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BIGGEST GUILD POLL STARTS

4 Disputes Are Cleared By Panel

CHICAGO—Reports on four Newspaper Guild contract dispute cases, two of them based on principles of union security, have been completed by the special newspaper industry panel of the War Labor Board.

Involved in the disputes were The Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot and Rochester (N. Y.) Democrat, Chronicle and Times-Union, whose managements sought to prevent any union maintenance provision in Guild contracts, and The Denver (Colo.) Post and Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Record, Times-Leader and News, at which wages were among main issues.

A fifth dispute case, involving the Cleveland Guild and Press, meanwhile was certified to the panel by the Cleveland Regional War Labor Board.

SIX PACTS APPROVED

In sessions last week, in which ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks participated as CIO representative, Guild-management voluntary pay agreements were approved finally by the panel for these newspapers:

Chicago (Ill.) Sun.

Cumberland (Md.) Times.

Manchester (N.H.) Union-Leader.

New York (N. Y.) Jewish Daily Forward.

Springfield (O.) News-Sun.

Youngstown (O.) Vindicator.

Newly on file with the panel were pay agreements between Guild locals and The Akron (O.) Beacon Journal, Chattanooga (Tenn.) Times, Great Falls (Mont.) Tribune and Leader, and Memphis (Tenn.) Press-Scimitar and Commercial Appeal.

These cases moved on to a WLB assembly and delivery line which was gathering speed in Chicago following a long period of uncertainty about the special newspaper industry panel's status and authority.

Chicago Sun Pact Brings \$26,200

CHICAGO—Unorganized workers in Chicago, who had been told by their managements that wages are "frozen" for the duration, again learned last week that raises can be had through Newspaper Guild organization and collective bargaining.

The Sun editorial staff, whose wages had been considered by publishers high in the field, won \$21,000 more in pay for the coming year when the War Labor Board approved its Guild contract—exactly one year and a half after Guild organization began at the Sun.

BACK PAY DUE

The effective date of the contract is retroactive to June 1, and employees will receive extra checks for back-pay totalling \$3,200. Virtually all those affected by the increases have pledged one week's raise to the Guild's



CONNIE BROUN

Mrs. Broun, widow of the founder of the American Newspaper Guild, will christen the S.S. Heywood Broun when a Liberty Ship named in his memory goes down the ways at Baltimore on Labor Day. The September 6 ceremony, climaxing a series of Labor Day war ship launchings, will be witnessed by Guild leaders, government spokesmen, and representatives of the CIO's Marine and Shipbuilding Workers.

Guild Board Meets To Resolve Problems

The international executive board of the American Newspaper Guild gathered this week for sessions on administrative and policy problems heightened since its last meeting following the union's 1943 convention in Boston.

The IEB sessions, scheduled for August 31 and September 1 at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City, were the last regular

meetings for six vice presidents now rounding out two-year terms on the board.

AGENDA IS FULL

Topmost on the IEB's agenda, which covered directives of the Boston convention, were the Guild's participation in the CIO's political action campaign, collective bargaining under War Labor Board procedures, and organizing progress.

Reports and recommendations were to be heard from the ANG's government relations committee, headed by Gordon H. Cole of Washington, on progress of the union in political activity.

An interim check on operations of the WLB's special newspaper industry panel in Chicago was on the IEB's schedule, as was a review of Guild organization, including a National Labor Relations Board election victory at The Citizen in Columbus, O.

IEB IS REVAMPED

The retiring ANG vice presidents, summoned to their last regular IEB meeting before the revamped IEB takes office November 1, are:

Harry Martin of Memphis, now a yeoman in the Navy; Edward Allen of Boston, now a major in the Army; Louis P. Ade of Northwestern Indiana, now a lieutenant in the Army; James W. Farmer of Seattle and Jules Schick of Philadelphia-Camden, who were not candidates for reelection, and Ralph Foster of Toronto, whose presently-constituted Canadian region was eliminated by the Boston convention and merged with contiguous United States areas.

5 National Posts At Stake in Vote

More than 14,000 members of the American Newspaper Guild began voting this week in the union's second biennial referendum election of international officers.

In contest, as nearly 100 Guild locals from coast to coast got polling procedure under way, were five posts on the ANG's international executive board—two regional vice presidencies and three vice presidencies at large.

A bipartisan national election commission last week distributed 14,466 ballots in the biggest poll ever conducted by

the ANG, in which more than 2,000 more Guild members were eligible to vote than were qualified in the first referendum election in 1941.

Guild Wins NLRB Poll In Columbus

COLUMBUS, O.—Circulation workers of The Columbus Dispatch were moving toward a Guild contract this week as an upshot of a smashing National Labor Relations Board election victory in which the department voted 73 to 23 for the Newspaper Guild as its bargaining agent.

The top-heavy vote surprised even leaders of the organization campaign, who had signed up more than 60 members.

TWO BALLOTS UNUSED

In all, 96 of 98 employees eligible to vote cast their ballots from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. on the election day—a showing considered something of a record in view of the fact that 11 employees were out-of-city men.

The August 17 election will bring to the financially-powerful Dispatch its first Guild contract. Organization at the plant began last March in the editorial department, and enthusiasm spread swiftly among circulation workers.

The campaign was, in fact, a 40-day affair. First meeting of Guild-wise employees of the department came on July 7, when a large group signed membership application blanks.

MACLEAN, RIPLEY DIRECT

First moves were under direction of ANG International Representative Larry MacLean and the final roundup was in charge of ANG Representative Steve Ripley, who took over after MacLean was transferred temporarily to Sioux City and Texas.

Final plans for the election were completed at a conference a few weeks earlier when Columbus Guild officers and Dispatch unit leaders met with MacLean and Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization.

But though swift and certain from the start, it was no bloodless, "Kiska victory." The department's first meeting brought the discharge of two campaign leaders, a supervisor 12 years with the newspaper and a girl clerk with two years' service.

Reasons for the dismissals were (Continued on Page Two)

Locals were instructed to complete voting within 10 days after ballots were received and to certify all returns to the election commission in New York City by September 16. Final tabulation of results will be made there by the commission at ANG headquarters September 17.

LEADERS REELECTED

Unopposed in the election and renamed to two-year terms were the ANG administration's top leaders—President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, who led a campaign which swept incumbents from office two years ago.

Three administration-supporting candidates for regional vice presidencies were elected with Murray, Eubanks and Rodgers without opposition, leaving interest in the 1943 election centered in regional contests on East and West Coasts and in five at-large vice presidencies, three of which were sought by candidates nominated in opposition to the ANG administration.

Contestants in the reconstituted Region 5 on the Eastern seaboard were ANG Vice President Walter D. Engels, New York Daily News photographer, nominated for reelection to the IEB, and John T. McManus, New York PM staffer, opposition candidate to unseat Engels.

SCHULZE IS BACKED

On the West Coast, William C. Schulze, Seattle Post-Intelligencer reporter, ran with administration backing for the Region 4 vice presidency to succeed James W. Farmer, who was not a candidate for reelection. George E. Hutchinson, Los Angeles Herald and Express circulation worker, opposed Schulze.

A full slate of administration supporters campaigned for the five posts of vice presidents at large, opposed by three anti-administration nominees.

Administration supporters in the field are Gordon H. Cole of PM's Washington bureau, William J. Farson of The Philadelphia Inquirer, Floyd Healey of The San Francisco Chronicle, Milton J. Lapine of The Cleveland Press, and Director Joseph M. Walsh of the CIO's Northeastern Pennsylvania region, an incumbent vice president at large.

William E. Caine, Jr., of The Newark Evening News, Al Jackson of The Chicago Times and Steve Murdock of The San Jose Mercury-Herald are the opposition at-large candidates.

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Vote Marks Guild Fight In Columbus

(Continued from Page One) palpable action and the ANG representatives succeeded in winning reinstatement for both employees within less than two weeks.

Ripley and unit leaders also tangled with management over 22 street supply men whom the company sought to bar on ground they were not employees.

POINT IS WON
A compromise was reached, however, between Ripley and Attorney Paul Gimpfer, for The Dispatch, and the 32 were permitted to vote.

The generally belligerent attitude of certain sub-executives of the newspaper itself was believed to have been partly responsible for the decisive Guild victory.

The anti-union sentiment was clearly evident in the lower reaches of the Dispatch management and the trigger-fingered discharge of the two employees, with their subsequent reinstatement, aroused first sympathy, then admiration for the Guild.

DRIVERS GET IDEA
The infectious spirit of the Guild campaign was demonstrated when, barely before the ballots were counted, truck drivers of The Dispatch looked around for a union and wound up in the AFL's Teamsters Union.

The Dispatch campaign leaves only one newspaper, the morning Ohio State Journal, and one wire service, the Associated Press, without Guild affiliation.

The Guild holds contracts at The Columbus Citizen, covering editorial, business and advertising departments, and in the United Press and Scripps-Howard bureau, and has membership representation in the local bureau of International News Service.

Much Celebration Marks Guild Victory in Ohio

COLUMBUS, O.—The Dispatch Newspaper Guild unit, powerfully reinforced by a 23-23 National Labor Relations Board election within the circulation department, has gone aggressive from both a social and trade-union standpoint.

The August 17 election was twice celebrated and a third party is promised as soon as the ink is dry on the department's Guild contract.

First celebration came election night, with a party which took off at a nearby cafe and wound up in two cafes and a hotel room later.

ALL JOIN PARTY
A second victory celebration came at a club, with both Dispatch unit members and all other Guildmen of the city on hand.

Meanwhile, sudden growth of the Dispatch unit brought a shift in officers to give representation to the numerically superior circulation department, and appointment of many committees to handle unit functions.

Buffalo News Pact Issues Taken to War Labor Board

BUFFALO, N. Y.—With five major issues in dispute, the Buffalo Newspaper Guild has moved to send to the War Labor Board initial contract proposals covering 130 employees of The Evening News, at which the Guild won a bitterly-contested National Labor Relations Board election in May.

Meeting with Guild and management negotiators, U. S. Conciliator Thomas Finn agreed that "serious" disagreements existed over these points:

Threats Fail to Block News Drive in Chicago

CHICAGO—Threats of dismissal for legitimate union activity and a refusal to meet with a Newspaper Guild committee climaxed a not too subtle campaign of opposition by Chicago Daily News management during recent weeks as a Guild organizing drive on Colonel Frank Knox's paper gained momentum.

Management's anti-Guild campaign was inaugurated in July by a mimeographed letter, signed by John O'Keefe, vice president of the Daily News, purporting to correct "some misinformation being passed around the office," and attempting to answer charges made by the Guild in the shop paper.

MAILED TO HOMES
Management mailed copies of this letter to the homes of all editorial employees.

Other points of the O'Keefe letter asserted:

1) That individual requests of Daily News employees for wage increases had always met with consideration.

2) That employees under a union contract would be forced to work actually eight hours a day.

3) That executive office doors were always open to staff members with grievances.

The Guild, answering O'Keefe's document, reiterated its earlier charges that management's "paternalism" was suspect.

Step No. 2 in management's union busting formula was the posting of a bulletin board notice, forbidding conversation about the union or solicitation of union members on the premises, on the penalty of immediate dismissal.

"BAN" RESCINDED
Paul Scott Mower, editor, who signed the notice, later extended the ban to include distribution

of the Guild shop paper. The ban on the shop paper was later rescinded after Guild protests.

Both Burt Marvin, chairman of the News unit, and John Wellburg, ANG international representative, pointed out to Mower that his notice was illegal.

As a result management took down the notice, replacing it with a vaguely worded substitute which forbade union conversation on office time, or when it interfered with production. In this second notice, no definite ban on union talk on the premises was made.

Management's third step "to prevent intimidation and coercion" by the Guild followed the usual routine. Two employees were called into the front office and asked if they had been "bothered" by Guild members.

Then a Guildman was called up on the carpet and asked if he had been soliciting union membership.

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Conciliation Is Fruitless In Allentown

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—After struggling through 14 hours of negotiations with representatives of Allentown Call-Chronicle Newspapers before U. S. Conciliator Walter Moser without coming to agreement on major issues, the Lehigh Valley Newspaper Guild has decided to go before the War Labor Board.

Issues on which the Guild negotiators and the publishers' representatives differed were the Guild shop, checkoff, wages, jurisdiction concerning two city editors, a Sunday editor and an editorial writer, the five-day week, and duration of contract.

SUB-PAY CITED
The question of wages included a claim by the Guild that certain classifications are sub-standard, a claim by the Guild that there should be a night differential, and a claim by the Guild that there is wage discrimination against women reporters.

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Axis Press in Argentina Is a Deadly 5th Column

By RAY JOSEPHS
MONTEVIDEO.—(By Clipper) Axis newspapers and press services, still flourishing untouched by the new Ramirez government in Argentina, constitutes one of Hitler's strongest fifth-columning weapons in the Americas.

Their daily spewing of Goebbels-inspired venom not only continues unabated but indications are that some of the more conservative elements in the new Argentine administration favor them even more than the ultra-conservatives of the Castillo regime.

Those who know say that there exists little possibility—at the moment—of any severe action being taken to curb their operation.

"SERVICES" SERVE AXIS
While a weapon, the Whitehouse-operated papers are small time compared with the Axis news services, Transocean, Stefani and Domei, which under the guise of

supplying "news" to Berlin, Rome and Tokyo, manage to act as chief Axis eyes and ears in this hemisphere.

I don't think the machinations of these sheets and agencies are any really banner-line tidings.

They've been exposed time and again, most recently by the Emergency Committee for the Political Defense of the Continent which has its permanent headquarters here, and by the now dissolved Argentine congressional probing committee headed by Deputy Juan Antonio Solari and previously by the newsmen and American Newspaper Guild, participated in earlier conferences.

The use of the press as a swastika weapon in Argentina remains vital, however, in relation to the new government.

AXIS SHEETS UNTOUCHED
It's considered noteworthy by observers on the inside that while the administration has completely shattered two allegedly Communist papers, the daily La Hora and the weekly Orientacion, and also closed at various times the English-language Standard, the Argentine magazine long supported

by pre-democratic Los Andes of Mendoza and others, nothing has ever been done against any of the Axis-Fascist sheets.

Principal ones are:

EL PAMPERO. This is the chief Axis rag. Congressional committees (since dissolved) have revealed it's supported principally by German Embassy funds. Started soon after the war, it once had an estimated 100,000 circulation but has gradually fallen off until now best estimates put it at around half that number.

Edited by Enrique Osa, No. 1 figure in Nazi stooge nationalist movements, it goes the whole way down the Axis line, periodically destroys the Allied forces and the British fleet and violently and viciously attacks FDR, Churchill and any other United Nations figure who seems to enjoy popularity in Argentina.

Given to the newsmen for practically nothing, El Pampero is plugged by them because their profit per copy is larger than for any other paper.

CABILDO. A more recent development, Cabilde, a five-centavo morning tab (the only one, incidentally) is angled by anti-Semitic Manuel A. Fresco, ex-governor of the Province of Buenos Aires.

Its tone is less cyclonic than Pampero and it even occasionally prints Allied communiques which they're not too strong. Its exponents of some Castillo government scandals won't it a certain following.

MOMENTO ARGENTINO. This is a kind of mid-day edition of Pampero, designed to catch with blatant bias the home-going, two-hour-for-lunch-taking center city crowd.

DEUTSCHE LA PLATA ZEITUNG. German-language Nazi newspaper whose Spanish supplement is particularly important. It has long been sent free at special postal rates to thousands of influential Argentines, particularly Army and Navy officers.

MATTINO D'ITALIA. Pro-Fascist Italian paper with a high circulation among Argentina's millions of Italians. While a majority of Italians are anti-Fascist, the pro-Fascist group is far better organized, has hundreds of "comittees" and "societies" in the interior.

DIARIO ESPANOL. Pro-Falangist Spanish morning paper which follows the Axis line to the hilt, but with a Franco shading.

CLARINADA. Vicious anti-Semitic magazine long supported

by official government advertising.

There are only some of the principal Axis publications.

There are scores of others, all of which now support Ramirez with the same fervor they formerly reserved for "El Zorro" and continue to trumpet about "yanqui imperialism," attacks on Argentine sovereignty and the need for absolute neutrality.

(The war of words reached the weapons stage on one sector of this important front recently when Raul Damonte Taborda, publisher of the anti-Fascist Critica, challenged editors of the pro-Axis El Pampero, Cabilde and El Bandero Argentino to a saber duel. The three papers had reported that Taborda fed Argentina to avoid an investigation by the government.)

WIRES ARE OPEN
Press services of the Axis are important, not only because of the stuff they give to the big papers and to dozens of interior sheets, but because they have a legitimate excuse for filing thousands of words daily.

Cable service to Hitler Europe is still free and easy although the use of diplomatic code has been banned as what you say doesn't "appear" to be censorable.

You can walk down to the swank new offices of Transocean, which, incidentally, is controlled by American capital, and file as many words as you please so long as what you say doesn't "appear" to be censorable.

Italcable down the street on Calle San Martin also takes messages and you can pick up your telephone and the operator will put Berlin on the line in quick order.

The American-owned Unión Telefónica, like Transocean, explains that it has no resources but to accept messages since, as a public utility, it has to take what's offered.

BIG STAFFS EMPLOYED
These services, together with Prensa Mundial, the Madrid service, employ staffs as heavy as the Associated Press and United Press, and it's common knowledge that far more goes out there over the light of print in Axis capitals.

Best collaboration of this came not long ago from Ramon Lavalle, former Argentine Consul in Tokyo, on his return to the U. S.

He told of how thousands of words were received daily in the Japanese capital from Buenos Aires, containing all sorts of information which, as the Emergency Committee pointed out last January, "contributed toward the loss of thousands of lives and the sinking of thousands of tons of American shipping."

Lavalle was "fired" by the Argentine government for talking "out of turn."

UNIONS UNITE IN PRICE FIGHT
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP)—Delegates from AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Iowa met here and adopted a program of immediate action to win the price control fight.

The meeting, first of its kind in the country, was called by the regional OPA in Dallas to consider further cooperation between OPA and labor.

INDIANA CIO STARTS DRIVE
KOKOMO, Ind. (FP)—Complete labor political organization of Indiana in line with the recent CIO national pronouncement was promised by delegates to a statewide CIO conference here. A campaign fund of more than \$20,000 was pledged.

With the AUXILIARY

By BEA ABRAHAMSON
Reporter for Women's Auxiliary,
American Newspaper Guild

Viola McGee Is Introduced

"Grow old along with me . . . the best is yet to be" says Viola McGee, our vice-president from Salem, Mass., agreeing with the Victorian poet Browning, but for an up-to-date trade union reason.

Thanks to the Guild and the CIO, life is easier for Charles and Viola McGee than it was when they married a good many years ago. Viola has that fundamental knowledge of trade union principles and loyalty to those principles that belong to those men and women whose economic struggles the unions have lightened.

Viola will tell you she brought up her large family on the miserable salary publishers paid newspapermen before the Guild. But, Viola always adds, the CIO changed the picture.

Charles McGee, she will tell you, too, worked long, miserable hours in the old days for that small miserable salary. She is sticking by the union because she knows the practical difference it's made in her family's life.

She's 'Fun to Be With'

Viola's fun to be with, and she likes to have fun. You might hesitate to offer her a cigar or a drink, perhaps because she has told you she is a grandmother, but her reassuring "Don't mind if I do" puts you at ease.

And then she tells you rollicking stories of the trip to the Coast she made with her friend Mildred Reynolds, another Salem Auxiliary stalwart, who was an international vice president of the WA-ANG several years ago.

Suddenly she becomes serious. "One of our daughters," she says, "is leaving for Texas in a few days to stay with her husband until he's sent overseas. We have another daughter whose husband is in service, and our sons . . . there's no life for us until those boys come home."

Viola is also in charge of ways and means, so, Auxiliary sisters, if your local has a financial problem we suggest you write to her for help, and if your local has solved its financial problem, write her your solution.

Viola herself, though, is most interested in Auxiliary organizing. So are we, and we are counting on our vice president from Salem.

Congress Comes Home

ANG President Milton Murray wrote (Guild Reporter, July 15) "I want to urge again that Newspaper Guild locals undertake the chore of leading delegations to the home of every Congressman to review his legislative conduct . . . I cannot urge too strongly that every local participate in that program. If any doubts remain on the necessity of political action, I can only point to the fact that labor organizations have abandoned for the winning of the war—many normal pressures and sanctions . . . Unless we are to agree willingly to the abrupt surrender of every right we have won in the past, we must fight—now—in the most effective manner open to us—in political and legislative action."

CIO President Philip Murray put it this way: "Our Senators and Congressmen are now returning home. It is up to all of us to let them know what steps must be taken to promote national unity, to prevent inflation, and generally to make the home front gear itself to help bring about the earliest possible victory on the battlefield."

CWA Secretary-Treasurer Eleanor Fowler adds her voice: "The Auxiliaries have an extremely important task to perform during the present CIO campaign for reaching Congressmen and Senators at home . . . They have been told by party leaders that women voters will determine the results of the next elections. Because of this most Congressmen will pay close attention to what women have to say."

The WA-ANG convention in Boston instructed its locals as follows: "The major project of the war activities committee is price control, rationing and the roll back program of the CIO and the American Newspaper Guild."

You see, sisters, everybody is agreed. It is of the utmost importance that

The Rewrite Desk

The New York Daily News, speculating on the specter of a possibility of a fourth term for President Roosevelt, found editorial comfort in suggesting that maybe "his health would not permit him to serve it out."

"We've had 32 Presidents, including Roosevelt; of these five have died in office," The Daily News observed, thoughtfully computing averages and odds, but warning any overly-optimistic followers of its editorial page line: "Mr. Roosevelt has stood up well under the strain to date."

The Daily News also had some words of hope on third party prospects: "It is conceivable that an American third party may explode into existence with an American independence candidate—and may elect him."

The Friends of Democracy noted a parallel observation published earlier by Coughlinite Gerald L. K. Smith in his *Cross and the Flag*: "Some of us have taken steps to organize an America First Party... with which and through which to express our independence and our determination to put America First."

Frank E. Gannett, publisher of the Gannett Newspapers, and Bertie McCormick of The Chicago Tribune, than whom there are no more fervent defenders of "freedom of the press," are allied in a campaign to prevent distribution of "Under Cover," the best-selling expose of lunatic and not-so-lunatic fringes around the Axis orbit here.

"I don't want to suppress the book, I want to kill it," Gannett told *PM* after the Committee for Constitutional Government at his direction had mailed bookstores threats of libel suits if they distributed the book.

In Chicago, The Tribune ran an "expose" of the "Under Cover" expose, reporting breathlessly that the author was Arthur Derounian, who "hid behind the pseudonym of John Roy Carlson" and was "an editor of The Christian Defender, a violent anti-Semitic publication."

This latter "disclosure" was lifted from the book itself. Carlson had posed as an anti-Semite to gain entry into the higher circles and America First circles.

American Labor News, published by the CIO United Auto Workers as a New York shop paper supplement, apparently scored a news beat by printing the text of Attorney General Francis Biddle's report to President Roosevelt on race riots in Detroit.

A significant point in the Biddle report, as quoted by American Labor News, was: "It is extremely interesting that there was no disorder WITHIN PLANTS, where colored and white men worked side by side, on account of efficient union discipline."

But Executive's Labor Letter, a copyrighted, confidential management tip-sheet, is in a high state of alarm over evidence of a mounting movement among labor unions for education of their members in practices of democracy.

This movement, said Executive's Labor Letter, is "designed to indoctrinate members with union philosophy and make them more loyal and active union members"—and is "well worth being watched by management."

"It represents a large-scale attempt on the part of the unions to exercise influence over the mind, as well as the conduct, of industrial employees," the tip-sheet said, warning management that "an educated membership will mean a stronger, more cohesive union."

On the Home Front, organ of the Republican National Committee, had this accolade for the present Congress, recognized in most quarters as one of the worst in history:

"Looking back on the session just interrupted, Americans cannot but feel pride in their legislative branch and a real sense of thanksgiving that such a body exists to stand as a bulwark against ever-increasing encroachments upon their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Modern industry, authoritative, slick-papered management organ, concurred in labor's warning that the Smith-Connelly law was not a strike preventive. An editorial on the subject was headed: "Laws Won't Stop Strikes; Facts Will."

An editorial in The New York Times, entitled "A Union on the Closed Shop," went away off base in quoting a "remarkable editorial in a recent issue of The Railroad Workers Journal, the official organ of the Railroad Yardmasters of North America, Inc., under the title 'The Closed Shop Is Dictatorial.'"

A casual check by The Times would have shown that the "Railroad Yardmasters of North America, Inc." is not a labor union and that The Railroad Workers Journal is not a labor publication, but the propaganda mouthpiece of Maurice R. Franks, who, posing as a "labor editor," goes around the country making Rickenbacker-line speeches to businessmen's clubs.

It's not nice work, but it gets you nice notices in the newspapers. The International Ladies Garment Workers Union has published Labor's Record Speaks, the story of labor and the war, featuring cartoons by Newspaper Guildsman Bernard Seaman, many of which have appeared in The Guild Reporter.

The Army's Stars & Stripes ran a page one correction of a headline ("PDR Run Coal Pits After CIO Walkout") which appeared in an August edition over a story about strikes by John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

A copy of the correction, which said that Stars & Stripes "regrets that this confusion of the CIO and the UMWA was made," was sent to CIO headquarters in Washington, and Sergeant David Golding, managing editor, wrote The Guild Reporter from Africa: "At that time we just did not know that the United Mine Workers had left the CIO."

A cycle of corrections was thus completed. A letter printed in The Guild Reporter (later corrected) first attributed the offending headline to the Army's Yank.

Everything clear now? Treasury Department figures show that of \$425,000,000 allotted each month from wages and salaries for war bonds, \$300,000,000 comes from pay envelopes of union members.

YEAH?



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

Capital News Corps Has a Dull Time

(Continued from Page One)

There is a famine atmosphere—scores of grown men clutching for the same small piece of stale bread.

This is the hour of thick pieces, wordy little essays on the state of national affairs, desperate predictions about things to come, agonizing analyses of last month's news.

The illusion must be maintained—the illusion that news is streaming from the nation's Capitol 24 hours a day, with no time out.

Bulletin: Senator Schmidt has come out unequivocally for three meals a day; Congressman Glup believes the war will be over on January 11 at 4:30 p. m., in time for cocktails; fathers will be drafted, fathers won't be drafted.

SOURCES ARE DRY

Conscientious reporters make the rounds, staring sadly and accusingly into the eyes of accustomed news sources. Others cluster in air-cooled saloons, hoping that somebody will give birth to news.

It is all very discouraging. In this setting it was inevitable that Martin Dies would start talking again.

This time he produced the body of John Boringdon, economic analyst for the Office of Economic Warfare, accusing him of being a ballet dancer with left wing leanings.

The rest is history. Leo T. Crowley, Boringdon's boss and

POSTCARDS BRING BIG ATTENDANCE

MINNEAPOLIS—Through the use of individual postcards directed to each member at home, the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild has succeeded in bringing about a sharp increase in attendance at regular membership meetings.

On a hot Sunday afternoon, a large turnout was present, including many new members who were especially urged to attend for a presentation ceremony in which each accepted applicant received a Guild pin, donated by the local.

It was the first July meeting in several years which produced a quorum.

Shop committees in the various plants cooperated by arranging transportation so that each carried a full quota of members.

Election Set At Citizen In Columbus

COLUMBUS, O. — A consent election among 98 circulation desk employees of The Columbus Citizen on designation of the Newspaper Guild as their collective bargaining agent will be conducted August 17 by the National Labor Relations Board.

More than 55 of the eligible voters had joined the Guild last week following a short organizing campaign, according to Perry Morrison, president of the Columbus Guild.

Prior to obtaining agreement for the NLRB poll, Steve Ripley, ANG international representative in charge of the campaign, secured reinstatement of two employees who were dismissed by The Dispatch, without cause, as the organizing drive swung into the open.

The Guild's campaign at The Dispatch was launched by ANG International Representative Larry MacLean. When MacLean went to Sioux City to assist the Guild there in contract difficulties, Ripley was transferred from Chicago to carry on.

ANG AIDES HELP

The final drive for Guild recognition and bargaining was carried at conferences with local leaders in which MacLean, Ripley and Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, participated.

Local Guild leaders aiding in the campaign included Morrison, John Stuart, local secretary; James Quint, chairman of the union's unit at The Citizen, and Lester Ealy, Dispatch unit chairman.

PLAN JOINT RALLY

MINNEAPOLIS (FP) — Plans for a giant Labor Day rally were blueprinted at a meeting of more than 400 shop stewards and local union executive committee members of AFL, CIO and railroad unions here. The rally will be the high point of a united political action campaign.

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Farmer-Labor Coalition Is a Must

By PAUL SIFTON
Washington Representative
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(For the American Labor Press Association)

There are forces in this country that are hell-bent for inflation. Their spokesmen have said so.

They intend, if they can manage it, to overthrow all controls, to produce inflation, to grab the position profits of that inflation—and to make labor and the people the goat.

RANGE FROM NAM TO JOHN L. LEWIS

Among these forces are: the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation, the National Grange, John L. Lewis (who is on record as saying, in effect, "Inflation is inevitable; so let's make the most of it") and behind them, in the anti-price control fight, the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce.

These forces plan to foist on organized labor the responsibility for the inflation that they themselves are trying to bring about. They hope to make a further break in labor's strength by brushing a few million farm families off the land, so that they

lutions until after the war. The reactionaries, those who have always made a good living out of exploiting both, have been doing their post-war planning early. Through the Eddie Rickenbacker, the Ed O'Neal and the Eric Johnstons they have moved fast and effectively to put labor and working farmers in a hole, even before the end of the war.

Rickenbacker has accused labor of looting, profiteering and sabotage. Ed O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Eric Johnston, chairman of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, have advocated inflationary price measures.

So far, the fight on the American home front has fallen far short of the fight on the battle front.

The anti-inflation program is 16 months old. How much of it has been put into effect, and how much scrapped?

Where is the equitable tax program? How effective is the stabilization of prices?

Is there limitation of large incomes?

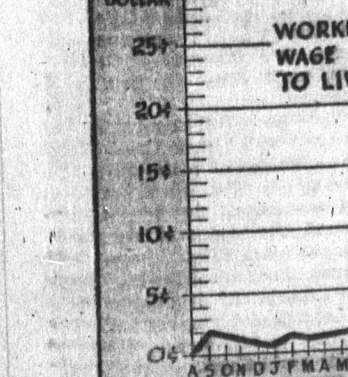
"GOOD SPEECHES" DON'T DO THE JOB

The liberals have made good speeches, but the reactionaries have made most of the advances. Now, having killed the National Resources Planning Board and come close to killing the Farm Security Administration, the forces of reaction are waging a most vicious fight against the administration's roll-back subsidy program—a program modeled on the systems by which England and Canada have substantially prevented inflation.

The farm lobby—generally credited with being the most powerful and effective single lobby in Washington—is using every means of propaganda to spread these statements as this:

"The roll-back subsidy program is a desperate effort on the part of the administration to appease the unwarranted demands of labor leaders and to cover up its own

PAY CUTBACK INSTEAD OF PRICE ROLLBACK



EDWARD V. RICKENBACKER ED O'NEAL ERIC JOHNSTON
The NAM, the farm lobby, big business work through them in hell-bent campaign.

failure to use effectively the broad powers it already possesses to control inflation.

"It has failed to prevent the worst wage inflation in the history of the nation."

"Today we are reaping the consequences in increased production costs, which necessarily require some adjustments in price ceilings."

Phony statistics are used in this anti-labor, anti-administration campaign to indicate that wage rises have far outstripped price increases.

Bureau of Labor statistics and statistics compiled by unions show that the trend is in the opposite direction.

"LABOR SHOULD TELL ITS OWN STORY"

Indeed, labor should tell its own story of wage and price relationships, a factual story which will stand up under any cross-examination, and widely publicize it.

Unless labor does this needed job, the whole American public is going to be led to believe that the subsidy program is valueless, is in fact inflationary, and amounts to an effort to "appease" labor and ruin the economy.

The National Farmers Union, like organized labor, opposes the farm bloc and the vested interests that represent it. Its principle can be stated in one sentence:

"The security of the working farm family and the economy of abundance brought about by a

free exchange of goods and services."

And it has had for 40 years a consistent history of representation of the working farmers and of understanding of, friendship for, and cooperation with, American labor.

IF FARMERS FALL, DEMOCRACY FALLS

Franklin Delano Roosevelt once said:

"If organizations of working farm families are weakened and destroyed in this war, labor organizations will go down, too. With the fall of free organizations of farmers and labor would go American democracy."

"Labor's destinies and ours are linked. In my judgment, both are threatened; neither can survive and prosper without the other."

"Together we can win the war... and make a decent lasting peace for free men."

James A. Patton, president of the Farmers Union, has proposed that labor, farm and religious organizations cooperate to win victory and a decent peace.

The program calls for the setting up of a people's win-the-war clinic, which would employ industrial and production engineers, economists and writers

to set guide-lines for prosecution of the war by all farmers, all labor, all popular forces, under an Office of War Mobilization or its equivalent, with democratic discipline insured by participation of all functioning groups and interests from top to bottom.

FOUR-POINT PLAN IS ADVANCED

The work of the people's win-the-war clinic would include the following:

1) Development of an area-of-agreement group from labor unions, farm organizations, churches, schools, businessmen and industrialists, spreading from the national level out through states, counties and precincts, and promulgating definite plans for election of governors, senators, and representatives who will uphold a people's program.

2) Education by discussing in these clinics the problems of housing, transportation, food, urban and rural health, maintenance of the farm family on the land, conversion from war to peace production and formulation of peace terms.

3) Development of an information exchange and a joint publicity program.

4) Constant political activity.

Council Formed In Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The Pennsylvania District Council of the American Newspaper Guild was organized here at an enthusiastic meeting of representatives of all locals of the union in the state.

Twenty-four attended the August 15 session, which culminated in election of temporary officers.

Another meeting will be held in Harrisburg Sunday, September 26, when permanent officers will be elected, by-laws adopted and the council formally launched.

Meanwhile proposed by-laws will be submitted to the Pennsylvania Guilds for their consideration and the locals will be asked to name delegates to carry on the business of the Harrisburg Guild attended.

The next meeting will be of delegates duly named by the locals to represent them in the council.

The council will embrace all Guilds in Pennsylvania and locals in adjacent territory which may desire to affiliate.

General purposes of the council are the same as set forth in the constitution of the American Newspaper Guild—to protect and promote the interests of the Guild.

There was general agreement among those who attended the meeting on the need of a state-

wide organization to preserve Guild gains in Pennsylvania, to foster the development of the Guild in the state, and particularly to counteract the insidious activity in the territory by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association.

The Wilkes-Barre Guild was represented by four delegates who were accompanied by Joseph M. Walsh, international ANG vice president, also from Wilkes-Barre.

The Lehigh Valley Guild had three delegates. Reading and Philadelphia-Camden sent two delegates each, and Pittsburgh had one delegate. Eight representatives of the Harrisburg Guild attended.

Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, and Walter D. Engels, ANG international vice president in the present Region I, participated in the discussions. Sidney Barson, president of the Harrisburg Guild, presided.

Temporary officers of the council are Karl F. Weber, Lehigh Valley, president; Dick Dean, Philadelphia-Camden, vice president; Barson, Harrisburg, secretary; Carl Pesantotto, Wilkes-Barre, treasurer; Robert Gerhart, Reading, and Blaise M. Bess, Pittsburgh, members of the executive board.

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.

PUBLIC RELATIONS ARE VITAL, HE SAYS

DENVER.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
I am heartily in record with ANG President Milton Murray's advice to labor to do something to counteract the anti-union propaganda being spread among the soldiers.

The Guild ought to take the leadership in this counter-propaganda offensive because its members are the experts, the authorities among all union men on the subject of public relations.

Our future as a union, our future as newspaper workers protected by Guild contracts and the right of collective bargaining, depend upon the laws passed by a friendly majority.

These same laws can be repealed by an unfriendly majority, including millions of veterans poisoned by anti-union propaganda. The Smith-Connally bill ought to wake us to the danger that our union security hinges upon the public will.

The time is now for the best minds in the Guild to apply themselves to this problem of public relations—not only for the future protection of our own economic status, but for the protection of the rights of all organized workers, and the protection of our democracy.

We know that an attack upon labor is an attack on democracy, and that the crushing of the unions is the first step in the advance of Fascism.

And may I take this opportunity to re-state my support of the ANG administration, and salute Milton Murray's leadership in these grave times.

BOB GAMZEY,
Treasurer, Post Unit.

HE ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT GR LETTERS

NEW YORK.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
As a strong partisan of Walter Engels, I was delighted that the first seven letters printed in your last issue urged Guild members to support him in preference to John McManus for vice president from the fifth region.

As a trade unionist with a

weakness for fair play, however, I was a little disturbed that there were no letters for McManus.

Perhaps you printed all the letters you received. If so, I think the membership might like to be reassured on that score. If not, perhaps you have another explanation.

It is quite true that the opposition did not display a passion for fair play, to put it mildly, in the days when it controlled The Guild Reporter. Nor is impartial democracy, even now, the most striking feature of the McManus administration in New York—to put it so mildly I am practically whispering.

But a precise reason the national membership of the Guild voted for the Murray administration two years ago, and the reason most of us still love it so dearly, is just that it does not resemble the opposition.

I would like to suggest meanwhile that the Engels committee might find some nice campaign material by listening to the New York Guild's famous radio program on WLIE.

On the night of August 6, for example, something amazing happened. H. Richard Sells, chairman of the local's legislative committee, with a ringing voice, came out for Tammany Hall, the Kelly machine in Chicago, and Mayor Frank Hague, who, if not the best American example of an operating Fascist, will at least do until a better one comes along.

Brother McManus, who was interviewing Sells, did not immediately threaten to wash out his mouth with soap and water.

Naturally, I was baffled by all this. But then I remembered that the Communist Party had recently plumped for Hague, an action greeted by many with laughter and vulgar, derogatory noises.

Could it be that our Guild program was being used to justify another crazy flip-flop in the party line?

JOHN C. CORT,
Registered Unit.

(In answer to points raised by the writer in the opening part of his letter, no letters submitted to The Guild Reporter by Guild members were withheld from publication in the issue cited.—Ed.)

PUNDIT W. PEGLER IS PICKETED



This is not a strike—just some union members expressing an opinion. The opinion is that Westbrook Pegler, to put it politely, is not a right guy. Hundreds of CIO and AFL members formed a line that stretched around the New York World-Telegram building in a demonstration sponsored by the CIO's National Maritime Union. The pickets demanded that laboring Pegler's spite column be lifted.

RETIRING V.P.'S JOIN IN A PLEA

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The record of the American Newspaper Guild during the last year and nine months under the guidance of the present administration shows that the Guild has grown numerically and has been strengthened financially. That numerical growth includes new units and new locals in large cities and small. It includes important newspapers and it includes the "Crossroads News."

The remarkable progress of the ANG could have been achieved only through the cooperation of our membership in all parts of the country.

This progress was accomplished because the rank-and-file majority that was responsible for the election of our present officers had confidence in the men they had elected. That majority, it was indicated at the recent convention, continues to approve the kind of administration the present IEB has given the Guild.

It would be unwise in this critical period of the Guild to include on this board men who might obstruct by misinterpretation, willful or otherwise, policies laid down by the rank and file.

On the same ticket with President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William Rodgers are three of the incumbent vice presidents and seven new candidates for vice presidencies. All of the seven new IEB candidates on that ticket support the policies of the present administration, which are the policies of the rank and file.

The best way for the rank and file to give the Guild administrative officers support in executing those policies is to elect to the vice presidencies those men whose records as Guild leaders stand out and whose past actions and utterances indicate their trade union philosophy is not and has not been distorted by pressure exerted on them by outside organizations.

Every candidate on the Murray-Eubanks-Rodgers ticket measures up to those standards. They are the kind of men who can and will help build the Guild.

We, the retiring vice presidents, urge the election of all the candidates on the Murray-Eubanks-Rodgers ticket.

(Two other retiring vice presi-



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

SCHULZE'S RECORD CITED IN ELECTION

SEATTLE.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I know Bill Schulze, candidate for ANG vice president in Region 4.

For many years I have worked against him as a reporter and with him in the Seattle Guild. There is no reason here to tell of his qualities as a newspaperman, except to say he is a darn good reporter.

But it is important to point out that all Seattle Guildsmen affirm he is one of the hardest workers for the Guild this city has had.

It was more than home city pride that led the Seattle Guild unanimously to vote support for Schulze at its last, heavily attended meeting. I believe that this is indicative of the unity his election would bring.

I do not know Schulze's opponent. But it seems from here that it would serve the best interests of the Guild to elect a West Coast regional vice president who would not be too closely tied to the New York-Guild's program.

We know from past experience that Schulze will represent all persons in the Guild—not just one particular group.

Seattle Star and Post-Intelligencer Guild members are reminded by each weekly pay check of Schulze's negotiating abilities. For through his efforts thousands of dollars in raises were obtained for them during past years while he was a member of their negotiating committees.

WILLARD ELSEY,
Star Unit.

WEST COAST MEMBER BACKS BILL SCHULZE

SEATTLE.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Election of William C. Schulze of Seattle as regional vice president for Region 4, ANG, will be a definite step forward in unity and strength.

I do not know George E. Hutchinson, of Los Angeles, Schulze's opponent, but there is one thing in his statement as it appeared in The Guild Reporter of August 1 that causes me concern. One thing in particular—but we'll come to that in a moment.

I do know Bill Schulze, having worked with him in Guild affairs for a number of years. He is able and progressive. He has his feet on the ground but is not hide-bound. He is one of the spark-plug spark plugs in the Guild in the Pacific Northwest. He is an experienced negotiator and a natural leader who has the happy faculty of stimulating others to their best efforts.

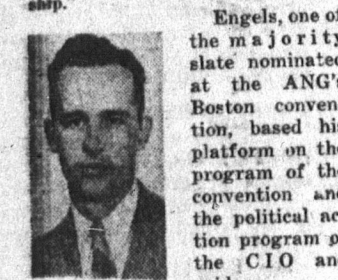
Bill Schulze is an administrator. He is a man who believes in the Guild and who believes in the ANG administration.

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Engels, McManus Debate At Meeting in New York

In the first meeting of its kind held by the New York Newspaper Guild during the national 1943 referendum election campaign, ANG Vice President Walter D. Engels, candidate for reelection, debated with New York Guild President John T. McManus, his opponent in the union's region 5. McManus, whose candidacy had been endorsed earlier by a New York Guild meeting, stressed the need for representation of the New York membership on the Guild's international executive board.

"We have one-third of the entire ANG membership, 73 percent of the membership in this region," he said. "Walter Engels does not properly represent our membership."



ENGELS

"This is the broad outline of what I stand for. I think it is the broad outline of what the New York membership stands for. I've been getting that there is an attempt to complain that I do not represent these things."

"This is an old trick with the people who are running my opponent's campaign. The formula works like this: If we have any opposition and we have an election, smear the other guy."

McManus accused Engels of failing to support the CIO-no-strike pledge at the Boston convention, even though, as a member of the New York delegation, he was committed to it.

"When our delegation got to Boston," he declared, "Engels supported the ANG proposal for 'voluntary' means of settling disputes, instead of the proposal for arbitration."

"The no-strike pledge had to come before the convention as the minority report, but the convention supported it. . . . If we don't have a no-strike pledge, we don't have a war program."

Engels retorted that he was and had been behind the CIO no-strike pledge, stating:

"I do not believe that strikes in our or in other industries in wartime are justified, and I have had this position for a long time."

The ANG vice president accused McManus and his supporters of engaging in a smear campaign because they had no real issues.

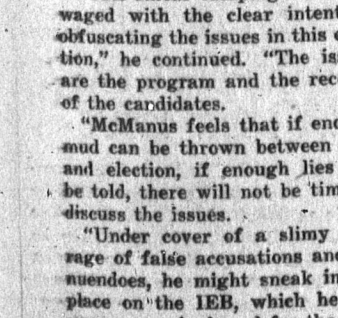
"SMEAR" IS CITED

"This smear campaign is being waged with the clear intent of obscuring the issues in this election," he continued. "The issues are the program and the records of the candidates."

McManus feels that if enough smears can be thrown between now and election, if enough lies can be told, there will not be time to discuss the issues.

"Under cover of a slimy barrage of false accusations and innuendoes, he might sneak into a place on the IEB, which he can use as a springboard for the promotion of further disunity in this union."

McManus, who seconded the Boston nomination of ANG President Milton Murray for reelection "in the interest of the greatest-Guild unity we have ever had," assailed the ANG administration



McMANUS

Procedure in the American Newspaper Guild's second biennial referendum election of international officers is under study here. The ANG's bipartisan election commission convenes at New York headquarters of the union in conference with ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, left. With him are Chan Norris and Gladys Bentley of New York, representing anti-administration candidates, and Gerald Haverly of Boston and Katherine Mulcahan Martin of Philadelphia-Camden, representing administration nominees.

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD REFERENDUM ELECTION OF OFFICERS 1943

Official Ballot, Region 5

FOR PRESIDENT

MILTON M. MURRAY (unopposed; declared elected)

FOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

SAM B. EUBANKS (unopposed; declared elected)

FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER

WILLIAM W. RODGERS (unopposed; declared elected)

FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF REGION 5 (vote for one)

WALTER D. ENGELS

JOHN T. McMANUS

FOR VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE (vote for five)

WILLIAM E. CAINE, JR.

GORDON H. COLE

WILLIAM J. FARSON

FLOYD HEALEY

ALBERT JACKSON

MILTON J. LAPINE

STEPHEN MURDOCK

JOSEPH M. WALSH

This is a sample of ballots mailed out last week to 14,366 Newspaper Guild members participating in the union's international referendum election of officers. This voting form was distributed in the new Region 5, comprising New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

McManus asked New York members to vote for, in addition to himself, William Caine of Newark, Al Jackson of Chicago and Steve Murdock of San Jose, whom he described as "independent" candidates.

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JOINT COMMITTEES INCREASE IN PLANTS

WASHINGTON (FP)—Two hundred more labor-management committees have been established throughout the country, bringing to 2,100 the number of such groups in war plants, the War Production Board said here.

New ballots were then printed and sent out by the commission within the limit of the August 24 deadline for mailing.

Defective ballots which had been mailed to locals in the regions and to members at large and members in the armed services were recalled and ruled invalid.

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GUILDSMAN IS NAZI PRISONER

CHICAGO—Captain Emmett Deadman, Chicago Newspaper Guild man, is a prisoner of war in Germany, according to a German radio broadcast recorded by the War Department.

Captain Deadman, navigator of a Flying Fortress operating from an English base, enlisted in the Air Corps before the United States declared war.

He participated in raids on enemy territory for approximately a year. News that Captain Deadman was a captive was received after his plane failed to return home from a raid on Hanover.

In Chicago he was assistant foreign editor of The Times.

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Candidates Face Labor In Town Hall

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Books Become Important Weapon Against Axis in Latin America

By RAY JOSEPHS

MONTEVIDEO (By Clipper)—A tremendous concentration of Spanish-language publishers in Buenos Aires, now the undoubted world capital of "castellano" publishing, and still increasing measures taken by the new Ramirez government to keep all printed opinion in line, have made many observers here fearful of the effects restrictions may have on public opinion throughout Latin America.

Since these Spanish-language book houses not only have tremendous circulation in Argentina but dominate practically all of

(Axis propaganda warfare is waged against the United Nations from staff headquarters in Argentina, last remaining "neutral" in the Americas. This report is one in a series from this important battlefield to The Guild Reporter by Ray Josephs, former leader of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild.—Ed.)

Latin America, anything limiting freedom of expression shows up immediately in what they dare print.

FEAR TRANSLATIONS

Thus the neutrality-clinging policy has prevented many publishers in Argentina from coming out with really strong material against the Axis or from setting into type overly pro-democratic works, particularly translations of U. S. books, which are becoming increasingly important in Latin America.

Famed presses of Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia have in many cases migrated to Argentina with writers, technicians and organization. Catalogues of many of these have grown by leaps and bounds.

I've noticed, however, that an increasing number have felt themselves bound by Argentine blue-pencilling, with a result that Mexican, Chilean, Cuban and other industries have increased their lists and made considerable prog-

ress in fields where publishers based in Argentina have feared to tread.

U. S. UPS INTEREST

The U. S. book-publishing industry has also been eyeing Latin American markets with upped interest, and assistance of Nelson Rockefeller's Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, in helping smooth out hurdles previously blocking translations for Latin America, has already had far-reaching effects.

I found, for example, that at the recent Primera Feria del Libro Argentino (book fair) held in Buenos Aires, U. S. translations dominated the foreign field formerly held by French, German, Italian, British and other European countries.

The fact that Axis nations are doing comparatively little publishing these days that's of much interest to the outside world is one reason for this shift. But book people with whom I talked said that even more important is the way Latin Americans have become more conscious of the U. S., plus the facilities which have been opened to those who want to do translations.

PUBLISHERS ON TOUR

Publishing executives, representing more than 200 leading U. S. book firms, are currently touring Latin America under the sponsorship of the Coordinator's Office and the U. S. Department of State.

Their particular interest, they told me, is in spotting the kinks which are hampering book interchange and particularly translations so that steps can be taken to increase sale of U. S. books in Latin America—and Latin American works in the States.

They've found book publishing, particularly in Buenos Aires, far above their expectations, but have also noted that prices of many U. S. books are almost prohibitive for students, teachers and others interested in the original English versions.

Among the suggestions made to

the mission was the establishment of an international headquarters in New York where both authors and publishers can contact one another with the object of facilitating interchange of books and publications throughout the Americas.

British publishers are also devoting considerably more attention to the Latin market.

Sir Eugene Millington-Drake, former ambassador to Uruguay and currently representative of the British Council, is stressing English literature in tours throughout Latin American republics.

British publishers have in many cases practically had a subsidy from London reimbursing them for unsold consignment under certain conditions, but increasing interest in the U. S. has cut down this field.

In technical publications particularly, Latin Americans have expressed preference for American books because many have attended U. S. technical schools and have been trained to think along U. S. lines.

BACK BULLETS WITH BALLOTS

NEW WORLD A-COMING. By Roi Ottley. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company. "Life in America" award winner.

By CARL DUNBAR LAWRENCE Amsterdam News Unit New York Guild

"New World A-Coming," Roi Ottley's report to the people about colored people, is an honest and objective attempt to tell white Americans something they should have learned when Herbert Hoover was in the White House.

It is better late than never, however, so I am recommending that "New World A-Coming" be added to your must list.

Guildsman Ottley's analysis of the so-called Negro leaders, the fight for more and better jobs and his prediction that the "new world is a-coming with the sweep and fury of the Resurrection" are things we Americans should always remember.

No city desk is complete without this informative book and editorial workers, regardless of race, color or creed, should make every effort to read it. Westbrook Pegler would do well to read it over and over until he is convinced that, even now, we're living in a new world.

HE'S HARLEM PRODUCT

Unlike other books about Negroes, "New World A-Coming" is packed with facts. Himself a product of the seething Harlem whose complex character, problems, history and culture he ably interprets, Ottley skillfully avoids the trap of most "on-the-scene-writers"—distortion and subjectivity.

There are a few errors, but working reporters will understand such things when we stop to consider the fact that Ottley made his deadline in time to "start rolling" as soon as the Harlem riot had been brought under control.

You get the impression as page after page unfolds that Ottley is a keen reporter, devoid of emotional involvements, who has learned well the first lesson of good reporting—objectivity.

Whether "New World A-Coming" was written as advice, sug-

Pittsburgh Leader Joins Women's Army Corps

PITTSBURGH—Bernice Shine, charter member of the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild and now chairman of its Sun-Telegraph unit, is the first member of the Steel City local to decide to enter the Women's Army Corps.

On the final day of her vacation she went to Pittsburgh WAC headquarters and passed examinations for the corps. She will be sworn in and expects to leave for camp the middle of September.

HELD MANY POSTS

One of Pittsburgh's most active Guild exponents, Miss Shine was the first secretary of the Sun-Telegraph unit and has been a second vice president of the Pittsburgh Guild; member of more negotiating committees than she can remember; and a member of the local's executive board during practically its entire history.

Among the chairmanships she's held have been those of the war activities committee and various successful Guild parties.

SENT TO MEMPHIS

Miss Shine was a Pittsburgh delegate at the 1941 ANG convention in Memphis, and represented the local at the organization meeting of the ANG's Pennsylvania District Council in Har-



BERNICE SHINE
A charter member enlists

risburg August 14, the day before she applied for enlistment in the WAC.

Her post as The Sun-Telegraph's society editor she will leave to her assistant and sister, Mary Shine Saffer, likewise one of Pittsburgh's hard-working Guild members, whose husband is a Seabee.

The Guild's Own Bookshelf

gestion or just plain, frank warning, I don't know. I do know, as a reporter on the Harlem beat, that Roi's report is straight from the feedbox—something I can't say for many other books I've seen recently.

PROBLEM IS ECONOMIC

"Essentially," he says on page 346, "the masses of Negroes are concerned only with jobs—for they believe that fundamentally their problem is an economic one. They want the 'FOR WHITES ONLY' signs torn from every job in American life, for, barred from earning a living wage, they are kept at the bottom of the heap."

"And with them are millions of white men kept in a similar condition—with little beyond the luxury of being white! The integration of Negroes in our economic life would end differences and divisions between the races now perpetuated by what each fails to learn about the other, and accentuated by their separation."

Now, although Ottley didn't say so, I'd willingly bet that he was thinking of the countless daily newspapers which hire Negroes as flunkies only.

His "Glamour Boy" chapter, the best yet written on Councilman A. Clayton Powell, Jr., is a masterpiece of unbiased reporting. Only Roi could have written it in that manner.

Roi and ACP came up together on the sidewalks of Harlem, ate together and played together. No wonder, as we say uptown, "he put that one down so fine."

HISTORY IS GIVEN

The history of the Negro in politics, the discourse on Sergeant Joe Louis, Father Divine, Chappie Gardner and Dan Burley, the Negro press and Jews in Negro life, are matters the colored news-

papers have printed repeatedly in recent years.

Roi's viewpoint on anti-semitism should receive serious consideration from Jews and Negroes alike because, as the writer said, "it is a very real problem, and as such should be given the widest airing."

If you think he's off the beam on that score, check with the Negro scribes who actually covered the recent uptown riot.

Although "New World A-Coming" is centered on Harlem, it takes in little Harlems all over the country. It is no doubt the best reporter's report on the market today.

"IT IS A BEACON—"

Not only is it clever, humorous and exceptionally perceptive. So far as interpretation is concerned, it is a beacon to light the way out of the darkness which engulfs white America on the question of the Negro.

A writer with less skill might have devoted a whole book to any of Ottley's well-chosen chapters.

He dug deep in a bold search for the truth, and emerged with something America shouldn't forget. For that reason, if nothing else, he is to be congratulated.

Please read "New World A-Coming." But, above all, try to understand it.

TYPOS WILL VOTE ON REJOINING AFL

INDIANAPOLIS (FP)—One hundred and fifty-three locals of the International Typographical Union have ratified a call for a referendum of the union's entire membership on reaffiliation with the AFL, ITU President Claude M. Baker announced here.

REGISTER! VOTE!

WMC KEEPS NEWS JOB STATUS

WASHINGTON—Apparently nothing new has been added and nothing taken away in new War Manpower Commission regulations affecting newspaper industry jobs in draft-deferred and draft-exempt categories.

The latest WMC directive, defining "critical" occupations which are exempt from the draft, did not list newspaper jobs in that category, but the order did not affect the previous status of four editorial positions as "essential" in the "essential" newspaper industry.

Draft-deferrable jobs in the industry, still listed as "essential" by the WMC, are those of managing editors, news editors, foreign correspondents, and photographers.

However, a newspaper employee in these four categories, if he is of military service age and if he has the requisite skills, may be required by the WMC to enter work in a "critical" category or lose his deferred draft rating as an employee in an "essential" industry.

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