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SHOWDOWN DUE WITH GROUP OF PUBLISHERS OVER UNION SECURITY

\$700 Weekly Pay Boost Proposed By Panel for Six AP Bureaus

CHICAGO—The final report on the cases involving the six Associated Press bureaus and the Guild has been made by the Daily Newspaper Panel. The report now must be approved by the Chicago regional War Labor Board.

The report recommends wage increases of 15 percent on present salaries for all staff members continuously employed since January, 1941, for those earning \$40 per week or less, and \$6 for those

New minimums, history of negotiations, Guild comment, page 4.

earning over \$40, less any increases through the new minimums.

This is the first general increase ever negotiated on the AP by the Guild.

The increases will total approximately \$700 per week for about 140 employees in the Atlanta, Boston, Kansas City, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Michigan bureaus.

The new minimums recommended are the same as the New York contract minimums for news men, photographers and photo printers, except that a seventh year classification was

denied by the panel. The recommended minimums for office boys are higher than the New York minimums.

Sam Eubanks, ANG vice president and panel member, dissented on denying the seventh year classification, the union security issue and other points.

P. D. Adler, publisher of the Kewanee, Ill., Star-Courier, industry member of the panel, dissented on the wage increases.

On other issues the panel recommended:

Union security—The harmony clause from the New York contract. (The Guild asked the Guild shop.)

Retroactive dating of contracts—Retroactive date for pay increases is date each case was certified to the War Labor Board. (The Guild asked increases be dated back to Sept. 1, 1942, date of the New York increases.)

On issues involved in Atlanta and Detroit (Michigan) contracts only the panel recommended:

Hours and overtime—Five-day, 40-hour week, with overtime time one and one-half in cash.

Night differential—Parties negotiate further and if no agreement within 60 days, the panel will make final recommendation. The Guild asked \$3.50 more for those working between 6 p. m. and midnight, and \$5 more for those working between midnight and 6 a. m.

Advancement opportunities—"In all of the classifications covered by this contract, preference shall be given to the advancement of employees in lower classifications to opening in higher classifications."

Standing committee—New York clause, "The Guild or its representatives shall have the right to discuss grievances with the employer."

Job security—No pay cuts by putting contract into effect; no discharges except for just and sufficient cause; two weeks notice in case of dismissal except for "gross misconduct."

For the Atlanta contract, the panel recommended the New York clause on military service.

Employees hired since Jan. 1, 1941, will benefit through new minimums. Those employees who have left the AP since January 1941 are entitled to retroactive increases for the period of their employment, under WLB policy.

Martin Writes Show for Navy

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Harry Martin, ANG vice president and yeoman second class at the U. S. Naval Air Technical Training Center here, wrote a show, "The Navy Comes Ashore (Second Landing)," which was staged by men at the center.

Approximately \$5,000 was realized for the Memphis United War and Welfare Fund.

For his work Martin was written up as "man of the week" in the Bluejacket, weekly issued at the training center.

More Defense Fund War Bonds



The ANG defense fund helped swell the totals in the September war bond drive when ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers signed a check for \$7,400 for war bonds with a face value of \$10,000. Above is Emily Rogin, bookkeeper at the ANG office, tucking away the new purchase in the strong box. The ANG now has \$29,674 invested in war bonds, with a maturity value of \$40,000.

More Cases Cleared By Industry Panel

CHICAGO—Seven voluntary agreements on wage minimums involving Guild contracts have been given final approval by the Daily Newspaper Printing and Publishing panel.

Three contract disputes, involving six papers, on which the panel had made recommendations were approved by the regional board.

The voluntary agreements given final approval included:

Memphis Press-Scimitar and Commercial Appeal, New Orleans Item, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, St. Louis Post Dispatch, St. Louis Star-Times, San Antonio Light, and Washington Star.

The panel's recommendations approved by the regional board included: Detroit Times, Rochester Democrat Chronicle and Times-Union, and Wilkes-Barre Record, Times-Leader, and News.

Four new dispute cases were certified to the panel since the last session: Buffalo News, Central Press, New York Daily News, and Syracuse Post-Standard.

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Panel recommendations in dispute cases before the regional board for approval include: Denver Post and contracts for the six Associated Press bureaus.

The panel meets today with representatives of the New York

Guild to decide procedure for New York cases. These include: Jewish Day, Long Island Press, New York Times, and New York World-Telegram.

Over this week-end, the panel was to prepare recommendations in dispute cases on the following contracts: Biddleford Journal, Los Angeles Herald-Express, Minneapolis Star-Journal, Tribune, Times, and the Sacramento Union.

As of Oct. 1, with the approvals and cases either cleared by the regional board or before it, the backlog of Guild cases pending before the panel was reduced.

CAPITOL GUILD BLASTS WMC

WASHINGTON—The War Manpower Commission was charged with shirking its duty in a statement issued by the Washington Guild executive committee.

Publishers here are opposing the 48-hour war week ordered by the President because of the overtime pay involved, but at the same time are hiring employees from other cities, the committee charged.

The WMC recently gave newspapers here an eight-month deferment, and then dodged action by ordering a study of newspaper manpower problems, the statement said.

WLB Hearing Will Determine Policy on Guild

The American Newspaper Guild is heading for a showdown with a few organized publishers who are opposing union security for Guild members.

Since the formation of the Guild 10 years ago, some publishers have resorted to every device available to avoid Guild shop contracts, but with not much success.

Before the War Labor Board, a few newspaper publishers have resisted granting maintenance of membership clauses, capitalizing on labor's no-strike pledge.

SHOWDOWN OCT. 12

The showdown with this group comes Oct. 12 when the National War Labor Board will conduct a hearing in Washington and then state its policy on maintenance of membership for contracts in Guild jurisdiction.

Morris Ernst has been retained as special counsel for the Guild in these proceedings.

The only matter up for discussion at the WLB hearing is whether the first amendment to the constitution sets up a barrier area where there shall be no security, Ernst declared.

"The burden of proof is on this group of publishers involved in this matter," Ernst declared. "It is up to them and their attorneys to show to the satisfaction of the War Labor Board that the first amendment to the constitution makes union security illegal."

Ernst formerly was ANG general counsel and represented the Guild in its dispute with the Associated Press in the Watson case.



MORRIS ERNST
Pushes Guild Fight

over application of the National Labor Relations Act to the AP. This case was carried to the supreme court and the Guild's position was upheld.

ARRAY OF COUNSEL

The hearing is expected to draw a battery of company lawyers, as counsel for various publishers with pending disputes involving the union security issue have been notified by the WLB of the hearing.

For this hearing, a small group

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Guild Charter Is Granted to Scranton Group

A new local—at Scranton, Pa.—has been chartered by the American Newspaper Guild.

The Scranton news men had been affiliated with the International Typographical Union for about 40 years, and recently voted to withdraw from the ITU. Their organization was Scranton News-writers Union No. 3, last survivor of editorial unions chartered by the ITU.

CONTACT GUILD

Following their action, the Scranton people contacted the Guild.

At one meeting, Joseph Walsh, ANG vice president, and Joseph Collis, Wilkes-Barre Guild president, met with the Scranton group and answered questions on Guild organization, operations and progress.

The next week ANG President Milton Murray and Wilkes-Barre leaders met again with the Scranton group to answer more questions.

ASK GUILD CHARTER

While Murray was en route home, the Scranton group voted to seek a Guild charter and forwarded application cards.

Frank Parry of the Tribune was named temporary president, with Donald McCrea, Times, vice president. Christine Gibbons of the Tribune was chosen secretary and George Clark, Times, financial secretary-treasurer.

The executive committee includes the officers and Patrick McGlynn and Samuel Feldman, Tribune; Edward Donohue and Neil Whitney, Times.

AP Discussions Break Down; UP Progress Slow

Negotiations for a new contract for the AP in New York have broken down and a co-ordinator has been asked. This is the first step in submitting the contract dispute to the War Labor Board, said William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer and chairman of the Guild negotiating committee.

Sessions began Aug. 18. The contract expired Aug. 31. Through a series of meetings, the AP management held back on counter-proposals while awaiting the panel recommendation in the case involving six AP bureaus.

The proposal submitted this week offered practically nothing in the way of wage increases, and in some cases proposed less than the current contract provisions.

The AP unit, meeting in three shifts, expressed indignation at the short-sighted management attitude.

At one stage, Victor Hackler, management negotiator, sought to argue that if minimums had been increased 15 percent, regardless of payroll increases, the Little Steel formula would be satisfied. Guild negotiators refused to take this seriously, despite Hackler's insistence.

UP PROGRESS SLOW: UNIQUE OFFER MADE

Meanwhile, progress was slow in United Press negotiations. Management also had delayed, for a peak at the recommendation in the AP case.

An informal proposal was made by Jack Bisco for UP that management was willing to offer the maximum allowable increases, plus other improvement, provided the Guild withdrew its union security proposal so the case would not have to go to the War Labor Board.

UP units are being consulted on this union proposal.

Rodgers, also handling UP negotiations, declared if agreement is not reached shortly, this contract also will head for the War Labor Board.

San Jose Guild Branches Out

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The last unorganized department of the Mercury Herald and News came into the union fold this week when the newspaper's maintenance staff became members of the San Jose Newspaper Guild.

One of the immediate benefits to them will be their participation, for the first time, in all the provisions of the new Guild contract now in course of negotiation.

'Hi, Fellas'

POST-WAR PLANNING
UNEMPLOYMENT

Cartoon by Herman from Justice

Long, Long Trail AP Theme Song

Collective bargaining on the AP has followed a tortuous path. While the Guild first was organized on the AP in 1935, it did not obtain its first contract until 1940, when initial agreements were signed for the New York, San Francisco and Boston bureaus. In 1941, contracts were signed covering Kansas City and Philadelphia bureaus.

In 1942 the Guild was recognized for AP employees in Michigan and Atlanta.

While the third New York contract went into effect Sept. 1, 1942 (negotiations now are on for a new agreement), no agreement was reached on the other contracts.

Negotiations are conducted on a bureau-by-bureau basis, but local bureau managers have to get the nod from New York on all steps. General language also is made to conform to the New

York contract. Various personnel officials handle New York negotiations, while the local bureau manager extensively handles negotiations in the various bureaus.

The Guild opened negotiations on wages and hours in the interim opening of the contracts in Boston, San Francisco, Kansas City and Philadelphia. As sessions extended and the reopening date was reached, the Guild proposed other changes.

Meanwhile, negotiations began for initial contracts for Atlanta and Detroit and outstate Michigan bureaus.

AP management presented a solid front on various contract points and the case proceeded to the War Labor Board and then to the panel.

Dates the various cases were certified to the WLB are:

Boston—Nov. 26, 1942.
Kansas City—Dec. 1, 1942.
San Francisco—Dec. 17, 1942.
Detroit—Dec. 17, 1942.
Philadelphia—Jan. 21, 1943.
Atlanta—Feb. 11, 1943.

The cases were consolidated, and the case proceeded on briefs, with briefs exchanged May 19, 1943, and rebuttal briefs a short time later. The Guild brief was buttressed with exhibits.

Walter Engel, ANG vice president and former New York Guild organizer, was Guild counsel and prepared the brief, assisted by Jean Weinstein of the ANG research department.

Those who assisted with material as associate counsel were Al B. Richardson and E. Romney Wheeler of Atlanta Guild; Theodore Peck, Detroit Guild; M. A. Raiser, San Francisco-Oakland Guild; Jules Schick, Philadelphia-Camden Guild; Bernard Freeman, Boston Guild; and Kenneth Clark, Kansas City Guild.

Donnelly Faces NLRB Charges

CHICAGO — The NLRB has issued a complaint charging violation of the Wagner act by the R. R. Donnelly & Son Co.

Charges were filed by the Organization Committee of Chicago Printing Trades Unions, representing 17 printing craft locals.

The hearing has been set for Oct. 18.

The complaint charges a foreman was demoted because of union activity, and that the company warned employees they would lose certain benefits if they joined a union.

Donnelly prints Readers Digest, Time, Life, and numerous house organs, including those of General Motors, U. S. Steel corporation, Monsanto Chemical company as well as telephone and other directories.

Moving Day Near For ANG Office

About October 25—if all goes well—international headquarters of the American Newspaper Guild will be in the new location. The new address will be:

65 Park Row—Room 905
New York 7, N. Y.

To facilitate mail delivery, include the postal zone in the address.

Guild Comments Filed on AP Decision

Comments on the recommendation of the panel in the 6 AP cases were drafted by Walter D. Engels, who was Guild counsel in the dispute, who compiled reactions and comments of the units affected.

The comment said, on union security, that this matter now is pending before the WLB. It was pointed out the panel followed the solution reached in New York after mediation. The matter is not being pressed in these dis-

In India Now

ALBANY, N. Y.—Editors and hired hands of the Albany Knickerbocker News took a ribbing at a unit party to raise money for Christmas presents for editorial staff members in service.

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Mooney played McDonald, who professed to be "not too fond of working," and Lionel Estermann took the Salisbury role. Salisbury was shown as the latest in a series of managing editors at the Knickerbocker who have come and gone at a pretty fast clip for the last five years.

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The cruiser drive actually is under way and now stands less than \$3,000,000 from realization. The show was given in the Ten Eyck Hotel, which contributed its ballroom. The Guild committee gave the show a religious and a sound equipment man, all of whom contributed equipment. The Hendrick Brewery donated five half-legs.

Twin Cities Buys \$1,000 War Bond

TWIN CITIES—Another \$1,000 war bond has been purchased with defense fund cash on vote of the membership. Twin Cities now owns \$3,300, face value, in war bonds, and the local defense fund still has a cash balance in the bank.

Five cents of each per capita goes into the defense fund.

USE YOUR BALLOT FOR BEEFING

NEW ENGLAND CLAIMS TITLE OF 2 OLDEST GUILD MEMBERS

New England claims to have two of the oldest active Guild members in the country. They are George S. Harris of the Salem Guild, and Mrs. Elvyn B. Smith of the Biddeford Guild. Harris is 84 and Mrs. Smith is 76.

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Mrs. Smith is ill at her home at Biddeford and is to be retired with pay. She is a proofreader at the Biddeford Journal. She is prominent in DAR circles and her only son is in the service.

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TECHNICITY FAILS TO BLOCK DEATH PAY

NEW YORK—The Mirror has paid an \$897 death benefit claim despite a technicality. Edward Forster had failed to sign a beneficiary form, required under the Hearst Memorandum. He had asked a fellow employee to sign for him.

The comment objected to the principle involved in pay increases only for those who had been employed by the AP since January 1941 as it would set up groups of intra-plant inequality. It was stressed delayed negotiations penalized the membership.

The comment scored the recommendation for failing to follow board policy in setting the expiration date of the previous agreement as the retroactive date.

Tri-City Party Raises Cash for Soldier Gifts

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Sabine-Neches Elects Officers

BEAUMONT, Texas—F. Hugh Baker has been elected president of the Sabine-Neches Guild, succeeding Mrs. Mildred B. Cobb, who was named to the executive board.

E. C. Blackshear was named secretary and Elmer Trumble was chosen treasurer at the annual election.

Vice Presidents are Mildred Frasher and Ed Reichelt. Donald A. Streeter also was named to the executive board.

After operating under a bulletin board agreement, the Guild now is planning to negotiate for a contract on the Beaumont Enterprise and Journal with the assistance of Larry MacLean, ANG international representative.

UNIONS CONTRIBUTE

NEW YORK—CIO unions here have contributed a total of more than \$300,000 to the New York Labor Chest for local relief and service men's welfare.

Carey and Pegler Cross Typewriters

CIO OFFICIAL BLASTS ANTI-LABOR COLUMNIST

In the October issue of the Ladies Home Journal, Jim Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer, and Westbrook Pegler, Scripps-Howard columnist, "debate." The subject: "Is Pegler fair to labor?"

In this magazine article Carey leads off. He analyzes the Peglerian technique of repeating the same story with slight changes in the retelling during the week to make the reader think each is a new and different case.

Pegler drops dark hints about anonymous letters with lurid details. How his polemics involve crafty use of adjectives and epithets to make his readers leap at conclusions.

Pegler thus safely can say he did not write what the reader has been led to believe; but Pegler thus accomplishes his aim.

USELESS TO PROTEST

Carey points out that not all big business is crooked because several firms have been convicted of war contract frauds.

Says Carey in his indictment of Pegler:

"It is useless for Pegler to protest, wide-eyed, that he has never indicated the whole labor movement, but has directed his fire only at erring individuals and special abuses."

"He has never told the story of labor-management production committees through which unions—as demonstrated by War Production Board figures—have helped to increase the output of American war industries. He has never told the story of how scores of labor leaders have risked their jobs as union officials to prevent strikes in war plants—strikes over grievances which some employers refused to arbitrate."

THE UNTOLD STORY

"He has never told the story of the benefits which unions have brought to millions of American working people, lifting them from a state of their own dignity and freedom, transforming the life of feudal industrial communities and company towns."

Carey also takes another pot shot at Pegler's technique.

"I am one of Pegler's forgotten men—one of the tens of thousands of union organizers and officials whose case history he has piously ignored."

Pegler Is Neither Honest Nor Objective, Magazine Observes

Commonwealth, liberal Catholic magazine of commentary, observes that Pegler is neither honest nor objective. The observation is in a book review headlined "Pegler must be wrong."

The review cites that in 1942 the case of Commonwealth vs. Hunt established once and for all that trade unions are not illegal conspiracies.

And it has taken most of the hundred years for the unions themselves to establish the fact they are a permanent and necessary part of American life.

"Some people, such as Westbrook Pegler, still don't believe it," comments Commonwealth.

In referring to the author, Commonwealth says: "He sees both sides of the question, and that is what separates him and every objective, honest man from Mr. Pegler."

Pegler Finds Another Menace

Cartoon by Zagat, from the Hat Worker

"I have never loved a union treasurer, visited the Kremlin, been arrested for drunken driving, nor beaten my wife. This makes me a unique and unimpeachable figure in Pegler's dream world."

"I am not appealing for any bouquets from Roy Howard's labor expert."

"I am speaking for the hundreds of thousands of union officers whom Pegler has never met—for the anonymous men who regard unions as a way of winning a better break for the common people, not as a playground for private profiteering."

THEY ARE AMERICANS

"I am in no sense pretending that American unions are a simple manifestation of sweetness and light, or that all union officers are nature's noblemen. They are Americans with about the same compound of virtue and frailty as their fellow citizens."

"One Richard Whitney was not all of American finance; one crooked trade-unionist—or one John L. Lewis—is not all of American labor."

"Pegler's exposures of individual corruption might have served a useful function if he had not convinced most union members that his real motive is to destroy rather than strengthen American unions. In telling only the sordid side of the story, he has confirmed that suspicion."

When Pegler cuts loose, he usually manages a few jobs at the American Newspaper Guild.

Says Carey:

"Pegler's factual batting average is not 1,000 per cent either. He has, for example, repeatedly referred to the American Newspaper Guild as Communist dominated—although every newspaperman knows that the press officers of the Guild were elected two years ago on a clear-cut anti-Communist program and subsequently have been bitterly attacked in Communist organs."

Hold on to your seats for Pegler's reply:

"But the Communists often serve their purposes by putting up their own stooges as anti-Communist candidates and attacking them in print," Pegler replies.

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veloped his technique anew, of adroitly twisting statements so that the original truth is lost in the shuffle.

He mixes up pot shots at Communists with attacks on all organized labor.

THE OLD TECHNIQUE

Pegler also intimated he does not beat his wife, but no one charged he did. Again the technique of diverting attention.

In opposing "violence and terrorism of other kinds by union pickets," Pegler remains silent, as usual, about violence by plant guards and goons.

And in his last paragraph, by some side-stepping, Pegler contrives to toss "racketeer and Communist traitors" at Carey.

Pegler boasts his broadest a bit about what he terms attacks on himself.

Perhaps he refers to the stories printed (in some papers) last fall about the 15-room house Pegler was building in Connecticut. Despite war-time needs, big stocks of copper, metal lathing, conduits and lumber were used. Pegler, meanwhile, had got his picture in the papers (chiefly Scripps-Howard) with his scheme that motorists should give up car bumpers in scrap metal drives. Nothing much came of it. Wrong kind of steel.

One fact stands out: Pegler is unable, by his fulminations and distortions, to correct any ills or abuses he really may find.

His writings carry the kiss of death.

AMONG OURSELVES

Cartoon by Zagat, from the Hat Worker

a serious operation and is doing OK now. Donald M. Keyser, former Salem Guild member, has been elected general manager of the Salem News.

Charles Jennings, Chicago News copy desk and a Nieman fellow, also is a Guild member.

Gerald H. Coy, Akron Beacon-Journal staff desk, is the proud papa of a boy that beat the stork by two months.

Joseph Keeler and Charles Miller, Akron B-J, are tomato experts after a season of victory gardening.

Ernie Arms, Akron Beacon-Journal church editor, has enlisted in the Army, won't go until he is 18 in January.

Sgt. Keyes Beech of Akron, now with Marines, is in South Pacific awaiting action.

Nieman Fellow Is Guild Worker

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—For the second consecutive year the Twin Cities Guild local has a Nieman Fellow.

He is Jacob S. Qualey, S-A-T Journal copy desk. A year ago E. W. Kieckhefer, also of the Star Journal, copy desk, won the award, and this is reported to be the first time the staff of any newspaper has been so honored in successive years.

Qualey is a consistent Guild worker, a collector in his unit, a delegate to the Hennepin Council CIO Council, alternate delegate to the Minnesota CIO convention, and general assignment man from the executive board when there is a job to be done. He has had long experience in Minnesota political affairs.

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San Jose Members Get X-Rays



Under arrangements made by President Charles J. DeLorenzo of the San Jose Newspaper Guild, 144 employees of the Mercury Herald and News had chest X-rays taken in a mobile unit operated by the Santa Clara County Tuberculosis Association, whose activities are financed by Christmas seal sales.

Response to the opportunity for the free chest X-rays was most gratifying, said DeLorenzo. Employees from all departments flocked to the mobile unit, which took up a position for two days at the rear of the newspaper plant.

In the picture, DeLorenzo, right, is shown getting a blood test. Standing at the left is Beverly Powers of the circulation department, while Ernie Cunha, editorial, is shown emerging from the X-ray trailer.

Guns Are Shot First By Combat Cameramen



WASHINGTON—Shooting pictures and enemy fliers go together, but the latter came first on combat missions flown by Second Lieutenant James M. Bray.

"If I am taking a picture and a fighter starts coming in, I leave the camera and grab a gun," he said on his return to the United States after nine months of duty as a combat cameraman, attached to a Liberator bombardment group of the Ninth Air Force in the Middle East.

OBSERVATION MADE

"No picture's worth anything unless you can bring it back," he observed in a report released by the War Department.

Lieutenant Bray, first official photographer of the New York World's Fair, brought back 20,000 feet of motion picture film, an Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and stories about 225 hours down on 32 combat missions in which he alternately manned cameras and guns.

The cameras recorded operations of the bombardment group on film which the War Department said would be of great value for training and tactical purposes.

"You never run out of material in the combat theater," the

photographer-gunner said. "And there is no thrill like it. You could live 300 years and never get a thrill equal to going over the target."

Bray's guns brought down his first Axis plane over Mount Etna, where ten enemy fighters attacked his bomber. Other crewmen downed a second attacker and a third was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire from the ground.

Bray bagged his second enemy plane in an attack on Naples in which his own plane was shot up so severely that the pilot had to crash land on Malta.

WISCONSIN STUDENT WORKERS ORGANIZE

MADISON (FP)—Full and part-time students working at the University of Wisconsin have formed a union and are seeking AFL affiliation. They seek standard wages and better working conditions.

AID RED CROSS

Volunteer workers of Local 10 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union turned out a rush order for 1,487,000 surgical pads at the request of the New York Red Cross, using the electrical cutting machines of their trade to do the job.

5 Pennsy Locals Formally Launch State Council

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The Pennsylvania District Council was formally launched at an organization meeting here Sept. 26, following approval by five Pennsylvania Guilds of affiliation with the Council.

Officers elected at the meeting are: Karl F. Weber, Lehigh Valley Guild, president; Robert R. Gerhart, Jr., Reading, vice president; Sidney Barson, Harrisburg, secretary; Dick Dean, Philadelphia-Camden, treasurer, and Carl Pesavento, Wilkes-Barre, member of the executive committee.

BY LAWS VOTED

Engrossed in an organizing campaign, the Pittsburgh Guild was unable to send a representative, but in a letter Secretary Helen M. Minear expressed a continued interest in the Pittsburgh local in the council.

By-laws that were previously approved by the various affiliated locals were speedily adopted, and several amendments will be taken up at the next meeting after they are submitted to the locals.

COMMITTEE NAMED

President Weber was authorized by the council to name an organization committee to study and submit to the council a program for organization in Pennsylvania. The council also endorsed the War and Community Chests program in the state.

The next meeting will be held Dec. 5 and quarterly meetings will be held thereafter, with the exception of special meetings that may be called.

Those who attended the meeting are: Karl F. Weber and Nelson A. Weiser, Lehigh Valley; Arthur Kioran, Dick Dean and Bartram M. Harvey, Philadelphia-Camden; Robert R. Gerhart, Jr., Reading; Ann Poskatis, Wilkes-Barre, and Sidney Barson, Dorothy Fish, Raymond Wilkove and Charles F. Moore, Harrisburg.

CHRISTMAS IS NEAR

Gifts for servicemen overseas must be mailed by Oct. 15 to insure delivery by Christmas, postal officials warn.

Five States Forging Shackles for Labor

Here are some reasons why political action is needed NOW.

While labor is fighting on the battlefield and on the production front, destructive elements at home have been at work to cripple labor, to throttle unions, to stifle organization, to balk collective bargaining.

The following items constitute "model" anti-labor legislation.

No labor union shall operate or function in any manner whatsoever unless it first incorporates.

Every union's internal affairs shall be subject to complete state regulation in such matters as the time of holding meetings, methods of voting, qualifications of members and officers.

No union member can be expelled or disciplined except with the approval of a state commission.

Any member can require a public reporter to be present at any union meeting, no matter how confidential the nature of the business, to transcribe everything said at the meeting.

No person shall solicit membership in a union or ask anyone to join a union by written or spoken word, without first obtaining a license from the state.

If an open shop employer is paying low wages and working

Upstate New York Council Mapped

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Delegates from Rochester, Syracuse, Utica and Tri-City Guilds in a meeting here voted to recommend to their locals the formation of an Upstate New York District Council, to include the above Guilds and Buffalo.

It was decided that locals would act on the proposal and report to Philip Gupitil, president of the Syracuse Guild, who was named temporary chairman.

NEW MEETING SET

On approval of locals, Chairman Gupitil was instructed to call representatives of the Guilds to a meeting in the latter part of October. The Utica Guild invited delegates to hold their next session there, and the invitation was accepted.

Attending the meeting were Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president, Urcel Daniel, ANG

Krieg New Head Of Twin Cities

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NEW UNIT FORMED

NEW YORK—A Guild unit has been organized on Quigley publications, publishers of Motion Picture Herald and Motion Picture Daily.

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research director, and Stanley Kupstas, ANG international representative.

They led discussion of council operations, collective bargaining, War Labor Board procedure, organization, and reviewed gains made in upstate New York in the past year. Kupstas, who directed the successful NLRB election at the Buffalo News and subsequent negotiations, has been assisting in Utica and Syracuse negotiations.

OFFICIALS ATTEND

Others present at the meeting were: Rochester—Warren Phillips, president.

Tri-City—Robert G. McCain, president.

Utica—J. Arthur Valle, president; James A. Williamson, treasurer, and Margaret Owens, secretary.

Syracuse—Thomas A. Rose, vice president; Alfred M. Green; Ronald Graham, Syracuse Industrial Union Council delegate; Merle A. Jones, secretary; Philip S. Perkins; Jack Andrews, and Frederic Hillegas.

James Wessel, Buffalo delegate, was detained at the last minute from attending by a death in the family, and was sent an outline of action taken.

COLUMNIST FIRED IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES—Theodore LeBerthon, former president of the Los Angeles Guild and columnist for the Daily News, has been dismissed for what LeBerthon termed his "religious and racial views."

LeBerthon informed the Guild there was "an irreconcilable policy difference" and asked that no effort be made to seek his reinstatement. LeBerthon was a delegate to the Detroit convention.

There are contests for the two vice presidencies, and there are 11 nominees for six places on the executive board.

Winners will be announced at the annual meeting in October after a referendum.

The obvious purpose of this move is to embarrass the Guild—to label it as irresponsible and to put it on the defensive.

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\$57,000 Wage Boosts Start in Four Locals

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The four locals involved are Brockton, Youngstown, Portland, Maine, and Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Sixty-nine employees of the Elizabeth Daily Journal have received retroactive pay increases totaling more than \$4,800, and ranging from \$25 to several of more than \$200 each. Checks were retroactive to May 27, the effective date of the first contract between the Elizabeth Guild and the Journal management.

Approval of the pay increases recently was cleared by the newspaper panel of the War Labor Board.

The larger checks covered salary adjustments up to minimums in five departments of the Journal, advertising, business office, circulation, editorial and maintenance, while lesser adjustments in the form of cost-of-living increases were negotiated for employees well above established contract minimum rates.

The total increases for a year will exceed \$15,000 in pay for straight time work, exclusive of overtime requirements at time-and-a-half rates.

The contract provides for a modified Guild shop, a five-day

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week, six holidays, a model military service clause.

The Guild local was chartered in October, 1942, and gained recognition through a card check in December. Negotiations were opened in January and continued through to May 27, when agreement was reached on all proposals.

Wage minimums of \$65 after four years for advertising solicitors, and \$52.50 for reporters after three years, are the top figures written into the contract.

Members at a recent meeting voted to pay into the Guild's local defense fund an amount equal to half of one week's increase.

Five cents of each dues payment goes into the local defense fund.

ARTHUR BELL, MEMBER IN WILKES-BARRE, DIES

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Arthur Bell, Guild member in the circulation department of the Record, died at his home in Ashley following an illness. Guild members had given blood for transfusions.

Tri-City Member Is Nazi Prisoner

ALBANY, N. Y.—Lt. T. Edmund Mulligan Jr., a reporter for the Knickerbocker News and a Guild member who left two years ago to join the Royal Canadian Air Force, was shot down over Cologne, Germany, in his flying fortress and is now a German prisoner.

He was on his last flight before being released from operational duty for a return to this country and a visit to his son Eddie III, five months old, whom he has never seen.

Eddie's wife and his friends in Tri-City Guild have waited for additional news of him after he was reported missing late in August.

Eddie was still in training in Canada when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor. He was transferred to the U. S. Army Air forces and became a fortress pilot. His ship was named "The Pappy."

He wrote friends at the Knickerbocker News last summer he marked bombs dropped on western Europe "for the KN gang."



LT. T. E. MULLIGAN, JR.
Shot down in raid

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PHILADELPHIA—The CIO convention will open here Nov. 1.

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BROCKTON, Mass.—Retroactive pay increases to last April 23 have been paid to employees of the Brockton Enterprise following approval of the new Guild contract minimums by the WLB.

Individual payments ranged from \$75 to \$150 to employees in the non-mechanical departments. Negotiated increases will total almost \$20,000 for the year.

Guild members plan to celebrate the new contract with a party at which George Harris, Brockton Guild president, will be guest of honor. Harris was chief negotiator. There will be a prize for the member putting the greatest percentage of the retroactive increase into war bonds.

A campaign is on to sign up the few non-members.

PORTLAND, ME.

PORTLAND, Maine—Pay increases, retroactive to June 1, have been paid to employees of the Portland Express-Press Herald-Sunday-Telegram following WLB approval of the new minimums in the Guild contract.

Pay increases for the year for 181 employees in Guild jurisdiction will total about \$18,928.

The increases provide a wage boost of \$1.50 for those earning up to \$25 weekly; \$2 for those earning up to \$39; and \$2.50 for those earning more. This was the fourth wage increase negotiated by the Guild in four years.

Announcement of WLB approval of the increases gave new impetus to the current membership drive which has brought in almost all eligible non-members.

YOUNGSTOWN

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio—Wage increases recently approved by the WLB in the Guild contract with the Vindicator have resulted in payment of retroactive pay for nine editorial employees.

Payments were made on the return of William F. Maag, general manager, after a trip to England.

The contract involved \$2,500 increases over the year, and was effective Dec. 29, 1942.

Four reporters and a desk man each got \$175 retroactive pay while four copy girls each received \$70.

The contract provided for higher minimums in the various classifications. Stanley E. Wolfe, Guild president, and Richard A. Riley headed the Guild negotiating committee.

Referee's Award Made in Los Angeles Herex Case

LOS ANGELES—A referee's award has been made affecting some 400 employees of Hearst's Herald & Express.

The decision now must be reviewed by the Daily Newspaper Industry Panel and also must be approved by the Chicago regional War Labor Board.

Under the referee's award, about \$85,000 will be paid retroactively to Herald & Express members—back to Sept. 4, 1942, expiration date of the old contract, which terms had been extended during protracted negotiations. In addition there are special and merit increases.

The referee was Robert Kingsley of the University of Southern California law school.

OVER FORMULA

Since Herex Guildsmen in 1941 arbitration proceedings won increases of 8, 10 and 12 per cent in the various minimums, Kingsley held that a further increase of \$2.07 per week would be forthright under the Edin Steel formula, but that \$3.80 would be necessary to preserve the Herex local differential over the Daily News.

The referee also extended contract coverage to confidential secretaries, engineers, carpenters and circulation department distributors. The award also increased the auto mileage rate from 7 cents or \$15 per week to 8.75 cents or \$18.75 per week. Bicycle maintenance for district managers was raised from \$1 to \$1.50 per week.

RULING FOR 150

The referee recommended that 150 circulation district managers, now on a six-day, 40-hour week, at the option of the company be placed on a five-day week, or a guarantee of three hours overtime weekly at time and one-half which would further increase these employees by \$4.95.

A \$10 differential above the top editorial minimum was recommended for assistant city editors, with a \$5 differential for copy

desk swing men who sub in the slot or as wire or telegraph editor.

In addition to the \$3.80, increases of \$3.20 were recommended for the engineer and carpenter.

NEW PROTECTION

The referee decreed that district and junior district managers be given equal access to a now limited commission system above the minimums.

He also afforded protection for

classified ad men and circulation men who need cars by requiring management not to make arbitrary use of wartime restrictions on cars to eliminate jobs or earning opportunity. He defended workers in heavy traffic areas by making management responsible for fines, bail and continued salary in the event of arrest in performance of duty.

The referee upheld the Guild on a clause requiring equal distribution of maintenance work in the transportation department.

With Two Women Across the Table, Management Halts Negotiations



PHILADELPHIA—Joint negotiations covering employees of the Camden Courier-Post and the Philadelphia Record, both owned by J. David Stern, broke down this week when management refused to continue.

Management negotiators (four of them) sought to justify their action on the grounds less than quorum of the Guild negotiating committee was present.

The Guild had named five negotiators. Management apparently was incensed at the idea of sitting at the conference table with only two women representing the Guild.

The two were Katherine Mulrean Martin and Constance Myers, local secretary.

Gilbert J. Kraus, counsel for Stern, indicated he didn't want to

Purple Heart for Detroit Member

DETROIT, Mich.—Staff Sgt. Jack Dailey, former Detroit Free Press reporter, was wounded during the conquest of Sicily and has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for his bravery in that action.

Sgt. Dailey, first Detroit Guildsmen to be drafted, now becomes the first to receive wounds in the present conflict.

The extent of his injuries was not disclosed in the communication received by his mother from the War Department. Dailey, 26 years old, entered the Army in January of 1941 and fought through the Tunisian campaign.

He was a police reporter for the Free Press when he turned in the story of his being drafted.



DAILEY

Spy Report Leaves Referee Cold; Ignorance of Boss Kicks Back

LOS ANGELES—In connection with the referee's decision in the Herald & Express contract on circulation district managers going on a five-day week or being guaranteed three hours overtime weekly, management introduced a "confidential" report of a "checker."

This was a move to discredit the testimony of a Guildsmen. The so-called "checker" trailed the Guild member for several days and sought to prove he loafed on the job.

The referee recognized the va-

lidity of the Guild's argument that "loose" time required by management in working time and disposal of the snapper's report with the comment:

"... The circulation manager and his assistants professed a remarkable ignorance of the activities of the employees who came under their supervision."

"I do not doubt the truth of this professed ignorance; but it leaves to the trier of the facts no alternative but to believe the direct statements of the employees themselves..."

City Room Romance Ends With Newshawks Covering Own Wedding



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES J. VOLAND, JR.
They covered their own wedding

OAKLAND, Calif.—A city room romance that was detoured a bit by the war was featured by the bride and groom covering their own wedding by turning in by-line stories on the event.

The two are Peggie McBride and Charles J. Voland, Jr., both reporters on the Oakland Post-Enquirer. Voland is in the merchant marine now as a radio officer, first class.

The wedding almost was detoured when Voland, home from a trip to some war point, was held in a Pacific port for another voyage. Peggie started off to join the groom-to-be, and then the crew was paid off.

She was located in Los Angeles and returned to Oakland. Voland slept on a train floor for two nights before he got a berth to Oakland, but the wedding finally came off per schedule.

Both stories (and the writers should know) stressed the rush and bustle of getting married in whirlwind fashion.

Peggie wrote, she never had seen a more nervous bride. Voland quoted himself: "It's wonderful!" They played a two-weeks' honeymoon on an "A" card. Peggie will return to her job as a reporter. Voland will go back to the sea. Both are Guild members.

Unable to find an apartment, they told friends to meet them in Sequoia Park.

Political Action Brews in SFONG

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco-Oakland Guild will decide at its next membership meeting whether to take sides in a hot election campaign for mayor of San Francisco.

Guild delegates attended a recent conference called by the CIO Political Action Committee, which voted to support Supervisor Chester R. MacPhie against Mayor Angelo Rossi, who has established an outstanding anti-labor record in his many terms in office. Guild delegates, however, followed representative assembly instructions to cast no vote but to report to the Guild on action taken.

There are three candidates in addition to Mayor Rossi and MacPhie.

Guildsmen Meet in Britain

WHIPPLE, WITH RED CROSS, STILL NEGOTIATING

By KENNETH BEAVER
Harrisburg Guild

ANG International Representative Charles Whipple, currently with the American Red Cross somewhere in the British Isles, is still the "scintillating, convincing" negotiator that Guildsmen in the Pittsburgh, Harrisburg areas remember.

I know, because I dropped in on him recently at the USAAF fighter group field where he is stationed, somewhere in Lineyland.

IN THE FIELD

I went looking for Charley at Red Cross Headquarters, only to learn he was in the field. The American Red Cross girl, however, gave me his army post office address. After that I learned from a top-kick at army headquarters the whereabouts of the APO number complete to the distance by rail.

The airfield guards took my appearance out of nowhere, near midnight, in stride. Apparently the materializing of an American in civies at that late hour from the moonlit blackness of the countryside held little in the way of surprise for them.

BREAKFAST WITH MP's

The gate guard directed me to the guardhouse where I found an hilarious quartet of MP's enjoying a feast of steak sandwiches, canned peaches, roast potatoes and coffee—honest-to-Gawd coffee. Nothing loath, I joined them while they began a round of telephone calls to locate Whipple.

LOOKS THE SAME

He looks just the same as ever—close cropped hair and all. And he's as enthusiastic as he was doing Guild work. Full of praise for the spirits and camaraderie of the fighter group to which he is attached, he took me on a tour of introductions.

The night before I'd seen the prongs of fighter plane propellers silhouetted against the sky as I came upon the field. That morning we ate breakfast to the roar of those same planes returning from a dawn mission over Fascist Europe.

ASK FOR BOURBON

"From the States, eh?" said one pilot as he climbed from his plane and prepared to report. "Did you bring any bourbon over?"

At Charley's office the round of his day's duties began. Men asked about allotment problems, queried him about what to do when dame plans promised to fall through, asked his aid in cashing checks or just stopped by for a few minutes' chat.

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CHARLES L. WHIPPLE
He scans bourbon

DELINQUENT DUES ROLL IN AS GUILD WINS SUIT

MINNEAPOLIS—Collection of some \$65,000 in severance pay after a successful suit against the Minnesota Tribune company brought scenes of Christmas to the Guild office.

More than \$1,500 in long delinquent dues and assessments were collected from those receiving severance pay checks.

Twin Cities Guild long has had a policy of collecting in full for all back dues and assessments.

STARTED 2 YEARS AGO

The story on the collections goes back two years, when the court fight was begun to collect severance pay for employees on the Tribune after the papers were sold to the Star Journal company.

Claimants signed papers agreeing to pay 10 percent of gross recovery on claims to cover attorneys fees, plus any dues and assessments that might be owed.



KENNETH BEAVER

A word about the author: Kenneth Beaver, a member of the Harrisburg Guild, joined the merchant marine in July, 1942, and management of the Patriot at first refused to give him leave of absence.

A Guild grievance committee protected Beaver's shore job, and the military service clause was broadened to include the merchant marine.

Beaver's address is c/o Marine Transport Lines, 11 Broadway, New York City.

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greatest number of Nazi planes to its credit and sports the least number of losses."

SUPER SANDWICH

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Whipple's address is: Charles L. Whipple, c/o American Red Cross, Hq. 74 FTR GR AAF APO 437, c/o Postmaster, New York City. Among other things, he wants mail.

spection of the Thunderbolts—which could be t and a confab in his office. As time for my train rolled around, Charley provided me with a super-mammoth sandwich out of the kitchen, loaded me into his small English-type car and drove me to the station.

"Tell the gang in Harrisburg I send my regards and remind them to write. And the next time you come over, bring along some bourbon. That's the stuff we all want, even more than Thunderbolts—take my word for that."

Draft of Labor Is Being Fought By Committee

Members of the Free Labor Committee of the Workers Defense League have been announced. The committee was formed and dedicated to fight the Austin-Wade-worth bill which would conscript civilian labor.

Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president, chairman of the committee, stated "the group was formed to correlate the work of labor, church, farm and other liberal groups in their opposition to this bill and other similar proposals which try to cover up the mistakes in our manpower program by taking away the rights and freedom of workers."

The committee includes the following leaders:

James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO; Louis Hollander, vice president of the New York State CIO; Sal B. Hoffman, international president, Upholsters International Union; John S. Martin, Southeast regional director of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union; Donald Montgomery, consumer council, United Auto Workers; Rev. Irving R. Murray, vice chairman, Unitarian War Service Council; A. Philip Randolph, international president, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Willard Townsend, president, United Transport Service Employees.

New York Hires Seller, DuBerg

NEW YORK—On approval of the representative assembly, H. Richard Seller, eastern manager of Federated Press, and Peter DuBerg, Mirror unit chairman, were named local organizers after action by the executive committee.

Seller, former ANG international representative, will start his new work about Dec. 1. DuBerg will take his new duties as soon as arrangements have been made with the Mirror management for leave of absence.

The assembly was told main purpose for local staff expansion was to complete organization in the city. Concentration points will be the Sun, World-Telegram, Herald Tribune and Time, Inc.

The assembly voted to draw on the local emergency fund for \$500 from the current fund to the defense fund after the increase in receipts.

Smallest Guild collection was 50 cents, largest was \$66.50.

Several exceeded \$50.

The membership transferred \$500 from the current fund to the defense fund after the increase in receipts.



3rd War Loan
BUY AN EXTRA \$100 BOND

Guild's Income Exceeds Outgo, Report Shows

Despite cessation of organization assistance from the CIO, the Guild's financial operations for the quarter ended Aug. 31, 1943, again showed an excess of income over expenses. William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer, reported.

As revealed by the official audit for the quarter, receipts from all sources totaled \$29,456.50, compared with \$31,536.00 the previous quarter. Included in the latter figure was \$1,000 organization assistance received from the CIO.

Expenses totaled \$27,211.86 compared with \$30,460.48 in the previous quarter.

INITIATION FEES

Compared with the same quarter a year ago, total receipts, excluding the CIO subsidy, were almost identical; the figure for the 1943 quarter being \$29,456.50, and for the 1942 quarter \$29,461.54.

Initiation fees continued high, receipts from this source totaling \$1,495.50 in the current quarter, compared to \$1,761.50 in the previous quarter, and \$971 in the same quarter in 1942.

The fact that expenses in the period were nearly \$4,000 less this year than a year ago is due largely to the establishment of a reserve for future conventions, ordered by the 1942 convention at Denver, Rodgers reported.

2-MONTH BUDGET

As a result, only \$555.00 was chargeable as 1943 convention expense in the quarter ended Aug. 31.

The current budget, covering only the two-month period, September and October 1943, was necessitated by action of the Boston convention which directed that the Guild's fiscal year be changed to end with April instead of May to allow more time for completion of the annual audit in advance of convention.

The quarterly budget will be resumed Nov. 1.

The audit revealed a defense fund income in the quarter of \$4,554.50 against no expenses. This raised the cash assets in the defense fund, including War Bonds, to nearly \$45,000, Rodgers said.

Anniversary of Strike Noted by Chester Times

CHESTER, Pa.—The Chester Times celebrated its first year of re-publication after the successful Guild strike directed against a former management.

Publisher Alfred G. Hill paid tribute to the recognized unions in the plan for their cooperation at a dinner for employees.

Tribute was paid to employees in the armed forces, including eight Guild members, and to veteran employees.

Seated at the head table were Bartram Harvey, unit chairman; Thomas Campbell, Typographical Union president; and Thomas Higgins of the Drivers Union.

Hill negotiated a contract with the Guild during the strike and took over management of the paper. The Times reopened Aug. 31, 1942, after a strike of ten months.

SAN JOSE MEMBER MISSING IN ACTION

SAN JOSE, Calif.—One of the first San Jose Guildmen to join the armed forces and the son of a Guildman, Aviation Ordnanceman, Second Class Richard J. Olsen, 21, has been reported by the Navy Department to be missing in action.

He is the son of Charles J. Olsen, veteran Mercury Herald employee. Young Olsen recently was transferred to England. He was a member of the Guild.

HOW YOUR UNION DUES ARE SPENT

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD — STATEMENT OF CONDITION, AUGUST 31, 1943

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
CURRENT:		CURRENT:	
Cash in Bank	\$21,147.83	Accounts Payable	\$ 50.00
Petty Cash	70.00	Payroll Taxes Payable	539.05
Loans and Advances Receivable	1,535.85	Committee of 600 Fund	101.75
Exchange	11.84	TOTAL CURRENT	\$ 690.80
Deposits:		LOANS PAYABLE:	
American Airlines	\$425.00	Long Term Loans Payable to Labor Organizations	6,000.00
Mail Permits	50.00	National Defense Certificates	427.00
TOTAL CURRENT	\$23,239.77	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 7,117.85
FIXED:		SURPLUS, June 1, 1943	\$14,453.80
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 1,158.52	Less: Accounts Receivable Written Off	110.40
Less: Furniture Sold	130.00	(Very Old Guild Reporter Bad Debts)	
TOTAL FIXED	\$1,028.52	TOTAL SURPLUS	\$14,343.40
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	85.50	Less: Depreciation of Furniture and Fixtures	85.50
TOTAL FIXED	\$1,028.52	Adjusted Surplus	\$14,257.90
OTHER:		Excess of Income Over Expenses for period from June 1 to August 31, 1943	1,188.64
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 16.55	SURPLUS, August 31, 1943	\$15,446.54
Inventory—Buttons	45.00	RESERVES:	
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 61.55	For 1944 Convention	\$ 900.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$24,241.04	For Officers' Severance Pay	750.00
		TOTAL SURPLUS RESERVES	1,650.00
		SURPLUS AND RESERVES	17,126.24
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS	\$24,241.04

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 31, 1943

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	June, July, Aug., 1943	June, July, Aug., 1943	Sept., Oct., 1943
INCOME:			
Per Capita	\$27,646.45		
Initiation Fees	1,495.50		
Reinstatement Fees	280.00		
Charter Fees	5.00		
Buttons	21.50		
Miscellaneous	7.96		
TOTAL INCOME	\$29,456.50		
EXPENSES:			
Per Capita: To Congress of Industrial Organization	\$1,838.95	\$2,000.00	\$1,300.00
Executive:			
Salaries—Officers	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00	\$1,890.00
Salaries—Administrative Assistant	\$20.00	\$20.00	40.00
Traveling—Officers	186.86	300.00	250.00
Total Executive	\$2,936.86	\$3,050.00	\$2,540.00
Organization:			
Salaries—International Representatives	\$4,829.00	\$4,212.00	\$2,916.00
Expenses—International Representatives	1,551.40	2,000.00	1,200.00
OT—v Organization Expenses	730.02	600.00	500.00
Total Organization	\$6,610.42	\$6,812.00	\$4,616.00
Research Department:			
Salary—Director	\$ 910.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 630.00
Books and Periodicals	108.10	550.00	50.00
Traveling	24.22	150.00	75.00
Miscellaneous	57.73	50.00	50.00
Total Research	\$1,110.05	\$1,660.00	\$805.00
General:			
Salaries—Office Staff	\$4,136.92	\$4,137.00	\$2,668.50
Overtime	180.43	100.00	50.00
Rent	775.00	593.57	583.32
Electricity	151.38	120.00	200.00
Stationery and Printing—Office	185.78	200.00	200.00
Stationery and Printing—Cards and Forms	185.97	200.00	200.00
Stationery and Printing—Organization	27.75	200.00	200.00
Telephone	331.17	300.00	250.00
Postage	385.68	250.00	150.00
Telegraph	300.00	250.00	250.00
Legal	666.48	600.00	400.00
Auditing	150.00	150.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	176.29	150.00	325.00
Payroll Taxes	\$82.60	700.00	450.00
Total General	\$6,659.98	\$6,698.57	\$5,906.32
Net Cost Guild Reporter	\$4,077.78	\$4,485.00	\$3,650.00
Donations and Tickets	10.00	100.00	50.00
Delegate and Committee Expenses	72.51	100.00	100.00
I.E.R. Meeting Expenses—April	104.21	500.00	1,200.00
War Labor Board Expenses	270.75	50.00	300.00
Women's Auxiliary Organizing Subsidy	50.00		
Heywood Brown Memorial Award	200.00		
1943 Convention	125.53		
Government Relations Committee			
Vacation and Severance Pay		300.00	
Miscellaneous	39.76	1,500.00	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$27,211.86	\$29,655.67	\$22,181.82
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	\$2,244.64		
RESERVES:			
Reserve for 1944 Convention	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 600.00
Reserve for Officers' Severance Pay	156.00	156.00	101.00
TOTAL RESERVES	1,056.00	1,056.00	
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES AFTER RESERVES	\$1,188.64		
TOTAL BUDGET		\$30,711.67	\$22,985.82

SCHEDULE I—NET COST GUILD REPORTER

Salary—Editor	\$1,105.00	\$1,105.00	\$1,530.00
Printing and Postage	1,991.35	1,850.00	1,205.00
Pictures and Special Material	657.00	850.00	600.00
Engraving	212.25	250.00	100.00
Subscriptions	159.96	200.00	100.00
Copyrights	92.25	50.00	
Salary—Clerical	12.00		
Miscellaneous	15	105.00	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,160.56	\$4,465.00	\$3,660.00
Less: Income	\$ 90.00		
Advertising	\$2.18		
Subscriptions			
TOTAL INCOME	133.18		
NET COST GUILD REPORTER	\$4,027.38	\$4,465.00	

(Two-month budget result of Boston Convention action changing ANG fiscal year to end April 30 instead May 25—Quarterly budget resumes November 1, 1943)

It Seems to Us...

THE MAN WHO STAYED WITH McMANUS' SHIP

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I am the man who personally engineered the breaking of Wilkes-Barre's "solid for the Administration" front, but Sister Gladys Bentley, who owes me a pair of shoes for 237 complete trips around the Brooklyn Eagle, makes an election statement that makes me look like a bum—regardless of the condition of my shoes.

Sister Bentley's charges on the Wilkes-Barre election returns placed me in a spot similar to that of the well-known boy on the burning deck. If I remained inactive I would have burned (and am I) and if I jumped I would have drowned.

I stuck with the ship, burning up from the undue criticism given my work as a McManus advocate in this administration hot spot and drowning in the deep waters of political oblivion.

Brother Joseph Walsh, let it be known, was right down the line for the administration ticket, naturally.

Brother Walsh and the undersigned walked the same picket lines in all Wilkes-Barre strikes and we attended the Wilkes-Barre "Picketnic" at the Brooklyn Eagle, but that doesn't make us two eye-to-eye on all Guild matters.

When the national election started to get hot, I had a talk with several of the boys and we (two of us, to be exact) decided to boost McManus. Why? Because his campaign statements on several issues had a new and fresh touch and because he's a damn good movie critic and I'm a former pit musician in vaudeville houses.

I personally contacted in McManus's behalf more than 70 per cent of the Wilkes-Barre membership. On election day I even pulled a "Tammany Hall" by calling key persons on the telephone and whispering confidentially—"It looks like McManus."

I personally supervised polling in the Record unit and had a wacher at the Times Leader—evening news plant.

Squinting in my thin-soled shoes from one plant to another, I picked up information that indicated the best I could hope for would be one McManus vote for every 60 votes cast.

In my weekly letter to the boys in the service I ended "McManus is the Man." But the boys in the service constitute some of the hardest fighters of this local, which came up the hard way, and I did not expect to see one of the service votes go against the administration.

A check of official returns will show that instead of 1 out of 60, I scored 1 out of 40 triumph. In the city-wide voting three of the 116 persons who cast ballots X'd McManus.

And, let it be known, my campaign-by-mail gave me an unexpected 1 out of 22 showing in service voting.

Miss Bentley seems to be of the opinion that Wilkes-Barre past records should have gone anti-administration.

She is forgetting that Wilkes-Barre was in the anti-corners at

the 1940 and 1941 conventions and in the latter year enjoyed victory.

Being a member of an old Pennsylvania tory family, I have a background for taking abuse, but I can hand it out as well.

Being for McManus, and I'm proud of it, I got it and gave it. But how discouraging it was to read of sister Bentley's charges in The Guild Reporter.

If sister Bentley wasn't satisfied why didn't she write some instructions, send some suggestions or get some half sales for a heel?

In the eyes of the Wilkes-Barre local I am a crushed political figure, but now I rise to full stature on my new shoes (purchased with good, big, fat made-possible-by-the-Guild salary checks) to shout to the world that no politician—not even sister Bentley and a squad of pistol packin' mamas—could have changed the results in Wilkes-Barre.

SHELDON C. WINTERMUTE.

EUBANKS PRAISED FOR PANEL WORK

NEWARK, N. J.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Newark Guild wishes it to be noted wherever such notations are recorded in ANG archives, and in the Guild Reporter, that Sam Eubanks' service as an alternate member of the National War Labor Board's Daily Newspaper Industry Panel is not going unnoticed by other unions in the industry.

Elmer Madden, president of Newark Local 103, International Typographical Union, in offering a Newark Guild membership meeting a verbal resume of his union's WLB case against the three Newark newspapers, spoke highly of the ANG vice president's actions during hearings at Chicago. To summarize Madden's remarks, he said Eubanks "went down the line for us—we couldn't have asked for better support."

Let it be noted also that Madden had only praise for the legal work of Abraham J. Iserman, ANG counsel, in the same matter, work which Madden said drew favorable comment from the panel chairman.

MARGARET LINDSAY,

Secretary, Newark unit.

NEW UNIT HEAD

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Elmer Williams of the Record advertising department was elected chairman of the unit at a meeting held Sept. 18 to consider contract demands. He succeeds Michael Grace, who left to become Pittston correspondent for the Scranton Times.

DON'T SEND CHECKS

The American Red Cross advises not to send checks to service men, as they are unable to cash checks. They can cash money orders at any Army post office, however.

BUYING MORE BONDS

CLEVELAND—On a recommendation of Milton Lapine, Guild treasurer, the Cleveland Guild executive board voted to buy a \$25 war bond each month.

Maine Local Gets Welcome From Its Congressman, But No Promise

PORTLAND, Maine—A temporary legislative action committee has been formed by the Guild here, with Ray Galley, Guild secretary, chairman.

The group joined with the legislative committee of Local 50 of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America (CIO) and called on Congressman Robert Hale of Maine's first congressional district.

Hale voted for the Smith-Connally anti-labor bill in against subsidies and nearly all other

aims of the ANG and national CIO legislative program and, worst of all, favors a federal sales tax. He received the joint legislative committee quite agreeably but outside of a promise that he "would give full consideration" to the committee's recommendations. Hale refused to make any specific promise.

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Officers Named For Vacancies In Washington

WASHINGTON

Three new officers have been named to fill vacancies on the executive board.

William Crawford of the Times-Herald was elevated to second vice president, after the resignation of Ben Gilbert of the Post.

Crawford, unit collector, is chairman of the local's organizing committee and is a labor representative on the local War Labor Board mediation panel.

Dorothy Rockwell, Philadelphia Inquirer, was named secretary, a position formerly held by Anabella Volk who has left the city. Miss Rockwell is chairman of the contracts committee.

New additions to the executive board are Martha Strayer, News unit chairman; Chester Vennemann, Post unit collector, and Bruce Bissat, UP unit. Bissat also will serve on the local vice committee.

New Date Set For INS-IMP Brief Exchange

Dates for exchanging briefs in the INS and IMP disputes have been postponed by the Newspaper Industry Panel to Oct. 11 at the request of management. Original date had been Oct. 1.

Thomas Breeman, Hearst attorney, phoned and asked the Guild to agree for a delay of a month, which was rejected.

J. V. Connolly, King Features Syndicate president, then asked the panel for a delay to Oct. 18. The panel granted an extension to Oct. 11, with rebuttal briefs to be exchanged Oct. 20.

Management knew since July about panel procedure and of the impending date for briefs.

A resolution adopted by the New York INS unit protested further delay on the part of management.

She Didn't Wait To Be Invited



SALEM, Mass.—When Mrs. Marie LaDuke came to work at the Salem News a few weeks ago, Guild members were in no rush to sign her up as she was there only temporarily.

Came a payday and she found \$18 "too much" in her envelope. When Frank Reynolds, Guild president, told her it was no mistake but a retroactive pay increase, Mrs. LaDuke wanted to know why she hadn't been asked to join the Guild.

"Even if I'm here only a few weeks, I don't want to be a free rider, and I want to join the Guild," she declared.

She's a member, and indications are her stay is not so temporary.

MILWAUKEE CONDUCTS JOURNALISM CLASS

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Guild members here are assisting members of other unions in helping train them for their union papers.

A class is being conducted by Alfred Hirsch, editor of the Wisconsin CIO News. Members from the Sentinel and Journal units will discuss newspaper problems with the class.

With the AUXILIARY

By BEA ABRAMSON

Reporter for Women's Auxiliary, American-News-Press Guild

Meet the vice president from Detroit: Pearl Oates, wife of Morgan Oates, former controller of Detroit Free Press unit. Pearl, very charming, makes friends easily, and just naturally is tops when it comes to entertaining at auxiliary parties. Active in Red Cross work, she did her full share in the emergency knitting last winter for the CIO Red Cross unit. Besides working in a defense plant every day, she finds time to help on the Oates' 50-acre farm in Canada.

Do you think that's all she does? Well, you don't know Pearl Oates. She has been publicity chairman of the Detroit auxiliary, responsible for the monthly Bulletin for the last few years. She now has assumed national responsibilities on the WA-ANG executive board as vice president in charge of child care.

NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

NEW YORK—Stimulated by the generous contributions from the Washington and St. Louis auxiliaries towards the WA-ANG sustaining fund, the New York local at its last meeting discussed the question of voluntary contributions from individual members to this fund. The response thus far has surpassed our most optimistic ideas, the pledges ranging from \$5 to \$25 monthly. Not only are the active members doing their bit, but also members who thus far have not been able even to attend meetings for one reason or another, have been pledging substantial amounts for their international.

LOS ANGELES—Four auxiliary members have volunteered as price panel assistance—Sophie Kleinberg, Ruth Schulman, Inez Kirby and e. Mildred Farlow.

DETROIT—Former President Fay Collins has been very busy at local hospitals, assisting in operating rooms. She has donated her sixth pint of blood.

MORE BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Alice Hughes joins WA-ANG's Blue Star Mothers. Her son George will be inducted shortly. Alice was the first international officer from the New York auxiliary, and a delegate to the Memphis and Detroit conventions. George's induction makes it 100 percent for the Hughes family. Father Ed is a field representative for the Red Cross. Alice works for the War Manpower Commission.

CONVENTIONS AND MORE CONVENTIONS

At a national executive board meeting held in New York on September 8th the coming CWA convention (Philadelphia, Nov. 1) was discussed in detail. Those who have participated in national conventions will need no prodding to see that delegates get there from the local auxiliaries. Plans were made for extended discussions by the delegates so that each delegate may return to her home town with renewed enthusiasm, information, and determination.

All locals are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to thrust out pressing problems of organization program with sister auxiliary members from all over the country.

President Faye Stephenson will do some preliminary organizing in Ohio, Indiana and Detroit, using the extra subsidy of \$1,000 which was just voted to the CWA by the CIO for field work.

Reporter Ben Abramson, representing the New York Council of Auxiliaries, was guest speaker at a luncheon of the national United Electrical Workers Auxiliary. Mabel Pollock brought greetings from the WA-ANG as well as from her own New York auxiliary.

Speaking of conventions, our own WA-ANG convention voted to have two educational programs sent out during September, for use of the auxiliaries in the fall. And let the two promised programs have arrived—one on consumer work and one on legislation. Congratulations, Mildred and Dorothy.

Caught on the Run...

A major threat to freedom—and to labor unions—is native fascism, which bobs up under assorted noms de plumes.

It would be an investment for every local Guild to buy a copy of "Undercover" by John Roy Carlson.

This book, a documented account of the enemies within our country, provides a blueprint of past (and present) operations of subversive elements.

We can profit from the past. In the post-war period we can anticipate many vicious groups spawned by native fascists and their dupes. "Undercover" will prove a guide to various individuals and how they operate.

BACK TALK DEPT.

Hearst Division

After a recent Guild Reporter column by President Murray was posted on the Guild bulletin board of Hearst's San Antonio Light, the following notice, signed by the acting managing editor, popped up on the nearby company bulletin board:

Notice: Any member of the staff who feels that acceptance of Mr. Hearst's money is in any way degrading to him is free to resign at any time without notice.—Frank G. Ragsdale.

Question: With severance pay?

The New York Times in an editorial urges repeal of "the more mischievous features" of the Smith-Connally act, pointing to the ill effects of the act uncovered by a recent NLRB survey.

Says the Times: "The whole set-up causes a ferment of agitation."

Obviously the "more mischievous features" are the whole shebang.

WEeping, Wailing AND TEETH GNASHING DEPT.

Big Business Division

Business Week, slick magazine for big business, finds the Smith-Connally act is all wrong. The magazine means editorially that the act failed in its purpose to throttle unions.

Specific complaints from Business Week:

The act didn't curb labor's bargaining strength (it "has armed the unions with a new weapon.")

The act didn't prevent strikes ("flash strikes and quickies have increased since June.")

The act has flopped as far as the 30-day cooling off period for strikes goes' (it "has become in practice a heating up period.")

The act didn't neutralize labor's political influence. ("the act has been responsible for a resurgence of political activity in the AFL and CIO which promises to make itself felt distinctly in 1944.")

Speaking before the eastern labor conference, Attorney General Biddle said: "If you don't like the laws, do your best to change them."

POWER OF THE PRESS

The Comics

The N. Y. News runs sections for Brooklyn, Manhattan, Long Island, etc. Pages are changed for the various sections.

One night one of the comics inadvertently was placed on one of these pages with the result that Brooklyn readers couldn't follow the do-or-die exploits of their hero.

Next day the News had to put six girls on telephones to read the missing comic strip to anxious readers.

The National Foremen's Institute, Inc., is selling a booklet styled "the wartime worker's handbook."

The sales pamphlet that we got with a sample copy says it's "an effective means to speed production and maintain harmonious labor relations."

The speedup, of course, would have to be without union interference.

Typical advice from this friend of the working man:

"Don't take sides in shop 'politics.'"

"Higher wages . . . a higher standard of living are the reasons for our heavy war debt."

This advice ought to keep out unions, keep pay down—to cut the war debt.

Can't Lose His Shadow—



Cartoon by John F. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Section of Press Hating Roosevelt Unsuccessful at Beating His Wife

By JAMES A. WECHSLER

Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—Mrs. Roosevelt is back from the war zones and so far not even Westbrook Pegler has filed a formal protest over her journey. So this seems like a strategic time for one reporter to say what he thinks about the relationship between the American press and the First Lady.

It must be obvious that for many years the hate-Roosevelt publishers and journalists have been deeply torn within themselves, trying to be simultaneously indignant at both the president and his wife.

They never have been certain whether it was more fun to blame FDR for the political adventures of his missus, or to accuse her of smuggling subversive thoughts into the White House behind the president's back.

PLENTY OF SPLEEN

The result, however, has been a pretty equitable allotment of spleen; Pegler, for example, seems to keep a careful arithmetical chart to insure a fair division of his anti-Roosevelt labors.

Similarly, while Mrs. Roosevelt is the major target of a newspaper attack on racial issues, the president takes the exclusive rap on other matters. To date nobody has accused the First Lady of plotting to get General Marshall out of town.

Looking back over the decade of anti-Roosevelt journalism the campaign against Mrs. Roosevelt nevertheless looks a good deal crueller and dirtier than the sum total of things hurled at the president.

DIRTY GOSSIP

For another, the kind of sniveling smoking-car gossip that circulates about Mrs. Roosevelt can scarcely be answered in print or public.

Whether some dignified Democratic politicians like it or not, Mrs. Roosevelt has not been blessed with the sort of deception and double-talk which would spare her some abuse. She has an extraordinary instinct for saying what she thinks, for reacting honestly to what she sees and for getting indignant over injustices instead of cultivating the safe, long view.

DRIVES PEGLER NUTS

These qualities have virtually driven Pegler nuts and exposed her to big, bold criticism from some other commentators. But Mrs. Roosevelt carries a continuous political burden; anything she does is subject to the charge of fourth term propaganda from such disinterested quarters as the Republican National Committee.

This time most of her critics have been strangely silent. Perhaps there was something too undemonstratively impressive about her trip to the Pacific, her talks with the wounded, her messages to and from home. It may have all made Harrison Spangler gag, but to the lonely, isolated forces in the Pacific her visit clearly was welcome and important.

SKIP SNIDE REMARKS

So, for once, the newspapers were forced to take her seriously and to skip the snide remarks. The Patterson papers have not even attempted to prove she was really violating ODT regulations. While reporters kidded about the admission of men to her post-Pacific press conference, the usual malice was missing.

It was as if some of them had briefly recognized that she was one of the impressive figures of our time, a democrat (with a small d) who had aroused the devotion of millions of anonymous Americans—the kind who never travel in Pullman cars and rarely read the editorial pages.

The newspapers have deluded themselves for 10 years on their power to lick Franklin D. Roosevelt with the printed word.

They have been equally unsuccessful at beating his wife.

One of these days they may even take off their hats when she comes into the room.

Classified Ad Mark Set by Denver Post

DENVER—Classified ad columns of the Denver Post set an all-time record one Sunday in September when they filled 100 columns, more than 12 pages.

Revenue is estimated at about \$800 a page.

Auto advertising, once a classified stand-by, is out. But it seems that everyone in Denver is buying and selling anything that can be bought and sold.

2 GRIEVANCES WON

NEW YORK—The Mirror unit grievance committee won reclassifications and cash awards totaling \$380 for two Guild members.

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