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ELECTION TO BE PROTESTED

Walsh, Cole, Healey, Farson
Lapine Win At-Large Posts | Hutchinson Beats Schulze—
Engels Wins Over McManus

BITTER FIGHT MARKS EAST REGION RACE; WEST COAST TALLY CLOSE; VOTING IS LIGHT

Honoring the Memory of Guild's Founder



The S.S. Heywood Brown gets a perfect launching! Above Brown's widow, Mrs. Connie Brown, is pictured christening the Liberty ship with champagne just as the vessel starts down the ways. Others are, left to right, John Green, president of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, CIO; J. B. Willis, vice president and general manager of the Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyards, and Miss Bernice Welsh, secretary to John Brophy, CIO industrial union council director. The vessel is 10,500 tons. (Story and picture of ship, page 3.)

Industry Members Boycott Newspaper Panel Meeting

CHICAGO, Ill.—Industry members and their alternates boycotted a scheduled meeting of the Daily Newspaper Industry Panel of the War Labor Board on Sept. 10. All newspaper industry unions were represented.

Dr. Robert K. Burns, panel chairman, said he had no explanation of the absences, and ruled that the panel would proceed. Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president and CIO representative, and Charles V. Ernest, pressmen's union and AFL representative, attended the session.

WIRE OF PROTEST

Claude M. Baker, Typographical union president, and Eubanks sent a telegram protesting the unexplained boycott to William H. Davis, WLB chairman.

The wire stated "in order that we may proceed promptly and effectively with our work we respectfully request the National War Labor Board to appoint industry members of this panel who will discharge their responsibilities as representatives of the daily newspaper publishers, replacing if necessary the selected appointees of the American Newspaper Publishers Association who by their action are displaying a contempt for a government agency established to maintain

harmonious labor-management relations during the war emergency."

The telegram also said that "failure to appear can be construed only as an attitude of indifference to the proper functioning of this War Labor Board agency in which labor and public members are striving to perform their duties."

LINKED TO DISPUTES

The significance of the boycott was not explained, although subcommittees met to act on voluntary dispute cases the next day. It was generally regarded that the publishers' non-participation was in some way linked to the dispute involving the Newark Typographical union.

The union has been accused of a slow down. Six months of operations of the panel were reviewed in a report

by Dr. Robert K. Burns, panel chairman. Of 1,406 wage adjustment cases received by the panel, only 410 are pending. Of 59 dispute cases, 45 are pending.

Procedure was discussed to speed handling of dispute cases. (Guild recommendations, page 4.) "The panel is aware of its shortcomings and of the fact that it has not been able to satisfy everyone in the industry," Dr. Burns' report said.

"However, to have cleared 1,010 cases out of a total of 1,405 cases received is no mean task. This (Continued on Page Eight)

BOARD MEETING STORIES INSIDE

Reports of actions adopted by the International Executive Board at its meeting in New York City August 31 and September 1 will be found on pages 4 and 5.

\$30,000 Raises in 2 Contracts

Approval of the new wage minimums in the Wilkes-Barre Record and Times-Leader-News by the Daily Newspaper Industry Panel will increase pay envelopes by an estimated \$15,000 annually. About 140 employees will share in the raises.

The panel recommended approval of the new minimums in the Denver Post contract, to raise salaries of 56 employees about \$15,000 per year.

Details of these two contracts are on page 10.

The administration slate of officers for the American Newspaper Guild was elected to office with one exception in the referendum election. The exception was George Hutchinson, who announced at the Boston convention he was an independent, but who had the backing of anti-administration forces.

The election tabulation was not without incident, however, for Gladys Bentley, New York Guild treasurer and member of the bipartisan election committee, refused to sign a statement certifying the various winners were elected. Chan Norris, member of the PM unit, signed the statement, as did Gerald Havey, Boston, and Katherine M. Martin, Philadelphia-Camden. Martin and Havey were administration representatives.

Five Voluntary Agreements Get Panel Approval

The panel recommendation in the six Associated Press cases was expected as The Guild Reporter went to press.

CHICAGO—Five more Guild voluntary agreements have been approved by the Daily Newspaper Industry Panel of the War Labor Board.

New Guild-management pay schedules were approved for the following contracts:

Brockton, Mass., Enterprise.
Portland, Maine, Press-Herald.
Elizabeth, N. J., Journal.
Springfield, Ohio, News-Sun (commercial departments)
Rochester, Minn., Post-Bulletin.

Four more voluntary agreement cases, meanwhile, were on file with the panel. These included Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Cincinnati Times-Star, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, Washington Star.

Tentative dates have been set for hearings in the following dispute cases: Cincinnati Post, Sept. 28; Cleveland Plain Dealer, Oct. 5; Cleveland Press, Oct. 6; International News Service and International News Photos, Oct. 8.

The following dispute cases will be heard on briefs only: Washington Star, Knoxville Journal, Sioux City Journal-Tribune, all on Oct. 11; St. Louis Globe Democrat, Oct. 13.

Dates for hearings or briefs in the following dispute cases will be set after consultation with the parties: Detroit News, New York Times, New York World Telegram, Long Island Press, Jewish Day, Camden Courier Post, Indianapolis Star.

Nieman Awards To 4 Guildsmen

Four Guild members are included among the 12 Nieman Fellowship awards for a year's study of post-war problems at Harvard University.

Guild members who were selected include Lawrence A. Fernsworth, New York Daily News telegraph editor; Herbert Yahraes, PM special writer; Theodore Andrica, Cleveland Press foreign nationalities editor, and Jacob S. Qualey, Minneapolis Star Journal copy reader.

The awards are designed to give experienced newspaper men opportunity for unrestricted study of many subjects at Harvard.

Miss Bentley, however, did sign a statement certifying the election results.

The reasons she gave for not signing the one certification were she planned to file a protest later. (Details on page 2.)

Hutchinson defeated William Schulze, Seattle, by 96 in the fourth region vice president contest.

ENGELS WINS

In the fifth region, embracing New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, Walter Engels, incumbent, won over

Official election tabulations by locals are on page 2.

John T. McManus, New York Guild president, in a hot and bitter contest.

McManus carried New York City, which cast 2,681 votes, and Hudson County, which cast 6 votes, while Engels carried the other 12 locals.

The vote was, Engels: 2,065; McManus: 1,946.

In the contest for five vice presidents-at-large, all five administration candidates won.

The winners were:

Joseph Walsh	4,997
Gordon Cole	4,874
Floyd Healey	4,648
William Farson	4,635
Milton Lapine	4,190

The top three officers were re-elected unopposed: Milton M. Murray, Detroit Times assistant city editor, president; Sam B. Eubanks, executive vice president; William W. Rodgers, secretary-treasurer.

3 WIN UNOPPOSED

Three administration regional vice presidents also were elected unopposed. They were: Region 1 (New England) George Harris, president, Boston Guild; Region 2 (South) W. A. Copeland, secretary-treasurer, Memphis Guild and more recently a CIO regional director; Region 3, Kenneth Crouse, Twin Cities, re-elected.

Retiring vice presidents who were not candidates for re-election were:

James Farmer, Seattle, Region 4.

Ralph Foster, Toronto, whose region (Canada) was absorbed in other regions by action of the Boston convention.

Jules Schick, Philadelphia-Camden.

Maj. J. Edward Allen, Boston. Harry Martin, Memphis, now in the Navy training school.

Lt. Louis P. Ade, Northwestern Indiana.

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OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS TABULATED BY LOCALS

LOCAL	Ballots Cast	Vice Presidents-at-Large									
		Caine	Cole	Farnson	Healey	Jackson	Lapine	Murdock	Walsh		
REGION I											
Armed Forces	21	13	15	12	13	14	6	14	16		
Biddeford	10	0	10	10	0	0	235	0	248		
Boston	274	44	251	244	254	36	235	39	248		
Bridgeport											
Brockton	22	0	22	22	22	0	22	0	22		
Lawrence											
Lynn	17	2	16	14	14	3	15	2	15		
Manchester	18	0	18	18	18	0	18	1	17		
New Haven											
Norwalk											
Pertland, Me.	65	43	57	55	24	39	25	38	30		
Salem	13	0	13	12	13	0	13	0	13		
Worcester											
Members-at-large	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1		
REGION II											
Atlanta	16	5	15	13	13	4	11	5	14		
Baltimore	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	17		
Birmingham	9	6	7	0	3	2	2	0	9		
Chattanooga											
El Paso	4	1	4	4	2	2	3	1	3		
Fort Worth											
Houston	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0		
Jacksonville	33	0	33	33	33	0	33	0	33		
Knobville	17	2	16	17	15	1	17	0	17		
Memphis	104	6	101	98	101	5	99	7	101		
Monroe											
New Orleans	16	1	15	14	14	2	12	3	15		
Sabine-Neches	8	0	8	8	8	0	8	0	8		
San Antonio	31	30	22	16	30	28	2	27	12		
Washington, D. C.	279	30	265	245	247	28	236	25	244		
Members-at-large	4	2	3	1	3	2	2	3	3		
REGION III											
Akron											
Battle Creek	107	62	45	53	42	94	20	58	62		
Chicago	121	61	42	44	36	96	27	61	73		
Cincinnati	291	40	157	157	159	19	206	32	170		
Cleveland											
Columbus	38	5	37	36	36	5	33	4	35		
Dayton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Denver	39	35	7	6	8	34	6	32	26		
Detroit	139	33	116	117	121	24	120	21	117		
Indianapolis	57	18	50	48	45	12	47	16	44		
Joliet	12	12	1	11	1	12	1	12	12		
Kansas City	4	4	1	12	12	1	12	1	12		
Kenoshia	12	1	12	12	12	1	12	1	12		
Lake Superior											
Lansing	16	1	11	12	14	5	12	5	15		
Lima	36	21	23	17	17	16	18	13	24		
Madison	44	2	43	42	43	3	42	2	43		
Milwaukee	33	20	14	13	14	23	13	24	23		
Twin Cities	201	41	186	184	185	22	168	28	183		
Massillon	11	1	11	11	11	1	11	1	11		
Northwestern Indiana	35	4	33	35	29	7	30	3	34		
Pueblo	25	1	25	25	25	1	25	1	25		
Rockford	22	11	15	16	13	22	10	11	14		
Saginaw Valley	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22		
St. Louis	113	82	71	62	56	76	44	76	86		
Siox City	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Springfield, O.	22	2	20	19	19	2	19	1	19		
Terre Haute	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16		
Tolled	43	12	47	47	49	10	44	12	45		
Youngstown	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34		
Members-at-large	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
REGION IV											
Great Falls	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0		
Los Angeles	438	336	148	101	132	335	54	345	142		
Portland, Ore.	44	9	36	32	40	4	34	6	34		
Sacramento Valley	21	3	17	17	18	5	16	6	16		
Salt Lake City	40	21	35	26	32	14	24	15	34		
San Diego	405	143	278	261	293	120	247	149	283		
San Francisco-Oakland	33	18	7	7	13	16	4	30	8		
San Jose											
Seattle	184	35	150	146	140	33	138	29	141		
Stockton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Tacoma	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Members-at-large	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0		
REGION V											
Tri-City	72	32	62	41	48	26	44	28	68		
Buffalo	13	1	12	9	9	3	9	3	11		
Elizabeth	32	1	32	32	32	1	30	0	31		
Harrisburg	18	3	17	15	15	4	13	3	16		
Hudson County	6	6	2	1	2	6	3	6	9		
Lehigh Valley	25	1	22	22	21	0	21	1	25		
Newark	22	22	7	12	10	11	11	11	10		
New York	2681	1,874	1,104	974	1,068	1,712	784	1,724	1,138		
Philadelphia-Camden	819	154	716	754	678	166	679	113	765		
Pittsburgh	116	57	82	66	83	56	53	69	75		
Reading	5	0	5	5	5	0	5	0	5		
Rochester	41	9	39	39	32	7	36	6	37		
Syracuse	29	5	29	24	26	3	23	6	29		
Wilkes-Barre	124	8	120	122	124	9	122	8	131		
Members-at-large	7	4	5	4	5	3	3	4	4		
TOTALS	7583	3,430	4,574	4,635	4,648	3,135	4,190	3,156	4,997	2065	1946

Ballots of service men are included in all local tabulations, except in Region I, where they are listed separately.

Impugning Honesty of Locals Is Shabby Trick, Colangelo States

In a statement issued after the election committee tabulation (along toward morning) Joe Colangelo, eastern region campaign manager for the Committee to Keep the Guild Strong said: "The results of the fifth region vote indicate clearly that, despite high pressuring and injection of extraneous issues, the rank and file members voted with but one thought in mind—the preservation of a united International Executive Board, whose policies and record met with their approval."

and whose program merited continuing in office in these difficult times. "I think it is pretty shabby of the McManus adherents on the election committee to impugn the honesty of the officers of the Wilkes-Barre, Lehigh Valley, Terre Haute, Biddeford, Brockton, Jacksonville, Memphis, Sabine-Neches, Kenosha, Lima, Saginaw Valley, Northwestern Indiana and Youngstown locals in an attempt to explain to New York the de-

feat of McManus by screaming foul," Colangelo declared. "We did not challenge the integrity of those who conducted the elections on those units in New York City where unit chairmen did not find bi-partisan poll watchers. "I am sure the officers of these locals who were challenged by the McManus adherents will be able to give a proper and adequate answer to this political maneuver. "This gesture merely is clutching at straws in a futile effort

to find an 'out' for the headline in the New York Guildpaper that proclaimed a McManus victory." **ZONE NUMBERS NEEDED FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS** When notifying The Guild Reporter of a change of address, please be sure to include your postal zone number in the address. This insures prompt mail delivery. And, besides, it makes it easier for the mail men. (The American Newspaper Guild postal zone is 4.)

FOR VICTORY

BACK THE ATTACK

Buy An Extra \$100 War Bond During 3RD WAR LOAN

Bentley Protests, Hits Results Sent in From Wilkes-Barre

A feature of the tabulation of returns by the committee was a protest, directed against Wilkes-Barre, lodged by Gladys Bentley, New York Guild treasurer and member of the bi-partisan committee. Miss Bentley charged it was "physically impossible for any local to get out a 100 percent vote" and moved that the committee challenge any local which reported a 100 percent vote, with the exception of Reading.

Biddeford, Brockton, Jacksonville, Memphis, Sabine-Neches, Terre Haute, Kenosha, Saginaw Valley, Northwestern Indiana, Lehigh Valley, Wilkes-Barre and Youngstown were listed by Miss Bentley as having cast a 100 percent vote.

(Brockton, Memphis, Terre Haute, Northwestern Indiana, Lehigh Valley and Youngstown did not cast 100 percent of their vote but were so listed by Miss Bentley.)

The discussion on Miss Bentley's proposition, however, was against Wilkes-Barre. Earlier the committee had tabulated certified results without incident.

When John T. McManus, defeated fifth region candidate, had been called an hour earlier for a Guild Reporter statement, he begged delay "in case there are any challenges."

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One challenge had been mailed by Elif Isenberg of the Lynn Guild who lodged a series of protests. The committee ruled unanimously that the charges had not been substantiated.

McManus Pledges Engels Support

John T. McManus, New York Guild president, gave a statement to The Guild Reporter which earlier had been delayed "in case there are any challenges."

In his statement McManus pledged support to Engels.

His statement: "The fifth region, by a vote of 2,065 to 1,946 has chosen Brother Walter Engels to represent New York on the International Executive Board, despite a vote of 1,717 to 964 against him by the New York membership."

"Brother Engels will have my support and the support of the New York majority in representing the New York Guild's expressed views in the administration of the American Newspaper Guild."

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Liberty Ship Honors Broun's Memory

As thousands of sweating war workers—women as well as men—roared applause from their piers on nearby cranes, steel beams and ways, the S.S. Heywood Broun was launched at the Bethlehem-Fairfield yards on Labor Day.

The vessel was christened by Mrs. Connie Broun, widow of the founder and first president of the American Newspaper Guild.

Mrs. Broun was accompanied by her 18-year-old daughter, Patricia, and Irving Broun, brother of Heywood.

J. B. Willis, vice president and general manager of the Bethlehem-Fairfield yards, held the cord supporting the silk-encased bottle of champagne as Mrs. Broun crashed it unerringly against the steel prow of the huge gray ship.

Just before she christened the Liberty ship, Mrs. Broun had implanted a kiss on the glistening hull, just above where she formally christened the vessel.

The ship slid down the ways just as the eighth wave was set off along the skids—right on schedule, according to plant officials.

Within three minutes after the Broun had cleared the ways, workmen were shoveling the grease from the skids, preparing to lay the keel for another Liberty ship.

The keel for the S.S. Broun was laid Aug. 12 and she was launched Sept. 6. Workmen said she would be outfitted within four days and immediately be placed in service.

John Green, president of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America-CIO, spoke at the launching ceremonies which were broadcast throughout the yards, for work continued during the launching. Later the ceremonies were broadcast over a local station.

Parts of Green's address follow: "In these few minutes I hope to be able to convey something of the deep admiration and respect I feel for a great man and a great labor leader and the genuine sense of loss which his passing has left among the labor movement."

GREAT HUMANITARIAN "In meeting Broun at CIO conventions and other gatherings of labor, together with many others, I came to admire and respect the man whom we had known before as a great humanitarian, only through his writings. "What tribute can I pay here now to his memory that has not already been said? Let me remind you of the words used by our commander-in-chief, President Roosevelt, in eulogizing his passing: "Heywood Broun," he said, "lived a full life and leaves a noble heritage. His great gifts of heart and mind and soul were ever directed toward his purposes. Neither slander nor calumny nor thought of personal consequences ever deterred him once he had entered a fight in the cause of right and justice as he saw it."

MISSED AND MOURNED "He was a hard fighter, but always a fair adversary, and no matter for whom he worked, he wore no man's collar. He will be missed and mourned particularly by the underprivileged whose staunch champion he always was."

"If Heywood Broun were alive today, I know his pen would be raised in burning anger against the forces of reaction and oppression both at home and abroad. We agree with President Roosevelt that he left a noble heritage."

and that spirit remains an unquenchable fire in the hearts of organized workers who believe in freedom and democracy. "Therefore, nothing could be more fitting, in my estimation, on this traditional labor holiday that we commemorate Heywood Broun's name, and the things for which he stood, with this Liberty ship which will shortly be launched. It will bear the cargoes of armaments and other vital materials, produced by free American labor, which will make possible our successful offensive and the defeat of tyranny."

"I hope this ship will serve its duties faithfully, for it carries the name of a phurion figure in American labor, one who is revered and loved by all of us who toil with hand and brain."

"But it is not enough only to pay tribute or to speak with reverence of Heywood Broun's name. We must carry on."

"We, the living, must carry on the fight against reaction which he symbolized. We must fight for a post-war world which will assure jobs and social security to our returning service men and workers in war industries. We must fight for a fair and equitable peace, which will prevent a recurrence of another world war in another generation hence."

"And above all, we must carry on the fight for the social and political philosophy embodied in the New Deal which is translated today in the Four Freedoms, and of which Heywood Broun was one of the most articulate spokesmen."

Representing the shipyard management, Willis also paid tribute to Broun's memory, terming him "one of the foremost champions of labor."

Paul Cusick, new president of Local 45, IUMSWA, spoke of the new meaning of Labor Day, and declared on behalf of the men and women who built the ship:

"We shipyard workers have the honor and distinction of working for our country. Ours is the obligation to turn out the ships that mean so much to our fighting men in the armed forces. "We must and will back up our fighting men in this war against tyranny and oppression."

S. Duval Schell, executive director of the U. S. Maritime Commission, lauded the workmen and shipyard owners for their high production records, saying "we commend you—individually and collectively."

ARMY AND NAVY THERE Also participating in the ceremonies was Sgt. Arby Barnes, a member of an Army port battalion unit, whose duty is to load and unload ships and transports. Sgt. Barnes was severely burned while directing unloading of gasoline stores when a torpedo struck his ship at Gela, Sicily. He is convalescing at Walter Reed hospital in Washington.

Representing the Navy was Fireman 1st Class George Wendelken, wounded while with the Seabees on Guadalcanal. He spent 15 days, wounded, in a fox hole while enemy planes made daily raids.

At a dinner preceding the launching ceremonies, Mrs. Broun was presented with a jeweled brooch as a token of appreciation for sponsoring the S.S. Broun.

Irving Broun, speaking for the family, asserted his late brother stood for liberty and freedom for all, and that it was fitting and proper that a "Liberty" ship should be

Lead New Unit in Columbus Negotiations Are Launched In Columbus



Above are new officers of the Columbus, Ohio, Dispatch unit. Left to right, Anthony Tanovich, vice chairman; Mrs. Catherine Dittus, secretary; George Kefauver, treasurer. The unit is starting negotiations for a contract, following a 73-23 NLRB election victory in the circulation department.

New Order May Ease Merit Increase Rule

Under an amended General Order No. 31 issued by the War Labor Board, it appears that Guild members may obtain pay increases for merit beyond the restrictions of the Little Steel Formula, according to a memo sent to locals now in negotiations by Ueal Daniel, director of research.

The amended order indicates two methods for giving merit increases without WLB approval.

TWO METHODS
One would be to follow a plan laid down in the order, which imposes limitations on the amount of money involved in such increases. The plan provides that increases be limited to 10 cents per hour or two-thirds of the difference between the minimum and maximum of the appropriate range.

The second would be to work out a plan according to the rules contained in the amended order. Such plans require WLB approval, but increases under the plan would not require individual approval.

Locals in negotiations have been urged to study the order and to include a request for a plan on merit increases in contract proposals.

Additional information is being sought, and further bulletins will be issued.

MUST FOLLOW CONTRACT
Under the amended order, merit increases cannot be made if they are contrary to the terms of any collective bargaining agreement covering any or all of the employees of the company involved.

Existing schedules do not require WLB approval if the plan was in effect because it was contained in a collective bargaining contract which was in effect on June 30, 1943.

The amended order also indicates that where there is a Guild contract, the employer must obtain agreement of the Guild before he can adopt or change to the plan for merit increases which do not require WLB approval.

The section on this phase reads: "If there is a duly recognized or certified labor organization which is entitled to bargain on wage

Boston Probes 48-Hour Week

BOSTON, Mass.—With a shortage of workers in two shipyards here, proposals are being made to declare this a labor shortage area in order to put the 48-hour week into effect.

Boston Guild has named a committee to study possible effects on the industry and Guild members. Committee members are John G. O'Brien, Frank O'Donnell, Herald-Traveler unit; Don Willard, Globe unit; James Glenon, Record-American unit, and Alvin J. Lawson, executive secretary.

Negotiations Are Launched In Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Columbus Newspaper Guild this week was traveling the road to its first contract with the Wolfe-operated Columbus Dispatch.

Following up a solid 73-23 election victory in the paper's circulation department, a negotiation committee has held its first contract conference with the Dispatch management.

Labor strength was added to the Guild's negotiating committee with appointment of George DeNucci, area director for the CIO, and Harold Clark, president of the Columbus local of the International Typographical Union, to serve with Guild members.

Heading the committee will be Steve Ripley, ANG international representative, who wound up the department's campaign, and serving with him will be James Quint, chairman of the Citizen unit, who was alder in organization of the Lima, O., Newspaper Guild in 1941.

Management representatives were Attorney Paul R. Gingham, Arthur E. Campbell, business manager, and C. S. Wilson, circulation director.

At a preliminary conference, before presentation of a contract proposal, the Dispatch management and the Guild agreed to fix the effective date of any contract at 30 days from the start of negotiations.

Meanwhile, Citizen unit negotiators prepared to lay a redrafted and greatly strengthened contract proposal before the Citizen management. Citizen Guildsmen, organized in 1934 as Local 13, have worked under contract with their Scripps-Howard management since 1938.

\$239 Grievance Settled on UP

Negotiations for a United Press contract were enlivened by handling of a grievance involving back pay due under two contracts for a member of the Lima Guild.

Management finally wrote a check for \$239 back-pay due.

Still unsettled is the matter of expenditures made by the two United Press employees in Lima for cleaning, window washing, roach powder, and light bulbs.

The Guild asks they be reimbursed. Management already has agreed to provide these services in the future. The grievance was handled by Wilbur E. Bode, organization director, and William W. Rodgers, secretary-treasurer.

Rochester Unions Issue Oo La La Morale Builder

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Rochester Newspaper Guild and Rochester Typographical Union have marked another chapter in labor co-operation by joint publication of a servicemen's paper, the War Times.

Times-Union Guildsmen and chapel members write the news for the four-page monthly sheet and Times-Union chapel members print the publication in proof press form. The publication is mailed to all Times-Union editorial department and composing room members in the armed forces.

Feature of each issue is the choicest bit (or bits) of cheese-cake to come into the office during the preceding month. This is given prominent page one display in size according to its merits as a servicemen's morale-incentive. A special supplement of these is coming up soon.

There is also an occasional editorial relating home front issues to those on the battlefronts.

Featured news of the first few issues has been on the progress of the Guild's WLB case, now in



its ninth month in the hands of the government and reportedly due for delivery soon. Several of the servicemen, who have left since the Jan. 1, 1943, retroactive pay date set by a New York regional panel, have more than passing interest in these stories. There are also editorials linking the issue on the battlefront with those on the home front.

That such publications may prove something of a remedy in counter-acting Rickenbackeritis is indicated by a letter from Capt. Roger B. Spaulding, USMC, former president of the Rochester Guild. He wrote: "You'd be surprised how popular the little sheet became immediately with all these Greenies here who never heard of the Times-Union. . . . They read the War Times front-to-back and like it."

Other comments from the boys in uniform: "It's great stuff, fellows, keep it up. . . . 'The War Times is great—pass the word.' . . . 'The paper is always a damn nice breath from home. Let's have some more.'"

Test Case for Union Security Sent to WLB

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The dispute over union security in the Guild contract with the Harrisburg Patriot and Evening News has been referred by the Daily Newspaper Industry Panel to the National War Labor Board, and will be a test case on the question at issue in the contract. The WLB is expected to take jurisdiction.

This case is expected to highlight the legal test which will determine if maintenance of membership, the only union security so far allowed by the WLB, constitutes abridgement of freedom of the press.

TIME TROTS OUT OLD ARGUMENT IN GUILD FIGHT
NEW YORK—One of the oldest anti-Guild arguments in the publishers' stable was trotted out during a WLB hearing on maintenance of membership by Time, Inc., publishers of Time, Life and Fortune.

The Guild was demanding maintenance of membership, a wartime compromise of the original Guild shop demand.

Time attorneys argued that anything resembling a Guild shop or maintenance of membership would interfere with freedom of the press because Time employees "beholden of the Guild" might distort what went into Time's news columns.

SUBMIT LONG LIST
When asked what employees would be in a position to distort news, a Time attorney listed the following positions:

Researchers, writers, apprentice writers, photographers, film cutters, librarians, script writers, bureau heads, proof readers, stenographers, typists, secretaries, correspondent secretaries, trainees, assistant photographers, layout artists, assistant layout artists, laboratory technicians and newspaper makers.

"DANGEROUS" IS CLAIM
A panel member asked Long Larson, Time president, if employees could be fired for distortions. Larson admitted they could, but it was "dangerous" to have them on the staff.

Guild representatives showed that never in the 10 years of the Guild has any newspaper charged that membership in the Guild interfered with the publisher's right to publish what he wished.

There was one bit of distortion. Time attorneys, reading a prepared statement opposing maintenance of membership, sought to leave the impression some employees might be forced into the Guild thereby.

THIS CAMPAIGN STUMPS EXPERTS

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—A Syracuse Newspaper Guild charter member, running for district attorney, won the first step in what some newspaper stories here predicted will be a difficult fight to keep his name on the ballot.

He's Roman Graham, reporter for The Post-Standard and secretary of the Syracuse Industrial Union Council of CIO locals, to which he is a Guild delegate.

Graham was nominated by the Onondaga County American Labor Party, and first reaction of local political observers was that he would be disqualified by the county election commission—because he is not an attorney.

However, the county attorney ruled that this decision must be made in the courts on complaint of some party or person. Graham's only comment for publication so far was that he will carry his fight to stay on the ballot "to the supreme court."

Payoff Begun Guildsmen Cover U. S. Landing at Kiska In Severance Pay Battle

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The bulk of claims for severance pay against the Minnesota Tribune company have been adjusted, with \$55,000 plus 13 1/2 percent interest for two years and three months going to employees of the Tribune, which was sold to the Cowles interests and merged.

The claims arose when the Cowles management refused to pay severance pay to employees of the morning and afternoon dailies which figured in the merger.

The issue in litigation was whether severance pay was due those who retained jobs after the merger. The court ruled that sale by the company of its papers put it out of the newspaper business and constituted discharge of all employees.

MONEY PAID OVER
At the time of the merger, April 30, 1941, which the Cowles papers termed a "reorganization," the Minnesota Tribune company transferred a sum of money toward accrued severance pay claims. This transaction was brought out in court testimony.

The Guild contended all employees were entitled to severance pay, and cited as precedent the collection of severance pay from the Journal, which had been merged also by the Cowles interests.

The management paid only to those who were laid off.

Twin Cities Newspaper Guild promptly took the case to court and won in the district court, and scored again when management appealed to the state supreme court.

GUILD WINS AGAIN
Another period of dispute arose after the high court decision last June over the form of release and acquittance to be given the company. The Guild triumphed on this issue also.

First to be paid were those employees whose claims involved no discrepancies or disputes. Disputed cases now are in the process of settlement.

Delays arose in some cases because of difficulty in contacting claimants who are abroad with the armed forces.

INTEREST, TOO
Litigation costs were covered by a levy agreed to by claimants involving 10 percent of the net collection. The interest in all cases was more than legal fees. Non members joined in this plan.

Guild attorney was George B. Leonard, long a friend of the Guild who charged a fee less than half the usual fee in such cases.

Dues and assessments also are being collected from any delinquent members as cases are adjusted. Ray Thibodeau, Twin Cities president, declared the collection would be "quite sizeable."

U. S. SEIZES PLANT IN WLB DISPUTE
NEW YORK (FP)—Because the Atlantic Basin Iron Workers, Atlantic Basin Iron Works, Brooklyn, refused to obey a National War Labor Board order to bargain collectively with Local 39, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO) the company's plant was seized by the War Shipping Administration on orders from President Roosevelt.

"On the other hand, workers who have run a to go obstacle course, spent a week-end drilling under a tough sergeant and crawled on their stomachs with live ammunition flying two feet over their heads know that the men in the service are ready to match the best the Axis can throw at them."

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of our newspaper have indicated in the face of the production miracle which has been accomplished? We are inclined to think the answer is no and to accept the official and often-emanated figures that less than 1% of production has been interrupted by walkouts of one kind or another and that labor, by and large, has kept its pledge to refrain from strikes for the duration."

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Guildsmen were right there covering the news when U. S. troops landed at Kiska Island. At the left is Howard Handelman, INS war correspondent from Los Angeles, and at the right is Morley Cassidy, Philadelphia Bulletin war correspondent. In the center is PFC Arthur Davis of Duluth, Minn., serving with a medical detachment. Handelman is enjoying a snack amid his tumbled gear while Cassidy strives for local color in his dispatches.

ARMY PAPER LAUDS LABOR

Cites Miracle of Production

Says No-Strike Pledge Kept

BOLLING FIELD, D. C.—Hailing the contribution of the "millions of men and women who are producing the weapons of war," the entire personnel of Bolling Field, led by Col. Thomas W. Hastey, commanding officer of the Army Air Base, joined in a salute to labor—"the army behind the lines."

The salute was conveyed in the Beam, enlisted men's newspaper, which devoted six of its 20 pages to the job at 7 a. m. and to get there she has to roll out of the sack at five.

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Los Angeles In Political Action Drive

LOS ANGELES—A political action department has been established by the Los Angeles Guild, with the first assignment being to visit vacationing Congressmen and to present the Guild's views on legislation.

The Guild is following the state CIO legislative program.

Don Kirby is leading the political action department.

Joining with other unions, Guild representatives called on Congressmen with mixed results. One Congressman blew up and ordered the committee from his office. Another lawmaker spouted double talk. One made a partial pledge to follow the Guild and CIO program.

A campaign also is under way to register all members as voters so that labor's voice will be felt and heard at the polls.

A report by Kirby stated the Guild was a little slow in getting started, but indications were that the legislative action department would help convert Congressmen, and would help defeat those who remained uncovered.

POLITICAL ACTION
CIO, AFL and Railroad Brotherhood unions in New Orleans have formed a committee for joint political action.

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Cartoonist Is War Activities Award Winner
LOS ANGELES—John P. Maloney of the Herald-Express unit is the first Guildsmen cited by the Los Angeles Guild war activities committee as having the most distinguished war activities record for September.

Maloney was honored for his outstanding contribution of labor press cartoons.

His cartoons long have been a consistent feature of The Guild Reporter. At the Boston convention he won the annual Guild Reporter cartoon award of a \$50 war bond.

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3rd War Loan
BUY AN EXTRA \$100 BOND

BEST WAY TO CONVINCE A REACTIONARY CONGRESSMAN—VOTE HIM OUT OF OFFICE

Facts Given on Contract Dispute

It is not the policy of the ANG, nor of the ANG contracts committee, to discuss collective bargaining matters of locals in the columns of The Guild Reporter, but in view of the story quoted in full below from the New York Guild paper, the contracts committee feels the membership should be informed of the facts.

The following is an exact reproduction of the story in the New York Guildpaper, referred to above:

CONTRACT HAS ARBITRATION, SO IT'S HELD UP

We almost ran into a deadlock with a brother CIO union last week because the ANG contracts committee refused to ratify a contract containing an arbitration clause.

The contract, providing for \$7 wage increases all around with some of the best minimums in the labor press field, was with the National Maritime Union and covered six people. The Greater New York Industrial Union Council, CIO, was named as the agency to pick the arbitrator.

When the agreement was submitted to the ANG, the contracts committee refused to OK it because of the arbitration clause, ruling that it was against Guild policy as laid down by the Boston convention. It said it would agree, however, if CIO President Philip Murray was named to choose the arbitrator.

Vote to Accept

At a subsequent meeting of the Labor Press Unit, it was voted to accept the ANG proposal—but also to obtain from the contracts committee its reasons for refusing to OK the CIO council, of which the Guild is a functioning affiliate, as the agency to choose the arbitrator.

These proposals were embodied in a letter to Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks from New York Guild Secretary Nat Einhorn last week. The letter expressed the Guild's full confidence in Philip Murray, expressed the feeling that the ANG had unfairly questioned the CIO council's objectivity in its potential choice of an arbitrator.

Welles Pleads For Tolerance

WASHINGTON (FP)—In a prophetic article closely linked with recent anti-Negro and anti-Mexican riots in Beaumont, Los Angeles and Detroit, Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles warns that in the kind of world for which we fight there must not be any need for "that accursed term racial or religious minority."

The 4,000-word article, in which he outlines his own general principles for post-war policies, appears in The Federalist, official organ of the American Federation of Labor.

Welles declares that "if the peoples of the earth are fighting and dying to preserve and to secure the liberty of the individual under law, it is inconceivable that the people of the United Nations can consent to the re-establishment of any system where human beings will still be regarded as belonging to such minorities."

AIR WAR BOND DRIVE

BOSTON—Guildmen John R. Sullivan, Herald financial writer and Don Fessenden, Herald rewrite man, are spearheading the publicity for the Third War Loan Drive. Both assisted in the two previous drives.

SHORTAGE OF NURSES

WASHINGTON (FP)—The nation is faced with a critical shortage of registered nurses, the War Manpower Commission's procurement and assignment service announced.

Statement of the ANG contracts committee:

The contracts committee said the contract with the National Maritime Union, CIO, covering six employees of the Pilot, had been rejected when submitted by the New York local with an arbitration clause that had not been called to the attention of the committee when it was negotiated.

(The contracts committee is charged with seeing that locals follow the collective bargaining program, and locals must keep the committee informed of changes from original proposals made during negotiations.)

The committee regarded an arbitration agreement with a brother CIO union as unnecessary, as the Guild has never been involved in inter-union disputes with CIO unions.

NEW CLAUSE

The committee also noted this was a renewal of a former contract, and such a clause had not appeared in previous agreements with the NMU, and in the past there had never been need for arbitration.

The committee also noted that the ANG has many contracts covering employees of labor papers, and in none is there an arbitration clause.

In a letter to the New York local, the contracts committee said:

"We believe it is possible to settle any differences with another CIO union through informal proceedings and that it is not desirable to have a formal arbitration clause."

NOT GOOD PRACTICE

"We were informed by Dick Seltzer that a strike of employees of the Pilot was averted a year ago by such an informal conference brought about by local CIO officials."

"We still don't see why an organization such as the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, the president of which is the employer involved in the NMU contract, should be the agency designated to pick an arbitrator. This is no reflection on the objectivity of any person or organization. It just isn't good trade union practice as we see it. We would feel the same way about any employer."

OFFER RENEWED

"The contracts committee renews its offer to approve the NMU contract if the New York Guild will insert the following clause:

"Any dispute which cannot be settled by mutual agreement shall be appealed to the president of the CIO."

"This is the clause that was substituted in the contract between the ANG and UOPWA Local 16 for a previous clause which had provided for arbitration."

"The contracts committee is unable to understand why the New York Guild cannot accept this compromise considering that by its own statement, a serious dispute has been worked out in the past with no need for arbitration and considering that you express 'the utmost confidence also in any choice which might be made by Philip Murray, president of the CIO.'"

3rd WAR LOAN
Buy More Bonds

Labor Draft Opponents Hit McNutt

NEW YORK—Charging Manpower Commissioner Paul McNutt with a lack of faith in the democratic method, the Workers Defense League released a sharp exchange of letters in which it accused McNutt of preparing totalitarian labor controls such as the Austin Wadsworth bill contemplates to replace the present voluntary system of labor recruitment.

The War Manpower Commission McNutt had stated categorically in writing to Morris Milgren, national secretary of the Workers Defense League, was giving "no consideration" to conscript labor measures as yet, although alternatives to the voluntary method "were being studied."

Supplementing the League charge that inadequate planning and piecemeal testing of the voluntary system were being made the excuse for draft labor measures, the Negro Labor Assembly and Louis Hollander, president of the New York CIO State Council both went on record as strongly opposed to the Austin Wadsworth bill or other draft labor moves.

Hollander charged that "the Austin Wadsworth bill is a measure to cover up confusion by compulsion. It conscripts labor on the excuse that this is needed to increase production."

PLANNING NEEDED

"The real need is for a constructive program of overall planning through which the manpower needs of the country would be stated, production planned, all sources of manpower utilized and housing, medical centers, nurseries built in war centers. No compulsory labor bill will solve these fundamental problems."

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Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president, is chairman of a league's free labor committee, which is opposing labor conscription.

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"WHITE PRIMARY" LAW IS THREAT TO LABOR

AUSTIN, Tex. (FP)—New threats to labor political activity were seen Sept. 8 as prominent Texas Democrats prepared to demand before the U. S. Supreme Court the state's notorious "white primary" law, giving political parties the right to exclude Negroes from participation in primary elections.

If Negroes can be excluded, union spokesmen argued, so can other groups (including labor) which represent a threat to corporate control of state and municipal political machines.

First test will come in October, when a case is argued before the U. S. Supreme Court.

UAW WARNS ABOUT MENACE TO HEALTH

Lack of adequate eating facilities in or near war production plants is undermining the health and lowering the stamina of workers, United Auto Workers, CIO, warned in publishing results of a survey.

Tainted food served by lunch wagons and in some plant cafeterias was found responsible for many days of absenteeism.

GUILD MEMBER DIES

SALEM, Mass.—Ralph H. Sawyer, veteran of World War I and member of the Salem News staff, was the first member of the Guild here to die. He passed away recently from a heart ailment.

GET FREE PINS

New members of Twin Cities Guild receive Guild pins free if they are present at the next membership meeting and in good standing.

Milwaukee Aids Blood Bank



Above are some of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild members who donated blood at the Red Cross blood bank on CIO Day when 325 pins were given by CIO members. Left to right, seated: Mrs. Robert Leisig, Alfred Hirsch, J. Nash McCrea, Robert Leisig. Standing: Catherine Hildebrand, Harry Kennedy, Sidney Kaufman, Cyrus Rice, and Mrs. Erle Ottman, Red Cross Grey Lady.

Protest of Election Is Promised

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Allen, Martin and Ade are in the armed forces.

The campaign issues, as outlined by the administration candidates, were the record of progress in the past two years and a program for the next two years based on the convention program adopted by the Boston convention, which administration candidates stated, was the program essentially advanced by the present officers.

OTHER ISSUES

Opposition candidates did not attack the record, and instead asked for representation of a "minority group."

In the fifth region, the theme of the opposition was "the New York point of view," with the claim that McManus represented this point of view.

Side issues included a warped interpretation of convention action on the no-strike pledge. The Boston convention did not adopt the New York resolution on this issue, approving, instead, a resolution reaffirming the CIO no-strike pledge.

Campaign literature was not as profuse as in the 1941 referendum except in the fifth region, where McManus supporters utilized New York Guild shop papers.

The tabulation was finished at 5 a. m. Friday in the ANG office.

PUBLISHERS BOYCOTT MEETING OF NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY PANEL

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Volume of work could not have been turned out except for the loyal efforts of the members of the staff, and those members of the panel who have carried the active work in serving on the tripartite panel meetings.

"No one could have seen six months ago the size of the problem that was assigned to the panel. There has been an average of over 50 cases received per week, and this volume is being continued."

THE CHIEF DIFFICULTY IN THE WAY OF A MORE EXPEDITIOUS PROCESSING OF CASES IS INABILITY TO SECURE AND TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE STAFF BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS.

The report cited Sam Eubanks, ANG vice president, as one of the labor members "especially mentioned because of the many hours that they have individually spent in processing the cases."

The Guild has 10 percent of the cases before the panel and 50 percent of the dispute cases.

FAMILIES OF BOLIVIAN STRIKERS AIDED BY CIO RELIEF FUNDS

WASHINGTON—Vice President Henry Wallace praised the National CIO War Relief Committee for its gift of \$2,500 to families of Bolivian tin miners who were killed in strikes at the Catavi mines in December, 1942.

"This token of inter-American unity means much for the future," the Vice President said.

"I AM PROUD"

"I am proud of American labor for lifting its eyes to the altiplano of Bolivia where the air is so thin, the work is so hard, and conditions of living are so difficult."

"The gift is a symbol of the fact that North Americans hearts go out to South Americans in distress."

special pamphlets, leaflets, and personal letters to entire units signed by local officers, urging the recipients to vote for McManus.

The west coast race, Schulz versus Hutchinson, proved a saw affair with Hutchinson getting a 367 plurality in Los Angeles which proved too much of an obstacle for Schulz to hurdle. Several locals in the region failed to get returns in time of the election.

TAKE OFFICE NOV. 1

The new board members will assume office Nov. 1 and will serve for two years.

In this second Guild referendum election, 7,572 ballots were cast compared to 8,957 in 1941. Lack of contests for various posts, together with the many members in the armed forces, helped cut the vote.

Many service men did not vote. William Caine, Jr., Newark president, led the opposition candidates in the at-large race with 3,490 votes.

Stevens, former president of the San Jose Guild, was seventh with 3,156 votes. Albert Jackson, Chicago Guild president, drew 3,138 votes.

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Rockford in Anniversary Celebration

ROCKFORD, Ill.—Members and friends of Rockford Newspaper Guild celebrated the tenth anniversary of the local Aug. 29 with a picnic and play day, featured by speeches by civic and political leaders, and a ball game between police and aldermen.

Chief speaker was George P. Barrett, state attorney general, who declared the nation needs a free and courageous press to surmount the obstacles of the post-war world. He lauded the free press of Guild members toward a free press.

OTHER SPEAKERS

Other speakers included Brig. Gen. John M. Willis, commander Devine, Dixon, Ill., attorney mentioned as a possible Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

Mayor C. H. Bloom unspiced the baseball game.

Songs and skits were provided by men from Camp Grant, many of whom were on the stage and radio before donning khaki.

A 24-page souvenir program, outlining the progress of the Guild, was issued by members of the local.

The Rockford Guild started Sept. 3, 1933, as an employee association which was dissolved Jan. 7, 1934, and members formed the Rockford Newspaper Guild, holding charter No. 5. Rae Small was the first president.

"Minutes of the Rockford Guild show that editorial wages at that time (1933) averaged \$27.71 a week, and that the working hours ranged upward from 60 hours a week" the history of the Guild read in the souvenir program.

"Since its first feeble beginning as an association of editorial employees the Guild has become a first ranking labor union, affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations."

He predicted anti-laborites and anti-administration groups will offer bills from all sides.

"Just now," he said, "these elements are besieging the public, day and night, with propaganda by radio, public speakers, newspapers and magazines, and paying for it out of their income taxes."

WAGES DOUBLED

"The Guild has a signed contract with Rockford Consolidated Newspapers, Inc., establishing a Guild shop, a five-day, 40-hour week, vacation and sick leave benefits, as well as job security guarantees."

"In the 10 years since its organization, the average wages of editorial employees has more than doubled, while the week-work has been reduced by 50 percent."

"This hasn't been accomplished without a struggle."

Officers of the Rockford Guild are: John R. Rust, president; Henry Ehle, vice president; Rae Small, secretary; Robert Monahan, treasurer; Richard Day and C. Hal Nelson, unit chairmen; Herman G. Nelson and Monahan, collectors.

FIGHTING LABOR

"They are fighting labor, they are fighting the administration, and they are fighting the government, public speakers, newspapers and magazines, which are attempting to maintain some reasonable control on domestic affairs during the war period."

Passage in Colorado of the so-called "labor peace bill," he asserted, was a reflection of the effect of this type of propaganda on the public mind.

"Maybe I haven't talked with the right people here this month," he added, "but it seems to me there is a reactionary trend."

Australian Newspapermen Adopt a 'Code of Ethics'

SYDNEY (By Mail)—An eight-point code of ethics for newspapermen has been adopted by the New South Wales District of the Australian Journalists' Association as "practical steps towards the enforcement of truth in news."

"In the knowledge that the press is the most powerful factor in moulding public opinion and is therefore democracy's strongest force for social progress," members of the trade union pledged themselves:

"(1) To report and interpret news with scrupulous honesty.

"(2) Not to suppress essential fact and not to distort the truth by omission or wrongful emphasis.

"(3) To respect all confidences in all circumstances.

"(4) To observe at all times the fraternity of their profession and never to take unfair advantage of a fellow member of the Australian Journalists' Association."

"(5) Never to accept any form of bribe nor to permit personal interest to influence their sense of justice.

"(6) To use only honest methods to obtain news, pictures and documents.

"(7) To reveal their identity as members of the press before using any personal interview or picture for publication.

"(8) Always to maintain, through their conduct, full public confidence in the integrity and dignity of their calling."

G. F. Goffred, AIA district president, reported later that "Sydney newspaper proprietors declined to discuss with the AIA committee appointed to administer the code some permanent means of enforcing it."

Political Action by Denver Guildsmen



Denver Guildsmen lost no time in seeking conferences when Colorado's congressional delegates came home in the August recess. Here a delegation is shown at a Guild session with Senator Ed C. Johnson. Pictured are, left to right: W. M. Beardshear, secretary; Robert J. Steinbruner, delegate to the Denver CIO Council; Kenneth Bundy, president; Senator Johnson, Harley J. Murray, Alexis McKinney, executive board member, and Oscar E. Linden, vice president.

Labor Must Tighten Its Lines To Balk Enemies, Senator Warns

DENVER, Colo.—Labor and all liberal elements must tighten their lines as never before to withstand the reactionary onslaught now developing, United States Senator Ed C. Johnson of Colorado, Democrat, warned Denver Guildsmen when they conferred with him here on his recent canvass of the home grounds for public opinion.

A lifelong member of the Railroad Telegraphers' union, who voted against the Smith-Connally bill and usually is on labor's side in all legislation, the senator loosed no optimism over the prospect for liberal forces when congress reconvenes.

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ASK IMPEACHMENT IN ANACONDA CASE

INDIANAPOLIS (FP)—Impeachment of Federal Judge Thomas W. Slick of Fort Wayne, who fined Anacosta Wire & Cable Company and its officials a total of \$31,000 in a \$5,000,000 war order fraud, was demanded by The Indiana Teamster, official organ of the Indiana State Drivers Council, International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

In an editorial entitled, His Honor Stinks, the publication demanded: "Are men to be rewarded for treason?"

DENVER POST CUTS WIDTH OF COLUMNS

DENVER—The Denver Post, said to be one of the last of the large dailies to make such wartime change, reduced the width of its columns to 12 ems from 12½ ems, saving four ems in the width of the 8-column page.

Local newspaper gossip was that the publishers believe the page reduction will produce a money saving of close to \$100,000 a year and will enable The Post to trim its news print consumption to wartime-restricted quantity.

SET NEW RECORD

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Pueblo Guildsmen in Labor Day Parade



Pueblo, Colo., Guildsmen joined in the city's Labor Day celebration by riding a hayrack in the annual parade of labor unions. Standing at left are Cecil Osborne and Robert Carille; at right of sign Ed Orzema, Herbert Foster and the hayrack owner. Seated, left to right, Ted Snyder, William Barwell, Mike Senner, Phil Kerby, Hazel Smith, Jeannette Pollys, Ietta Fitzgerald, Ruth Burns, Paul Benko and J. C. Ammann.

Anniversary To Be Noted In Twin Cities

TWIN CITIES, Minn.—Marking 10 years since it began operations under charter No. 2 of the American Newspaper Guild, the Newspaper Guild of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul will celebrate with a supper party Oct. 2.

Along with special honors for the many charter members still active in Twin Cities Guild, new members will receive recognition at the party, which will be at Midland Hills Golf Club, midway between the two cities.

ROLLS MAINTAINED

John J. Biddison, one of the Twin City pioneers and now the Guild's executive secretary, is especially proud of the fact that although more than 125 members now are in the armed forces, membership has been maintained right around the 500 mark, its regular enrollment of pre-war days.

Plans for the party, for which Angelo Cohn, Minneapolis Star Journal copywriter, and Gene Aris, St. Paul Dispatch Pioneer Press advertising, are co-chairman, call for everything from bingo to war bonds, and dinner and dancing for the evening. Bows worth \$375 will be given away.

TO REVIEW HISTORY

Along with recognition for charter members, including several who since have left newspaper work, high spots of Twin Cities Guild history will be reviewed on strictly trade union lines.

These include the first radio strike in the Guild, on station WTCN, organization meetings by a small group in a local labor attorney's office, and weathering two newspaper mergers in the last five years.

In both instances members received severance pay. Previously the St. Paul News had been closed under circumstances less favorable to Guild members.

Twin Cities was host to the first annual ANG convention in 1934, and is particularly proud of its annual Gridiron Dinners, annual high spots, interrupted by the war.

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\$30,000 More for Wilkes-Barre and Denver

—WILKES-BARRE—

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—A year's back pay—covering a \$2 general increase and retroactive to Sept. 1, 1942—is provided in the Daily Newspaper Industry Panel's recommendation for employees of the Wilkes-Barre Record and Times-Leader-News.

The total for the year will run between \$14,000 and \$15,000. When it will be paid is uncertain because the publishing company is expected to appeal what company executives termed a "salty" decision.

EARLY DISPUTE CASE

The case was one of the first dispute cases to go before the panel after its organization. The balance of the contract was negotiated and the wage section left open and referred to the War Labor Board. That was last January.

The case was certified to the panel in February, the hearing was held in Chicago on May 28 and the decision was announced on August 31.

NEW MINIMUMS SET

In addition to the general increase, the decision provides: \$45 minimum for reporters after four years, an increase of \$5 weekly.

\$45 minimum for advertising solicitors, bringing them on the par with reporters and a scale increase of \$4.85 weekly.

50 cents a shift night differential. (The publisher member dissented on this phase alone, but agreed on the rest of the decision.)

\$47.50 for rewrite man and editors, an increase of \$5 a week.

New high brackets for office boys and maintenance employees.

A panel directive that where women perform work comparable with that done by men, they are to receive the men's minimums.

140 TO SHARE RAISES

Approximately 140 Guild members, including some 25 in the service, will share in the distribution of the back pay—when it comes.

In practically all instances the checks will total more than \$100 and the highest probably will be about \$450. The \$450 check will go to a soldier.

The Guild's case before the board was argued by President Joseph P. Collis and Vice President Carl Posen.

Members of the WLB panel were Dr. F. S. Deibler, chairman; ANG Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks, and W. N. Thompson, assistant publisher, Milwaukee Sentinel.

—DENVER—

DENVER, Colorado—Wage increases totaling approximately \$15,000 per year for 56 employees of the Denver Post have been recommended by the Daily Newspaper Industry Panel of the War Labor Board.

The panel held in abeyance action on one disputed point, that of union security.

All but a small amount of the increase was written into the contract in the form of higher minimums.

Reporter, copywriter, rewrite, head librarian, photographer, artist classification was boosted \$5 to \$57.50, with the beginning minimum up to \$25. Telegraph and financial editor minimum raised \$7.50 to \$70.

Other increases on the minimums ranged from \$2 per week for multigraphers to \$4 for society department assistants.

copy boys, \$13.50 to start; multigraphers, \$32.

In addition, the panel recommended that all employees earning between \$36.50 and \$100 per week be increased \$5 if not so raised by the increased minimums. Those earning less than \$36.50 will receive 15 percent increases if not so raised by the new minimums.

Kenneth Bundy, Guild president, estimated all those earning less than \$100 per week in the newsroom would be raised about \$5 with some getting more.

The management had contended that application of the Little Steel formula began in September, 1940, date of the last contract, while the Guild contention that the date was January 1, 1941, was upheld by the panel recommendation.

Larry MacLean, ANG international representative and member of the Denver Guild, represented the local before the panel. F. W. Bonilla, business manager of the Post, represented management.

It Seems to Us...

ARMY MAN HOPES GAINS WILL NOT BE LOST

CANE BRANTLEY, GA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: I have been keeping abreast of things in the Guild since entering the army in June, 1941. The Guild Reporter has followed me loyally wherever I went, and it has been like an old friend, stable and unchanging, a guarantee that we are not fighting in vain.

I feel that the Guild will make the newspaper profession a dignified and lucrative one for all, in the future.

We in the service are hoping that the gains we made in the days before the war will not be lost.

With best wishes, and the hope that you keep up the good work.

SGT. THOMAS P. HORAN
Detroit Guild.

CHRONOLOGY ON SNEAR CAMPAIGNS

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: I am fully in accord with the statement by Robert Conway, ex-president of the New York local, in his letter in the last issue denouncing the campaigns which used the indictment of Heizer Wright as a smear against groups in the Guild. Brother Conway mentioned that the New Leader smeared him "in the same manner" as the Daily Worker smeared opposition to the New York leadership.

I think Brother Conway is unjust in one respect and that some chronology is in order.

Immediately after the indictment of Heizer Wright, the Daily Worker launched a series of articles, attacking Wright and the Daily News, and attacking Captain Patterson for continuing to employ Wright.

Soon after, another series of articles charged that Wright had worked against the leadership of the New York Guild, using this to smear the opposition to Elinhorn and Ryan.

A week later, in one of its columns, the New Leader pointed out that if the Daily Worker raises that sort of an issue, it seems to forget that Wright's last activity in the New York local was the support of the Conway-Elinhorn-Ryan slate. The New Leader pointed out that attempts to create such amalgams by linking the name of Wright with any group was stupid and dangerous.

There was no attempt made to smear Conway; the whole paragraph was an attempt to point out the stupidity of the Daily Worker procedure.

However, Communist line elements in the Guild did not listen, for the issue of the PM shop paper (which is overseen by Elinhorn in his official capacity as a Guild officer) contained a vicious

attempt to smear Wright as belonging to the Engels group.

I repeat, such types of propaganda are misleading and dangerous, and I would take this opportunity in the columns of The Guild Reporter to point it out again.

DANIEL BELL,
Editor, the New Leader,
Labor Press Unit, New York.

CHALLENGE OVER WHO WAS FIRST

HAMMOND, IND.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: Although the election will be over by the time this is printed, as president of the Northwestern Indiana Guild I am compelled to take issue with misstatements in literature issued by a "committee for election of John T. McManus ANG vice president 5th region."

The McManus leaflet, on page 2, claims:

"McManus is the respected leader of the United New York Guild, the Guild which established for the ANG."

"First—pay for men in service."

"First—severance pay on resignation."

The Hammond, Ind., Times contract we negotiated in 1940 was the FIRST newspaper contract to provide pay for service men. At that time McManus' own paper, PM, considered our contract so good PM gave it a column.

We realize two New York newspapers previously had established pay for service men, but this was before the New York Guild had then under contract.

In regard to the claim "first severance pay on resignation," the Hammond Times contract had this feature in 1940. Our contract covers all the years of experience on the paper, while PM, which contract has this feature now, is only about three years old or so.

As to the campaign claims of McManus that New York leads in legislative and government relations work, we will cite that the Northwestern Indiana Guild has taken active leadership in Indiana's labor legislative council since its formation.

We want to keep the record straight, so that crossroads Guilds like ours will not be slighted and credit will go where due. Such ill-founded claims make one wary of any statements emanating from the same source.

ERNEST C. BAYTON,
President,
Northwestern Indiana Guild.

FRIENDLY WORDS FOR THE "OLD GANG"

JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: I have no "ancient regime" sentimentality, but my conviction remains unshaken that fairness is always in order in a union paper. That's what prompts me to protest the kind of argument

and the form of argument presented by Brother Weber of Detroit.

The election is over, so no political purpose can be attributed to this letter. Its sole aim is to point out that the Peglerian approach to union issues hardly becomes Guildsmen, and I maintain that when Brother Weber talks about the "Kaufman gang" and sees a vote for minority representation on the IEB as a move to "let the old gang in the back door," he is borrowing language and ideas from the top left hand corner of the second section of the New York World-Telegram.

Milton Kaufman is no relative of mine and I never knew him until the Guild was organized, and then I learned to know him as one of its hardest and keenest fighters. As to the rest of the "old gang"—Pasche, Goldberg, Morgan Hall, among others, and oh, yes, a fellow named Heywood Brown—they were among the earliest of Guild builders, and they laid a strong foundation upon which the present structure of the Guild securely rests.

The members of the "old gang" served the union when the winters were bitter with strikes, and they left their offices to do their stint on the picket lines along with what Brown called "an army with banners."

And when Brothers Riordan of Philadelphia and Collis of Wilkes-Barre, in another letter refer to the "dark days of the Kaufman-Pasche regime," I know they don't mean (but I do) the tough months when there wasn't enough money in the treasury to pay their salaries and they kept on working as hard as ever.

I felt it necessary to offer these observations for the benefit of more recent Guildsmen who might have got the impression that the early administration of their union was composed of the counterparts of Westbrook's old stand-bys, Sealise, Bluff and Brown.

SAMUEL KAUFMAN,
President,
Hudson County Guild.

VALLEE RE-ELECTED BY UTICA GUILD

UTICA, N. Y.—J. Arthur Vallee was re-elected president of the Utica Guild. Miss Margaret Owen was chosen secretary, and James Williamson was renamed treasurer.

OPPOSE EXEMPTION FROM 48-HOUR WEEK

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Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

Periodically and at increasingly frequent intervals I become lathered over Guild hitch-hikers. This is one of those intervals.

There is then, the people who live under Guild contracts and enjoy their benefits and protection without incurring either the obligations or privileges of Guild membership—fall into a number of categories. It is tempting to lump them all as heels and be done with it, but accuracy forbids.

Some are simply short-sighted and lazy people. They are only vaguely aware of the Guild. In a hazy fashion they know that every once in a while somebody does something and their pay check increases.

These, forgive us, are as much our fault as their own. They need enlightenment, a gentle infusion of logic and reason together with a firm guidance to the desired line.

Possibly few of them will ever become zealous members, active on committees, and regular in attendance at meetings. They will, at least, have assumed the obligation of citizenship when they are signed up and pay taxes.

There is, next step down the scale, the screwball non-member. This can be the brother who once got outvoted in a meeting and took his dolls home with him.

It can be the argumentative guy who doesn't like the local president or the treasurer or the steward.

None in the screwball category I list the individualist. This character does not need the Guild, he says. He will do all right on his own with no help from a union, thank you.

This individualist is a difficult subject. Quite often he is, indeed, doing quite well. His salary is substantial, his hours regular and the labor not too onerous. In the grandeur of his ego he attributes all this goodness to himself. Blinded by his own magnificence, he fails to see that his position is relative. It is comparable to the standards, and only when those standards improve does he improve.

Time almost invariably proves a brutal healer for the individualist. In the limited scope of my personal experience I have seen veterans, dazed and incredulous, walk jobless out of the plant they thought would collapse without them.

I have seen bright young men tossed figuratively on their twenty tails for the inevitable blunder that all of us make.

Beneath the screwballs there rates another type of hitch-hiker. This is the stupidly selfish, greedy breed who figure deliberately they can get all the benefits of Guild contract without paying dues, I can understand and even, to a degree, condone selfishness.

None of us joins a union simply in a saintly desire to benefit our fellow men. We join to benefit them while benefiting ourselves.

But I cannot understand stupid selfishness. It is incomprehensible to me that these greedy dues evaders can be so stupid as to fail, forever, continue to shoulder their burdens or pay their freight.

Finally, although there may be some intermediate steps I have momentarily forgotten, comes the bottom of the ladder of hitch-hike ratings, the stooge.

Psychiatrists who probe the darker recesses of human minds probably have their explanation of stooges but I have none. Despite a reasonably extensive study of a couple prize examples, I have yet to figure them out.

Sometimes the stooge appears to believe that he is buttering the boss and, thereby, improving his own position by standing aloof from the Guild or even actively opposing it.

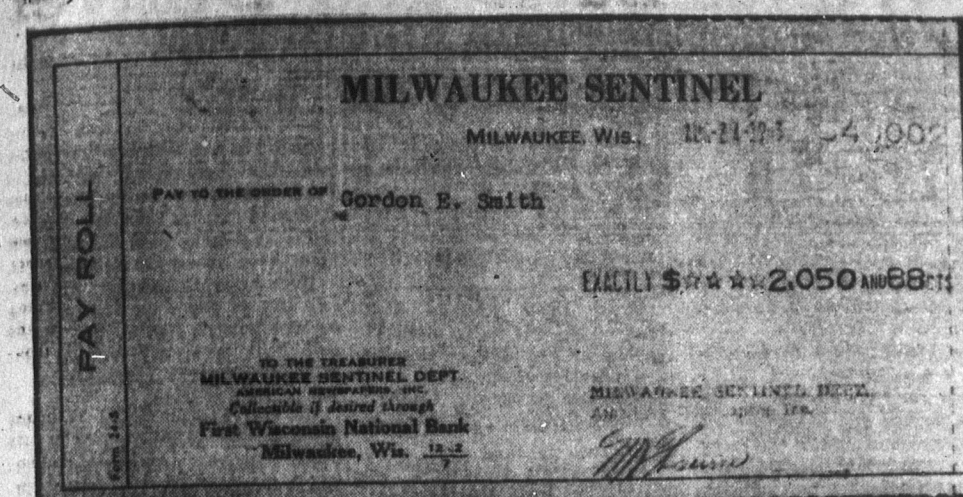
Other times the stooge is one who was in the Guild and then, alarmed by some action or statement he fears might offend the powers, demonstrates his Loyalty to the Institution by clamoring his way out.

Viewing these sundry problems in psychology, I have sought vainly for a solution.

Part of that solution, obviously, is an immediate effort to correct our own fault, where it exists, by spreading more knowledge of the Guild, what it is and what it does.

It will be much interested in case histories of solutions for the other editorial non-members. (They may pick their own ranges.)

\$2,050 Check Settles Milwaukee Grievance



MILWAUKEE, Wis.—After insisting on arbitration, Hearst's Milwaukee Sentinel management changed its mind and a grievance over a dismissal was adjusted by payment of \$2,050 in severance pay to Gordon B. Smith, discharged news editor.

Smith received \$2,050, from which was deducted some \$513 in social security and victory tax.

The settlement was satisfactory to Smith.

Smith, during an argument with the new Sentinel managing editor, James J. Packman, had passed an unfavorable remark and was fired on the spot.

Management contended this was self-provoked dismissal, which the Guild contested.

As management insisted on arbitration and the Guild insisted

on reinstatement or full severance pay, an arbitrator was chosen tentatively.

The settlement, meanwhile, was negotiated in informal conferences. Chief Guild spokesman was John Kykyri, Milwaukee Guild president, who was suspended for two weeks without pay by his paper, the Journal, for Guild activity. The case is being filed with the NLRB.

AMONG OURSELVES



Two more Pueblo Guildsmen into the armed forces. Ross Thompson to the Seabee, and Clifton Clemens in the Navy.

Tom Kennedy, Indianapolis Times copydesk, has gone to a trade magazine in Cleveland.

To the Indianapolis Times, from the UP, goes Joan Hixon, Brockton Guild secretary, now a first sergeant.

Charles Pauly, transfers from Dayton Journal to Indianapolis Times.

Brainerd Platt, named sports editor and (Miss) Jerry Fox, society editor in Dayton Journal promotions.

Herbert L. Ceel, new unit chairman of Hammond, Ind. Times.

Ray Grody, Milwaukee Sentinel, sold his feature to Look magazine.

Anne Kykyri, wife of Milwaukee Guild president, heading WAVES publicity as unpaid volunteer.

Urban T. Marlowe, assistant city editor of Toledo Blade has retired and he and his wife are living in New York "just for fun."

3 Secretaries In Last 9 Months

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Because of the shiftings of members and the draft, Wilkes-Barre Local 120 has elected three recording secretaries in nine months.

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Frank Toronto, new Boston Record American unit treasurer, as Robert Heer, leaves for other employment.

Brenda Ueland, fiction writer, now doing column for Minneapolis Times.

Dan Upham, Minneapolis Tribune assistant city editor, now lieutenant in Navy.

T/S E. J. Magnin, assistant editor of the camp paper at Drew Field, Fla., is starting aviation cadet training.

Magnin was a former editor of the Chester Times, strike paper.

Recent Wilkes-Barre entrants into the military service include Robert Patton, Record collector, and Edward Schrode, Guild recording secretary, into the Navy.

Merle Edwards, Times-Leader, Evening News editorial, to the Army Air Force; Conrad Haiges, Record editorial, into the Seabees.

Clothing Workers Win Vacations

NEW YORK (FP)—For the first time in the history of the men's clothing industry, paid vacations were agreed upon by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CWO) and the Clothing Manufacturers Association.

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wed's explanations that Harrisburg reporters never carried credentials produced no effect.

"Maybe this he handled his Guild membership card to the officer. The officer examined it carefully and opened it to look at the paid-up record."

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Boston Acts To Simplify Local Rules

BOSTON—A by-laws sub-committee of the executive committee of the Newspaper Guild of Boston has before it a proposal for changes aimed at streamlining the operations of the union.

Under the proposal, the officers of the Guild would act as an executive committee to oversee the local's operation. A board of governors would be set up to meet bi-monthly to set the Guild's general policies.

The principal reason for the proposed change is that the executive committee has found itself bogged down with detail which could be left to the officers for decision and has found little time for broad planning on general Guild problems and organization work.

A new dues scale for members in shops not covered by Guild contracts, similar to that recently adopted in Detroit, also is being studied.

Because the changes are being speeded in order that a referendum may be held before the next local election, the committee will recommend that a continuing by-laws committee be established to watch the operation of the Guild in the next year, to study the by-laws of other locals and the model by-laws, and to propose further changes if necessary.

Members of the committee are: Henry Harris, Amasa Howe, Globe unit; George Harris, Record-American, Boston president; John J. O'Brien, Frank O'Donnell, Herald-Hayes, Herald-Traveler unit.

Sioux City in Back Pay Fight

SIoux CITY, Iowa—The Sioux City Guild is pressing grievances for back pay under the contract for six circulation district men.

The case is based on a contract section reading: "CIO district men shall be paid \$4.75 an hour worked."

The claims go back to July 25, 1942. Since that time, the men have been given car tokens.

Individual claims for the six men total more than \$300 each.

Plans are being worked out for modified car use during gas and rubber rationing.

REGISTER SO YOU MAY VOTE

"You're ok," he said, and Red walked in.

Women's Help Is Needed

All auxiliary members will be interested in the following excerpts from a letter which President Philip Murray sent last week to all International Union City and State Councils, and national representatives of the CIO:

"In order to make our work for real price control and for rollback of present ceilings really effective, we need the active help of the women in our CIO families. They feel most directly the impact of rising prices since they do the day-to-day buying of the necessities of life."

"These women can also play a most important role in our legislative and political activity. The Republican and Democratic parties have already started to enlist the active cooperation of women in the 1944 election campaign. . . . We must also think in terms of depending to a large measure on the help of our CIO women in making our election campaign plans."

All WA-ANG news for THE GUILD REPORTER should be mailed to Ben Abramson, c/o New York Newspaper Guild, 40 East 40th Street, New York City. Copy should reach the New York office by 7th of the month for the issue of the 15th, and by the 21st for the issue of the 28th. Pictures must be in hand at least 4 days earlier than these dates to allow for retouching and engraving.

Wilkes-Barre Calls on Congressmen

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Members of the Wilkes-Barre Guild are aiding the political action by calling on four Congressmen who represent the area of northeastern Pennsylvania.

ANG Vice President Joseph M. Walsh has represented the Wilkes-Barre Guild in delegations of union members and representatives who have interviewed Congressmen and impressed upon them the fact that labor is watching their records.

With the AUXILIARY

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

(This column was submitted for the last issue, but space limitations prevented its appearance.)

Alma Chalcraft, our new vice president from Seattle, was born, reared and educated in Missouri, where she taught school before moving on to Arizona and then to Oregon. There she married a Seattle newspaper man some twenty-two years ago.

She has two sons, one in the Air Corps, the other auxiliary. She is awaiting his seventeenth birthday so he can join the Navy. Her youngest, a daughter of 15, has many times made it possible for Auxiliary members to attend meetings by caring for their children.

Alma has gone the rounds of Ladies Aid, Sunday School classes, Parent-Teacher Associations, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Mothers Clubs, and inevitably wound up in a trade union auxiliary. She is extremely modest, but it is always where she is supposed to be, and on time. She is treasurer of the Seattle local and works tirelessly for the Auxiliary.

Reports From the Locals

LOS ANGELES—Summer activities have revolved pretty directly around the war, planning for the hostessing in early September of the USO center. Aux members are also mailing out double postcards to service families in preparation for Christmas mailing in October.

A talk with a two-year air veteran who has been in many isolated posts in Africa and the East elicited the information that magazines are tops, and reading matter of any kind, including other people's letters, just dandy. Los Angeles is determined to raise the money for two hundred subscriptions. Faithful Ruth Schullman is looking after these matters and representing the women on the Guild's War Activities Committee.

The Los Angeles Auxiliary Council is holding an all-day legislative conference to be presided over by WA-ANG's Eleanor Fowler. The Guild Auxiliary is very proud to be part of this activity, and to be able to entertain Eleanor.

Dorothy Connolly, vice president of WA-ANG, is carrying the CIO child care program into reality by doing playground work in a thickly populated Negro and Mexican district.

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McCrea to Head Midwest Council

CHICAGO—New officers were elected for the Midwest District Council at a meeting here. J. Nash McCrea, Milwaukee Guild treasurer, was named president; Aldric Revell, Madison Guild president, vice president; Herman

Nelson, Rockford Guild, secretary-treasurer.

John Kykry, Milwaukee Guild president, was named chairman of the organizing committee.

Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president, and John Weillburg, ANG international representative in charge of organization work in Chicago, attended and urged the council to adopt an organization program, plans for legislative activities, exchange of information and aid in regard to contract negotiations.

The treasury has a balance after financial aid to various locals in the council during the year. By-laws were amended to set a limit of \$25 per month per capita for any local. The Chicago local, not affiliated, was urged to join the council which includes locals in the Chicago area.

Negotiations on For UP and AP

Half a dozen negotiating sessions on the United Press and New York Associated Press contracts have resulted in little or no progress toward improving these two major wire service contracts.

Both managements obviously were stalling while awaiting the panel recommendation in the six AP cases.

UP has indicated a willingness to make some improvements in various sections, and AP has not made any counter proposals. A so-called UP counter-offer was not considered seriously by Guild negotiators who observed "it was a good typing job."

Guild negotiators on the two contracts are ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, Thomas Murphy, New York Guild organizer, Jean Weinstein of the ANG research department, and Wilbur E. Bade, ANG organization director.

GARDENERS EXHIBIT

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Guild members of the Sacramento Bee unit entered an outstanding exhibit at the Victory Garden Harvest Festival.

WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Hull, Coiner of Pious Platitudes, Provides Dullest Show on Earth

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON — Correspondents in this city may disagree on many matters, but I think it is their unanimous opinion that the press conferences conducted by Hon. George Cordell Hull are the dullest show on earth.

Mr. Hull's ability to provoke yawns is in no way affected by the nature of the day's news. He is as listless and uninspired on the occasion of Italy's surrender as he is at moments when there are neither flashes nor bulletins on the wires.

His routine is never broken. The show must go on—without any melodramatic interruptions. One awaits with trepidation the hour when the final defeat of fascism is announced to the world.

Newspapermen will troop joyously to the state department, anticipating some major declaration by the secretary of state of the United States.

PIOUS PLATITUDES

Once again the journalists will be disappointed. I can almost hear him now, droning off some pious platitude, reducing the grandeur of history to the mumbled syllables of state department rhetoric.

He will, of course, greet with approval the collapse of Hitlerism. He will tell us that this vindicates the eternal verities. He will not, of course, venture to discuss the future political status of Germany lest premature controversies cloud the air.

In short, Mr. Hull will celebrate the end of A. Hitler with a stiff shot of tea.

As the war moves toward its great climaxes, the mood and manners of the state department remain unaltered. Newspapermen are to be seen but not heard; they must not ask challenging questions, they must be content to take "no comment" for an answer, they must neither inquire too deeply nor criticize the silence with which they are confronted.

The department acts like a man with a guilty conscience; it views all questions with suspicion.

Inevitably there are blow-ups because not all correspondents are willing to accept the state department's standard of a model journalist—the man who never speaks or hears evil. So now, while most of the nation is engaged in fighting the Axis, Mr. Hull has declared war on Drew Pearson.

LEND-LEASE AID

Unfortunately, Mr. Roosevelt is giving Hull an unlimited amount of lend-lease aid to continue this struggle.

I am not prepared here to pass any learned judgment on Pearson's charges against Mr. Hull and his colleagues. I am concerned about the enormous effort being waged by both the White House and the state department to prove that Pearson's thesis—of anti-Soviet influences in the state department—is all fiction, that any resemblance between Mr. Hull and the man mentioned in Pearson's dispatches is purely accidental.

All these protestations of innocence would be unnecessary if Mr. Hull's office were not enveloped in evasion, ambiguity and double-talk. But it is.

The state department, as one correspondent observed, is reluctant to tell reporters officially the time of day even if a clock is hanging on the wall. In that atmosphere, neither the President nor his secretary of state can afford to be aggrieved if reporters get fed up with the handouts and start using unofficial sources.

Nor should they be surprised when the noble intentions of our foreign policy are subjected to misinterpretation.

The state department's concep-

tion of public relations is to maintain a minimum of relations with the public.

It opens its newspapers each morning with fear and frenzy; it behaves like an austere lady who

When Drew Pearson attempted to reply to the attacks on him by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull, his column was censored by United Features Syndicate, UP subsidiary.

Hugh Baille, UP president, on vacation now, was reported to have left an order that Pearson can't reply to the charges. Pearson's column appears in about 600 newspapers.

PM, however, ran in full the censored column.

has been out on a party the night before and thinks that a gossip columnist may have seen her.

NOT HIS THEORY

I have never subscribed to the general GOP theory that the President and his associates are

engaged in a conspiracy to undermine the freedom of the press. FDR has taken more beatings from newspapers than any public figure in a generation but he still holds open house for reporters.

With regard, however, to the handling of the state department by newspapers, I think that Cordell Hull is openly seeking to stifle the honest expression of journalistic opinion.

He wants most state department affairs treated as if they were profound military secrets, which they are not. He has dampened the spirits of the men who write about our foreign policy. He has missed every real chance to impart vitality and freshness to our pronouncements.

He is a dull, dreary old man with a shrewd understanding of the internal Battle of Washington but little insight into the nature of this world war.

I regret that President Roosevelt has decided to help him in his campaign to keep newspapermen from writing as they please.

Officer of Tri-City Guild Wins State Guard Promotion

William I. Platt, Tri-City's second vice president, is a first lieutenant in the New York Guard now, and is both an aide to the general and public relations officer of the Third Brigade.

Lt. Platt's commission came after only about six months in the Guard and was in part recognition for the manner in which he conducted public relations while the First Regiment was in camp this summer. In that work he had the aid of another Tri-City Guildsman, Photographer Ralph G. MacDougall of the Knickerbocker News staff.

A member of Tri-City Guild for more than two years, Lt. Platt is sales supervisor of the Times Union classified advertising department. He is serving his second term as a local officer.

He entered the New York Guard in March as a private and was assigned to public relations in the First Battalion of the First Regiment. Although still a private, he was acting public relations director for all six battalions of the regiment during training camp.

Lt. Platt was in charge of publicity of an Army ordnance recruiting drive last year. In three months, six motor maintenance battalions were raised in Upstate New York. The work brought him special commendation of the late Col. Herman Goodin.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Albert Fiske has been elected circulation department executive board member to succeed Arthur Albertson, now with the United States Navy.



LT. WILLIAM I. PLATT
Twice an officer

N. Y. DRIVE ON TO REGISTER

The New York Guild has embarked on its first all-out campaign in connection with formation of ANG and CIO political action committees.

With other unions in local CIO community councils, Guild delegations began a drive to have every member register for the coming elections. New York registration dates are Sept. 27 and 28, and Oct. 2 through 6.

Plans are to visit every member twice between now and first registration day.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENTS

A series of three internal assessments was levied by the Boston Convention for the purpose of further enlarging the ANG defense fund in anticipation of post-war necessity. The bulk of the revenue from these assessments will be invested in War Bonds.

The three assessments are payable:

October 1, 1943
November 1, 1943
December 1, 1943.

A member loses good standing if he is in arrears on an assessment for more than one month.

WILLIAM W. RODGERS,
ANG Secretary-Treasurer.

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