards of newspapermen throughout the country.

The contract of 1941 secured for employees of the Call-Chronicle Newspapers, very little except wage increases, and these were agreed to with a seven-years experience scale before an editorial worker on the Morning Call and Evening Chronicle could attain minimum standards achieved by other newspapers within three years.

STAND IS ADAMANT
Among things for which the Lehigh Valley local planned to make a last ditch stand before it will agree to a new contract are a Guild Shop, wage increases, unqualified sick leave, stepped-up severance pay and an iron-clad military service clause.

The Guild has gone on record as being adamant in its effort to boost its standards to those of other leading Guild papers.

Negotiating for the local are Nelson A. Weiser, president; Phil H. Storch, secretary, and Karl F. Weber.

ANG AID GIVEN

Aiding the bargaining committee are Joseph M. Walsh, ANG vice president; Stanley Kupat, ANG international representative, and Arthur Riordan, president of the Philadelphia-Camden local.

The publishers' representatives at the bargaining table are William D. Reimert, executive editor of the Call-Chronicle Newspapers, and Attorney Kenneth Sougar, the newspapers' bargaining lawyer.

HATTERS BUY WARSHIP

The joint board of the AFL United Hatters, Cap & Millinery Workers is carrying on a campaign to buy \$5,000,000 in war bonds for the purchase of a destroyer. More than \$3,000,000 has been raised already.

SEEKS VOTES



WAYNE PARKER

Parker is executive secretary of a Los Angeles Guild campaign committee stamping for election of George Hutchinson, candidate for vice president of the ANG's West Coast Region 4. He opposes William C. Schulz of Seattle, ANG administration backer.

L. A. Local Endorses Hutchinson

LOS ANGELES — George Hutchinson, vice president of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild, was unanimously endorsed for the IEB by a general membership meeting of his local.

Milt Phinney, former LANG president, moved Hutchinson's endorsement.

"Less than two years ago Hutch and I weren't saying pleasant things about one another," said Phinney.

"I want to say right now that if I have ever said anything bad about Hutchinson I apologize."

"When we tossed factionalism out of the window here and got down to Guild business Hutchinson was one of the boys who was always right in there pitching."

"He is one of the best balanced, and most level-headed Guildmen I know and I can think of no one who is better qualified for the IEB."

Phinney was in the uniform of an Air Force private on leave from the nearby Santa Ana Air Base.

He also accepted chairmanship of the Hutchinson campaign committee, which is collecting funds on a voluntary basis to further Hutchinson's candidacy up and down the coast.

On the committee also are Private Phil Garrison, also of the Army Air Force, stationed at Victorville, Cal., and Private George Robert, Air Force, Sacramento.

Executive Secretary of the committee is Wayne Parker, with Verne Farlow as financial secretary.

Reinstatement Is Won at PM

Hannah Baker, PM comics editor who was fired early in May for writing a letter criticizing Managing Editor John F. Lewis, has been reinstated by arbitration.

She is chairman of the New York Guild representative assembly.

She received seven weeks' back pay for the nine weeks she was out and agreed to apologize to Lewis in writing, which she has done.

Arbitrators were Guild President John T. McManus for the Guild, Carl Stern for PM and City Councilman Stanley Isaacs as impartial chairman.

In case the job of comics editor is abolished, as management indicated it might, Miss Baker is to be transferred to a comparable job on the paper.

Pennsylvania Guilds Plan State Council

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Representatives from Newspaper Guild locals in Pennsylvania will meet in Harrisburg August 15 to consider establishment of a state Guild council.

Acceptances had been received last week from Pittsburgh, Wilkes-Barre, Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley and Harrisburg.

Arthur Riordan, president of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild, and Richard Dean of its Norristown unit will be the Philadelphia delegates.

WALSH IS DELEGATE

The Wilkes-Barre delegation will be headed by Joseph M. Walsh, ANG vice-president, and possibly Joseph Collins, president of the local.

Pittsburgh voted to send Bernice Shine, chairman of its Sun-Telegraph unit.

Nelson A. Weiser, president of the Lehigh Valley Guild, was expected to be among delegates from his local, and Sidney Barson,

president of the Harrisburg Guild, and a delegation from the local, will complement the attendance.

BADÉ IS INVITED

Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, was invited to attend the meeting and was expected to assist in organization of the state group.

While the primary purpose of the meeting is discussion of plan of organization, sessions will not be confined merely to an exchange of ideas.

The delegates will be asked to draw up a tentative schedule of organization that will be submitted by them to their respective locals for consideration and approval. Another meeting then will be called for permanent organization of the state council.

Proposals for a state organization grew out of an informal discussion by Pennsylvania delegates to the 1943 ANG convention in Boston. At that time it was suggested that the first meeting be held in Harrisburg.



—Cartoon from Journalist, British National Union of Journalists

Army Radio Photo Service Meets Test in Invasion

WASHINGTON—The Army's radio photo service, which made it possible to see newspaper pictures of the assault on Sicily the same day that the invasion was launched, will be augmented in the immediate future by the same type of transmission from the South Pacific theater, the War Department announced.

Personnel of the U. S. Army Signal Corps, with their equipment, are now in Australia, finishing preparations for the new service.

CONTACTS MAINTAINED

Constant contact is maintained by the Army Communication Service of the Signal Corps between strategic control points at home and the battlefronts around the world.

In the initial phases of the assault on North Africa, communications with the United States increased the burden on facilities available by way of London.

A direct tie-up with Algiers was indicated, and the Signal Corps commenced work on a "fixed" communications station—a broadcasting station beamed to a specific destination and powerful enough to carry military messages back and forth between that point and the United States.

This system of radio communication composed of numerous channels is capable of carrying many messages of various types at one time.

METHODS DEvised

Shortly after this system was placed in operation, technicians of the Signal Corps here started work on methods of using the system for telephoto transmission of pictures and printed matter, simultaneously with the movement of teletype messages.

This has great military advantages.

For instance, the results of aerial photo reconnaissance can be flashed back for study with no delay, while a true copy of requisition for equipment or other military order can be transmitted without need for the added delay of proof-reading.

200 TESTS MADE

An experimental picture was sent back and forth between the United States and Africa 200 times while the radio engineers of the Signal Corps sought greater clarity in the finished print by shuffling their intricate equipment.

Finally they had it—a four-piece unit weighing 184 pounds, on which a picture could be thrown into the ether, and a like set-up that would reduce it on the other side to a negative suitable for printing.

A Signal Corps photographer shoots an action photograph. He sends it back in a returning plane, landing barge or a boat, where it is relayed to the transmitting station and flashed to the United States.

LOCALS COMPLETE WAR FUND QUOTAS

The Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild has completed its quota of \$130 in the ANG's war fund drive set by the 1942 convention. The local sent regular monthly checks to New York headquarters of the union.

The Lima, O., Guild also reported it had met its quota—\$90. Final remittance was made to a local war fund campaign.

MEMPHIS REPEATS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

MEMPHIS—The Memphis Newspaper Guild decided to repeat last year's successful plan of sending Christmas presents to its members in the armed forces. A committee was named to decide on gifts and see that they are mailed in time for Christmas delivery.



—Photo from U. S. Signal Corps

Corporal Milton Jones, left, and Private Richard DeClarke inspect, with obvious approval, a finished print following expert, rapid processing at an Army Signal Corps photographic center. The Corps utilizes all known camera techniques—and adds many of its own—to keep up with the running picture record of the war, in all theaters.

Lynn Collects Salvage For Entire Community

LYNN, Mass.—For the past year the war activities committee of the Lynn Newspaper Guild has functioned as a salvage committee in the community with the following among results:

1) 1,400 tons of scrap metal collected and directed into channels to become guns, tanks and planes.

2) \$3,800 shipped in sale of scrap materials and divided equally among the Red Cross and United Nations war relief.

When the old Salvage Committee in Lynn failed to function, the Guild offered its services which were accepted by John Orr,

new chief of the New England salvage section of the War Production Board.

ALL PARTICIPATE

Every member of the Guild's Telegram-News and Item units belongs to the committee, which is headed by Eli Isenberg, T-N unit chairman, and Paul F. Neal, local president.

In organizing the general scrap salvage campaign, the Guild enlisted the support of the entire community—had the use of 200 big trucks donated by private concerns, and the services of more than 500 "lumpers," mostly members of CIO unions.

Lynn has 10 members in the armed services, at least two of whom are serving overseas.

DISPUTE TAKEN TO LABOR DEPT.

A New York Newspaper Guild-New York Times contract dispute was referred last week to the Secretary of Labor by U. S. Conciliator Fred Croxson after all efforts at conciliation had failed.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The Syracuse Newspaper Guild has requested "the good offices" of the conciliation service of the United States Department of Labor in its contract renewal efforts with The Post-Standard.

Guild President Philip H. Gup-till dispatched a letter to the office of the service and announced that this action was taken "after recent negotiation sessions had given no indication that agreement was likely to result from further conferences on various points still at issue."

OPENED IN APRIL

Renewal negotiations, begun in April, were looking toward a new contract to cover a one-year first agreement that expired June 19.

Guild negotiators tried for three months to get a proposal on wages, and they reported, major issues that the company said would have to be resolved first before salaries could be discussed.

Guildsman Is Lost On Bomber Mission

Newspaper Guildsman Carl Thugsard, Acme Newspictures war photographer, has been listed as missing in action in New Guinea, where his first bombing flight ended in the crash of his plane under attack by nine Zeros.

Australian ground watchers reported that the plane, a Consolidated Liberator, went down in flames near Madang on the North-eastern coast of New Guinea early in the morning of July 20.

ZEROS SHOT DOWN

Before the lone bomber crashed it had downed two and possibly three of the nine attacking Japanese planes, the observers said.

Thugsard, 40, and Danish-born, had been an Acme news photographer since 1927 and had been cited repeatedly for his pictures at photographic exhibits.

He came to the United States in the late '20's.

Before he was assigned to his war post in New Guinea he had lived in New York City with his wife, Madeline, and two children, Anne, 10, and Dane, 2.

CABLE REACHES HIM

Several months ago a cable from Mrs. Thugsard, who was Madeline Burniss of Washington when the photographer married her in 1929, reached him in the war zone.

The cable told him that their son had died from peritonitis.

Guildsman Thugsard replied: "I have no offers to edit my home but I think it is my duty to stay here."

Carl Thugsard is shown at his New Guinea base in a jungle downpour.



CARL THUGSARD

This is one of the last pictures of Newspaper Guildsman Thugsard, Acme war photographer reported lost when the Liberator in which he was making his first bombing flight, was shot down by Zeros.

N.Y. Meeting Backs McManus, 3 Others

A membership meeting of the New York Newspaper Guild voted to endorse John T. McManus, local president, and three other candidates for ANG vice presidencies nominated at the Boston convention in opposition to the present ANG administration.

The meeting, attended by 158 of the New York local's listed membership of 6,500, voted 134 to 24 for a resolution in support of McManus, opponent of ANG Vice President Walter D. Engels in Region 5, and of Al Jackson of Chicago, Steve Murdock of San Jose and William E. Caine, Jr., of Newark, candidates for vice president at large.

DEBATE REJECTED

Prior to the vote on the resolution, presented by Robert Conway, former New York president, the meeting rejected a substitute resolution which would have delayed any endorsement of any candidate until McManus, Engels and other nominees involved had an opportunity to present their

Conway's resolution was offered at the start of the meeting, which was called, in notices signed by McManus, for action on two questions: "Shall the Guild Support President Roosevelt for a Fourth Term?" and "Shall We Support the War?" The meeting adjourned after this agenda was reached.

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10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

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.

SHE SAYS WEBER PROVIDED ANSWER

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

My thanks to Paul Weber for furnishing the complete and irrefutable answer to John Crawford, who believes, along with a close-knit and militarily-disciplined New York group, that "factionalism" consists in disagreeing actively with Crawford and his friends.

The place for the New York local to have presented its labor program was not the ANG convention, but a meeting of the NAM or the ANPA. I am convinced that in either forum it would have been accepted without factionalism.

MARY ELLISON, Nation Unit,

N. Y. "PROPOSALS" BRING A REBUSE

HAMMOND, IND.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Coming back from my first convention at Boston, I can't say that everything I saw or heard was for the best interests of the ANG.

This impression was deepened when I read the letter by John Crawford of the New York Guild in the July 15 Guild Reporter condemning Mary Ellison for describing New York local proposals as "worthless and reactionary." That's very nice work, John.

Nice work, too, John, in going after Walter Engels. Out here in the Midwest (the home of the crossroads) we think a lot of Walter Engels and we would like to see more and more members of the Guild—in New York and everywhere—built of the same sturdy character as Walter Engels.

I wonder if Brother Crawford read Paul Weber's letter, published in the same issue in which his letter appeared. If he did, then Brother Crawford must realize that Mary Ellison had the right idea. I agree with Paul Weber that Boston must be regarded as a debate on issues and records before any endorsement was moved, said:

"Nobody here is questioning any records. When we get to the point of questioning records and where they (the candidates) stand, the Guild would be in a very sorry state."

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WASHINGTON—Quick thinking combined with unorthodox application of a tube of hypochlorite powder saved the life of a Second Lieutenant Allen L. Weckel of Moline, Ill., Army Air Forces pilot, who was threatened by four sharks when his P-38 Lightning was forced down while returning to his base from a photographic reconnaissance flight over Japanese-held territory in the South Pacific area.

He crash-landed his plane in the ocean at night, only managing to save his lifebelt, a pistol and a few tiny tubes of hypochlorite which is used as a water purifier and photo-developing agent, the War Department reported.

The four sharks started circling him for the kill, but they were quickly dispersed when Lieutenant Weckel used the hypochlorite. The salt water to cause a chemical reaction like chlorine gas. The sharks apparently couldn't stand the gas.

Lieutenant Weckel swam to the shore of a nearby island and natives helped him back to civilization.

around the corners like this: "Why expand now? When these men get back from the war, they'll be glad to work for \$15 or \$20 a week."

We hope the man in uniform realizes that labor, which is said to have the biggest stake in this war, is exerting its strength to see that the nation is not cut out from under wages, and that the freedom of a decent living will be assured.

EDDIE MEISBURGER.

SHE SAYS HUTCHINSON "SHOWED US THE WAY"

VAN NUYS, CALIF.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Here is one of the many reasons why we in Los Angeles are for George Hutchinson for International Vice President. It was Hutch who brought the influence of the Guild into our circulation branch. Out in the San Fernando Valley, we literally did not know the conditions of the contract or the power of the Guild to make our working conditions better, until he showed us the way.

There were three of us, J. F. Hoppe, Harry Sax and myself, all listed as Junior District Managers, and all doing District Managers' work. We were working in excess of 40 hours any time that for three consecutive weeks. We were subject to more or less open threats of dismissal, and required to do work not customary in the office branches.

I was finally given notice that I was to be discharged; and the three of us went to the Guild to see what could be done. One of the boys gave us Hutch's name, and told us that although he was not a member of the Grievance Committee (the forerunner of our present Shop Steward system) he could, and would, accomplish more for us than anyone else in the Guild. Hoppe, Sax and I practically made his home our headquarters until he had mastered every detail of our case. He reclassified us as District Managers with the attendant pay increase, and I was retained on a permanent basis and never even lost a day's pay. Our contract was enforced as to our hours of work—we were paid for overtime whenever we worked it—the intimidation ceased—and our working conditions improved all around.

This benefit, we feel, was mainly due to George Hutchinson, whose study of the detail and fearless presentation of the case won the verdict. We want Guildsmen, and particularly circulation people, all up and down the coast, to know how truly qualified he is for international office, and how much it would help the Guild to have a man like him on the IEB.

RUTH K. BAKER.

HUTCHINSON PRAISED IN GRIEVANCE CASE

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

George Hutchinson certainly went to bat for us who worked in the San Fernando circulation branch of The Los Angeles Herald-Express. Ruth Baker, Harry Sax and myself all benefited from his efforts to enforce the Guild contract. Sax and I joined the Guild April 8, 1942. We were classified as Junior District Managers, but should be that our classification was not a member of the Grievance Committee, but who, after hearing our case, was interested enough to appear as a

special member of the committee on our behalf. Through George's efforts, Harry and I were reclassified as District Managers, and Mrs. Baker was restored to her job as a Junior District Manager, after being discharged, and was given pay for the time she was off work under dismissal orders. The handling of this case by Hutch resulted in the general improvement of our working conditions and hours, and was one of the reasons why we in Los Angeles made Hutch head of our Shop Stewards' Council. We knew that he could carry the mail on grievances, and that he would do it. We also know that if he is elected to the IEB, he will carry the mail for the Guildsmen everywhere, without regard to factionalism.

J. F. HOPPIE.

"RELEVANT MINUTIAE" ARE LISTED BY ED

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I wonder if, as one minor editor to a move important one, I might not ask, as a sort of point of personal privilege, that you amplify an item in the last GR issue about the New York Guildpaper.

That's the item on Page 10, under "The Guild Goes to Press," which said the Guildpaper identified John T. McManus as "the candidate" for vice president in Region 5. To GR readers who did not see the Guildpaper referred to, the impression might well have been left—no doubt with your so intending it—that the Guildpaper ignored or omitted mention of the candidacy of McManus' opponent, Vice-President Walter Engels, the administration candidate.

May I not therefore add this: that the story carried equal-sized one-column photos of McManus and Engels side by side at top of Page 1, Engels' being the handsomer (no doubt because Engels is the handsomer subject); and that a later paragraph began: "McManus Opposes Engels For Vice President"; that the lead of the story said: "John T. McManus, NY Guild president, is the candidate for regional vice president of the ANG, opposing Vice President Walter D. Engels (News), who was renominated on the administration slate"; and that a later paragraph began: "McManus and Engels are candidates . . ."

Your publication of these relevant minutiae would, I think, prevent any misunderstanding as to whether the Guildpaper story was fair to either candidate for vice president from the 5th Region.

I. KAUFMAN.

"BOMBARDED DIZZY" WITH INCONSISTENCY

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Last Thursday night I attended my second Guild meeting. I went with a great deal of eagerness, a report on the Boston convention had been announced, and I saw in this the blueprint by which the people of our profession would continue to build our house.

I'm full of sentiment about our profession. I believe we have tremendous responsibility toward the millions of fellow citizens to whom we everyday present The Facts. In the same way, our personal actions and decisions hold weight with them. We're supposed to be the ones who have prior access to facts. We're supposed to be the ones who know what's what.

Consequently, I wanted to hear specifically how the N. Y. Guild was going to support President Roosevelt's Win the War policy. I wanted to hear what my fellow Guild members from all over the country had decided was the most effective way to halt the alarming gains of the reactionaries.

Mr. Robert Conway read the report. I heard delegates to Boston lashed as "disgusting and revolting" because they failed to agree with some of the opinions of the N. Y. Guild delegates. Instead of proposals for concrete

action, Mr. Conway launched into a factional harangue, bitterly denouncing one slate of candidates for regional office. This was hardly the kind of objectivity we strive for even in the routine stories we daily bat out for the public.

Then, following a plan for "Unity," Mr. Conway without preliminary announcement in the agenda asked that we support a slate of candidates consisting of Murdock, Jackson, McManus, and Kane. The platforms of these candidates were not given.

The N. Y. Guild membership was quoted by the treasurer earlier in the evening as 6,500. Yet the 150 of us present were asked to speak for 6,500 who had received no preliminary announcement of the matter under discussion. Twenty-four of us decried, believing this was hardly democracy in action.

Just what went on at Boston, I never learned from Mr. Conway's report. Yet I had listened attentively.

This was only my second Guild meeting, as I have said before. I was bombarded dizzy with inconsistency.

NAOMI JOLLES, Post Unit.

Guild Wins Back Pay In Grievances

LOS ANGELES—First grievance award arbitrated here by the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild ended in Guild victory, with \$2,800 in back pay going to Jack Lockwood and Larry Burke, Herald-Express district circulation managers.

The award represented two and a half years' back pay which they contended was due them under a no-pay-out contract clause violation by management. George Hutchinson, chairman of the LANG's shop steward council, led in the Guild's battle for Burke and Lockwood.

Lockwood's share of the award was approximately \$1,400 and Burke's, \$1,400. The combined award was the largest sum ever collected by the Guild here for any group of employees in a grievance procedure.

The Burke-Lockwood case had its inception two and a half years ago when management reduced Burke's income \$11.50 and Lockwood's, \$12.50.

Management denied the contract violation and refused to make an adjustment, and the Guild fell back on its arbitration clause as a last resort. Dr. Morison Handsaker, economics professor at Occidental College, was agreed upon as arbitrator.

ADMINISTRATION SLATE ENDORSED BY MEMPHIS

MEMPHIS—The Memphis Newspaper Guild unanimously approved a resolution endorsing the entire administration ticket and instructing the executive committee to furnish active support for its nominees in the 1943 election of ANG officers.

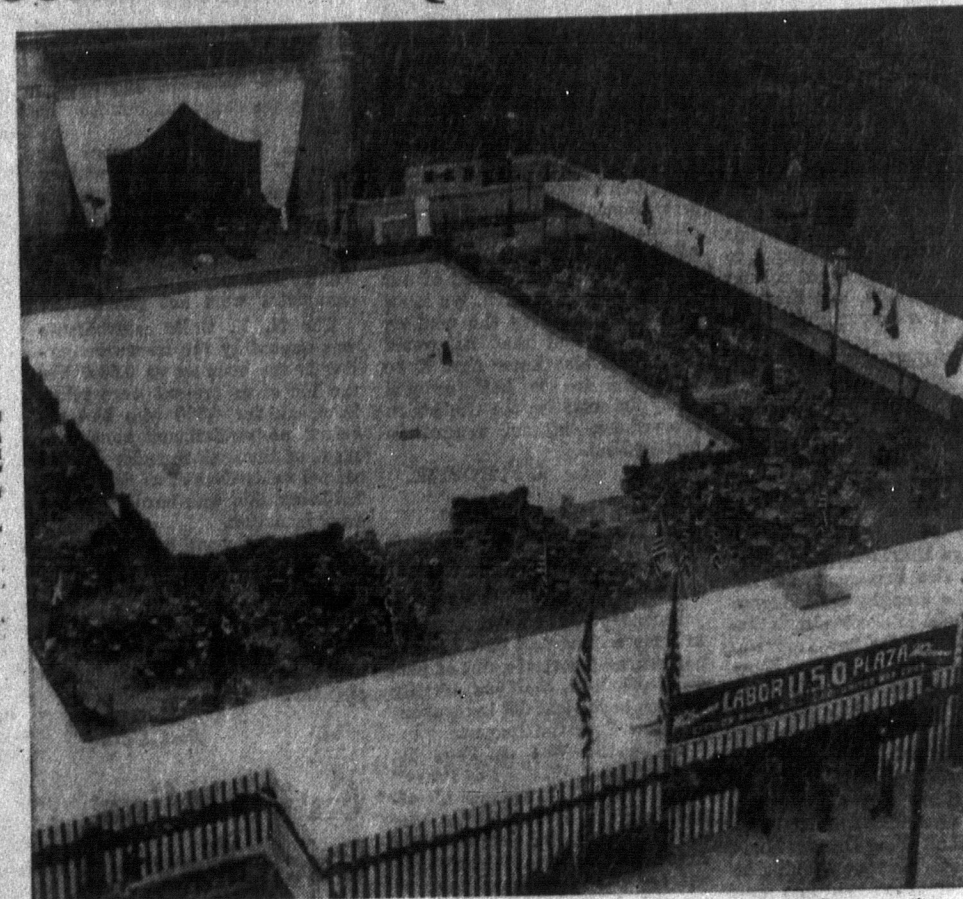
Since the only officers with opposition to be voted on in the Guild's Region 2 are the five presidents at large, special emphasis was placed on candidacies of Joseph M. Walsh, William J. Farson, Floyd Healey, Gordon H. Cole and Milton J. Lapine.

SYLLABUS IN CASE OFFERED TO LOCALS

MINNEAPOLIS—Copies of the legal syllabus of the Minnesota supreme court decision recently handed down in favor of the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild is severance pay suits brought by former employees of The Minneapolis Tribune are now available in mimeographed form to any local which may want them.

Copies may be had by writing to John J. Biddison, executive secretary, Twin Cities Guild, 324 Fourth Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.

GUILD HELPS EQUIP USO CANTEENS



These are strictly union products—USO canteens inspired, built and equipped for soldiers and sailors by voluntary work and contributions of CIO unions, including the Newspaper Guild, and AFL affiliates in a joint war project. Above, the huge new Labor Plaza in Philadelphia's Rittenhouse Square, a project in which the Philadelphia-Camden Guild was a principal participant. Note the outside dance floor and orchestra stand and sidewalk-café style table setup. No discrimination is practiced here—officers as well as enlisted men are admitted. At the right, Pittsburgh's new CIO-AFL-USO canteen, which the Guild there helped to equip. The CIO gave \$14,000 to furnish the canteen. AFL workers contributed \$25,000 worth of labor to build the three-story structure.

SYRACUSE NAMES NEW TREASURER

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Recently married, Treasurer Letitia Lyon Sage of the Syracuse Newspaper Guild has resigned her Guild post. The local executive committee elected Edith Scully, cityroom reporter, as interim treasurer until a special election, for which she is the nominating committee's candidate.

BACKS ENGELS



JOSEPH COLANGELO
New York City campaign manager for reelection of ANG Vice President Walter D. Engels 's is Colangelo, Journal-American Guildman. Engels, endorsed by presidents of 11 Guilds in Region 5, is opposed by John T. McManus, president of the New York Guild.

11 Guild Presidents Back Engels in Election Drive

Presidents of 11 American Newspaper Guild locals in the union's new Region 5 have endorsed ANG Vice President Walter Engels for reelection to represent the area, it was announced last week in New York by the Committee to Keep the Guild Strong, organized nationally for election of candidates who support the present administration of the union.

Joseph Colangelo of the Guild's New York Journal-American unit, campaign manager for Engels in New York, said that the committee sought election not only of him but of all candidates for national office on the ANG administration's slate.

Engels, New York Daily News photographer who first won a place on the union's international executive board in the Guild's initial referendum election of officers two years ago, was endorsed by these presidents of these locals in Region 5, Colangelo reported:

Philadelphia-Camden — Arthur Riordan.

Pittsburgh — Blair M. Bice.

Elizabeth — Charles E. Crissey.

Harrisburg — Sidney Barson.

Lehigh Valley — Nelson A. Weiser.

Reading — Jack Schanz.

Rochester — Warren W. Phillips.

Syracuse — Philip A. Guphill.

Tri-City (Albany, Schenectady, Troy) — Robert S. McCain.

Utica — Arthur Vallee.

Wilkes-Barre — Joseph F. Collins.

Also listed on the Engels endorsing committee for the region in which he is a candidate, comprising New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware—representing the largest concentration of Guild membership—is William Ucker, past chairman of the National CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief, now a member of the Guild's New York Post unit, was named treasurer of Engels' campaign committee, which has headquarters at 10 Bridge Street in New York.

Betty Townsend, former Southern representative of the National CIO Committee for American and Allied War Relief, now a member of the Guild's New York Post unit, was named treasurer of Engels' campaign committee, which has headquarters at 10 Bridge Street in New York.

Simon Reelected By Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Morris Simon, charter member of the Knoxville Newspaper Guild, has been reelected its president. Other officers are: Frank Larkin, vice president; John Elson, secretary; Clarence Rogers, treasurer; Bob Henderson and Al Manola, members of the executive board.

Larkin is a reporter for The Knoxville Journal, whose editorial employees were recently organized as Guildsmen. The other officers are on the editorial staff of The Knoxville News-Sentinel.

(The ANG's constitution provides that equal space must be provided by The Guild Reporter, in the second issue following a nominating convention, for any statements of platforms by candidates for national Guild office.)

(The July 15 Reporter, second following the Boston convention, carried a joint statement by 13 candidates, a statement by Steve Murdoch, a candidate for vice president at large, and individual statements by incumbent Walter D. Engels and William G. Schulze, candidates for regional vice presidencies. No other campaign statements were submitted for that issue.)

(Despite the constitutional directive, which was intended to confine formal campaign statements to one issue of The Reporter, to avoid giving any candidate unfair advantage in the election, the following delayed statements by John T. McManus, Engels' opponent, and George E. Hutchinson, Schulze's opponent, are herewith printed.—Ed.)

Election Statement By John T. McManus

Unity in the American Newspaper Guild is now a "must."

It is demanded by Convention mandate. It is desperately needed to muster every ounce of Guild strength behind the progressive wartime program of intensive organization and decisive political action called for by our Boston Convention and by the CIO.

The Guild cannot thrive on paper unity. It must have the kind of unity in which Guild decisions reflect the united will of the whole membership, with the whole membership carrying out those decisions with united effort and purpose.

An International Executive Board composed entirely of representatives of one point of view, and excluding all others, cannot command that kind of working unity. Neither is it conducive to any sort of unity to bar huge majorities such as those in New York and Los Angeles from IEB representation, thus ignoring the opinions of a good third of our entire membership.

Unity and fair play demand that the IEB include representatives of all elements essential to full working unity in the Guild. As president of the New York Guild, elected without contest in a local of more than 6,000 members, I represent the majority in Region Five. That majority is not now represented on the IEB.

Therefore, as a candidate for vice president of the ANG for Region Five, I ask for the active support of all Guild members who are for unity and fair representation in Guild government.

My record as newspaper worker and Guildsman follows: Copyboy and morgue clerk, N. Y. Times, 1921-24; reporter, Marietta (Ohio) Register, 1924-27; reporter, film critic, N. Y. Times, 1928-37; writer-editor, Time Magazine, 1937-40; radio, film editor, PM, since 1940.

Charter member, N. Y. Times Unit, 1934; unit council, Times and Time Inc. Units; founder and first chairman, PM Unit; vice president, N. Y. Guild, 1942; president, 1943.

JOHN T. McMANUS, New York.

Election Statement By George Hutchinson

WIN-THE-WAR—All of us recognize both as citizens and trade unionists that the one overshadowing job before us is to win the war. We must win it to maintain the freedom that permits us to organize and to bargain collectively. Therefore, the very existence of our union and all our democratic institutions, depends upon this.

We must see that the programs adopted in our conventions are implemented in the day-by-day operations of the Guild. If I am elected to represent the Pacific Coast region on the IEB, I shall take particular pains to see that the Boston convention's mandate that the Guild set up machinery to exercise a critical function on the commercial press is carried out in order that the channels of public information shall be made to serve the democratic cause.

I further pledge myself to labor for the expansion and strengthening of the Guild's Win-the-War program and to carry to the IEB the CIO program as a basis of implementing our Boston resolution in this regard.

UNITY AND UNIONISM—what a lesson we have been taught in Unity and Unionism by the war. There is no question of factionalism, left wing, right wing, middle-of-the-road, or what have you, among the United Nations. We have applied that lesson here in Los Angeles, and it works. It is my hope that we have the intelligence and understanding to apply it nationally in our Guild. We must not only follow out, but, if possible, better the organizing program as planned at the Boston Convention. We must continuously adapt our organizing and collective bargaining program to the changing conditions of a war economy in order to make our union yield the maximum in security and good working conditions for the membership.

CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT—We must not only negotiate good contracts but we must also enforce them. We are justly proud of the progress we have made in this regard here in Los Angeles, and I pledge myself to assist other locals of the ANG to develop effective enforcement machinery, suited to their local needs.

If elected regional vice president, I will work in harmony and accord with the present administration on all matters that are for the best interests of the Guild, but reserve the right to oppose it on any matter that I do not believe is for the good of the Guild.

GEORGE E. HUTCHINSON, Los Angeles.

However, no action was called for on these complaints.

ANG, CIO Political Plan Pushed in San Francisco FROM STEP TO STEP

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild put itself solidly behind the political program of the ANG and the CIO by unanimous vote at a general membership meeting.

Aroused by the reactionary threat to all the Guild has achieved in its nine years of existence, together with the menace to American democracy itself, the SFONG vowed to do all in its power to reverse the home front trend to disaster.

PROGRAM ADOPTED

It adopted in substance a "War Program of Labor and the Common People," which the San Francisco CIO Council already has put into operation, beginning with a five-day-a-week radio program.

The approved declaration brands the Smith-Connally Act an attempt "to render organized labor, the most effective anti-war force in the nation, impotent on the production front."

It cites the enactment of an unfair tax law, "drastically cutting the wages of the American people at the expense of the war effort."

It also assails emasculation of the administration's program for subsidies and price rollback and asserts that if Congress enacts its present course "the morale of the American people will be weakened, the cost of living will rise to an added 30 percent during 1945, production will fall, and division and strife on the home front will ensue."

The Guild meeting adopted in principle the political activities outlined by the San Francisco CIO.

These, directed by a fulltime committee, which meets daily, and a paid fulltime executive secretary, include obtaining support from all affiliated CIO unions and from AFL, railway brotherhoods and independent unions, and devising methods to carry the program to all organized groups outside the labor movement and to the people in their neighborhoods.

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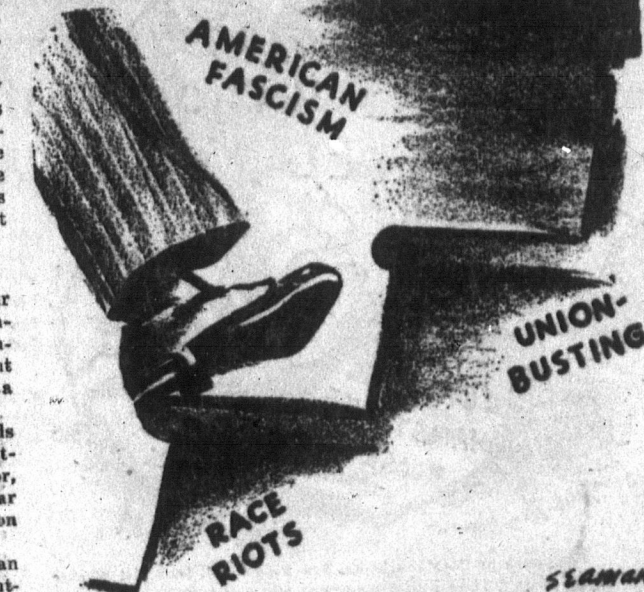
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The Rewrite Desk

The *New York Daily Mirror*, at least, didn't offend anybody's sensibilities by calling leaders of the Badoglio government bad names, such as "Fascist." In early editions, following the fall of Mussolini, *The Daily Mirror* referred to Badoglio, in page one banners, as "pro-Ally."

It is shameful paradox that good news from the war fronts is bad news to the patriots of big business on the financial front at home. When Mussolini went down, so did industrial stocks in Wall Street. "Mussolini's fall," reported *The Wall Street Journal*, "brought heavy selling into 'war' shares . . . Liquidation broadened as the session progressed. . . ."

The reasons are obvious: The prospects of victory on the fighting fronts lessen the prospects of interminable profiteering by war industry on the financial front in a Big Steal formula by which pyramiding profits have been taken at the expense of the people of the United States.

There is a Little Steel formula for the people which helps, meanwhile, to make sure that they do not shirk their full share of "equality of sacrifice."

An example of the "equality of sacrifice" example set and the inspiration given by industry in total war was production by Curtiss-Wright of 65 "Helldiver" bombers at a cost to the people of \$83,000,000. None of the bombers, according to the Truman Committee, was considered fit for use by the Navy in combat service, what with defective engines, faked records, falsified tests and brazen fraud in general.

At the same time, the Truman Committee said, Curtiss-Wright spent \$331,250 to advertise the "Helldiver" as the "world's best bomber" and budgeted up to \$872,821 to carry on its "institutional" ad campaign in 1943.

The cost of the ads, of course, was "treated as an expense of doing business before computing profits on which the government would be entitled to receive excess profits taxes at the highest rate."

In a remarkably restrained understatement the Truman report added: "The committee believes this practice of self-praise at the expense of the government is not salutary and recommends that it be investigated by the Bureau of Internal Revenue."

The U. S. Department of Commerce reported that corporation profits for the first three months of 1943 were 18 percent above the corporative take in the similar 1942 period.

And *The Wall Street Journal* estimated that net corporative income this year, after taxes, will be \$9.1 billions, compared with \$7.8 billions last year.

"Even after payment of a larger amount of dividends, the corporations would have a larger amount of money left this year than last," *The Journal* was happy to report.

Chairman Fred I. Kent of the post-war planning committee of the Commerce and Industry Association has the answer to the food shortage and the causes of inflation: Workers eat too much.

"The great increase in wages resulted in enormous buying by those who received them," Kent assured his associates, gathered at a luncheon, adding that "an increased consumption of food beyond necessity . . . has made the food problem more difficult than it need to have been. . . ."

Repeal of the Wagner Act, Kent said, would do much to correct this inflationary trend.

Frank E. Gannett, Republican statesman who puts out the Gannett Newspapers, also has a program to halt inflation. Salient points: 1) Halt all wage increases. 2) Encourage production by letting prices rise.

Speaking of Republican statesmen, a letter in *The New York Herald Tribune*, signed by Homer Guck of Eagle Harbor, Mich., announced organization of the Keweenaw Dewey-for-President Club citing as a White House qualification "the fact that Governor Dewey's papa once published the weekly newspaper here before he moved to Owosso."

Victor H. Johnson, a working CIO machinist in a shipyard near New York City, produced one of the most pertinent and pungent descriptions of the current coalition of reactionaries. Writing in *The New Republic*, he said:

"They are a 100-percent-organized, unscrupulous, power-lustful, prejudice-stirring octopus whose one big tentacle reaches for the White House while its little tentacles beat up a diverting hell on the home front, and its belly-gland, the Republican press, squirts camouflage ink."

The July 31 issue of *The Nation* carries a carefully-documented, sobering story by Newspaper Guildsman Victor Riesel, labor editor of *The New York Post*, rounding up the personnel, activities and union-destroying accomplishments of the Christian American Association and America Firsters, who, he says, "are winning by default" in political putches in state after state.

Riesel warns: "If the New Deal's defeat at the polls in 1944 deprives labor of its protection . . . labor will be in for its hardest battle since the heyday of the Pinkertons and the robber barons."

Eighty-five percent of all American war workers are employed in plants covered by labor union contracts, Joseph D. Keenan, vice chairman for labor production of the War Production Board, estimated.

The AFL Printing Pressmen's Union in New York produced a unique document—a petition to President Roosevelt signed jointly by the union and by 11 employers in the paper industry, against anti-labor legislation.

The employers agreed with the Pressmen that the Smith-Connally-Harness Bill will disrupt labor relations and incite instead of prevent strikes.

The slogan for labor— all of it—is:
**REGISTER!
VOTE!**

OUR DAILY BREAD



—Cartoon by Herb Kruckman, New York Guild, from Hat Worker
"Say, chief, isn't this the Congress we said Roosevelt was gonna do away with?"

Gallup Gives Warning, Wechsler Points Out

(Continued from Page One)
who was the dullest specimen on earth and didn't care.

There are, as Aldous Huxley once pointed out, many types of bores, but most of the political bores resemble each other. They have modeled themselves after the Rotary Club conception of a solid citizen.

They regard an epigram as a sentence that can be repeated in the presence of mixed company and children. It must also bear some resemblance to a quotation from the founding fathers.

BUT THEY GET AHEAD

They are pompous, pedestrian; they lack humor or spontaneity. They can kiss babies, but the way they do it is no fun for the kids.

Yet they become governors and, if you don't watch out, they become Presidents. At least their names are mentioned from week to week in the Gallup polls and obviously somebody, somewhere, takes them seriously.

Can it really happen again?

Calvin Coolidge made a science of dullness; while I know at least one man who says that—in private—Coolidge was moderately entertaining, the secret was one of the best-guarded in all history. In any case, Coolidge became President without cracking a smile or getting an ovation.

There are some observers, to coin a phrase, who contend that no Coolidge could sweep the country in a time of world tumult and national tension, that the real danger is that we may fall for a demagogue who reflects the emotions and stresses of this era.

Others argue that the war may produce a candidate whose appeal is strictly sex: Tom Dewey.

These speculations may be sound.

MENACE REMAINS

Yet I foresee a moment when a lot of people, wearied by the incessant emotional poundings of the last 10 years, may decide en masse that they want to settle down with a homebody—a man

BOND DRIVE STARTED

WASHINGTON (FP) — An AFL campaign for purchase of half a billion dollars' worth of war bonds, over and above regular purchase through payroll allotment, was launched by President William Green.

who may not be gay, but won't get in the way around the house, a man who makes no hearts flutter, at home or abroad.

In that hour a Bricker or a Taft might bore his way into the White House.

Thinking over all the possibilities, there is just one bore whom I am confident we can escape.

I do not believe that Colonel McCormick can ever talk his way to Washington.

Bricker, Taft & Company show a certain humility in their drabness. But Bertie is the worst of all possible bores: He really thinks he is the life of the Party.

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Seattle Backs Candidacy Of Schulze

SEATTLE—A general membership meeting of the Seattle Newspaper Guild unanimously endorsed the candidacy of William C. Schulze, past president of the local, for the Pacific Coast Regional vice presidency of the ANG.

The vote followed convention reports by outgoing Vice President James Farmer, Terry Pettus and Bill Golden, who were the Seattle delegation at the Boston convention, and was marked by criticism of Pettus' convention action in seconding the nomination of Schulze's opponent, George Hutchinson of Los Angeles.

"UNITY" IS CITED

Pettus defended his action, saying it was in the interest of "unity" and declared he was undecided as to which candidate he would vote for in the referendum election.

Golden reported that Pettus acted without first conferring with other members of his delegation and violated the local's instructions to support Schulze.

Pettus, chairman of the Guild's Seattle industrial unit, said the instruction was not binding because it was passed at a previous meeting which was short of quorum.

PETTUS IS SCORED

Golden declared that Pettus did not previously question instructions, made no attempt to determine the local's wishes, and pointed out that members at the previous meeting backed Schulze unanimously and without question.

He said Pettus acted in violation of instructions and termed the action: "I'll considered and one I regret," stating that the Northwest vitally needs representation on the IEB.

A motion by Frank Tierney, former San Francisco, Portland and Los Angeles newspaperman, that the Seattle Guild go on record supporting Schulze's candidacy was passed without a dissenting vote.