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BOARD CALLS FOR POLITICAL ACTION, PROPOSES UNION NEWSPRINT PARLEY

New International Executive Board at Work Directing Guild Affairs



Meet the members of the new International Executive Board. Left to right are Vice Presidents Gordon Cole, William Farson, George Hutchinson, W. A. Copeland, George Harris, Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks, Floyd Healey, Milton J. Lapine, Walter Engels, Kenneth Crouse, and Joseph Walsh. The Board held a three-day session.

Course Charted By New Officers At First Meeting

The new International Executive Board held its organization meeting in New York Nov. 6, 7 and 8, and in sessions that began early and ended late charted a course of action for the Guild on various activities affecting the welfare of members.

All members were present, and for six it was their first board meeting. Six members served as ANG officers on the previous

Details of IEB actions will be found in separate stories on pages 2 and 3.

NEW LOCAL IS CHARTERED IN FRESNO; GUILD WINS ELECTION IN SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Despite an eleventh hour management campaign against the Guild, advertising department employees of the Sacramento Bee voted 25 to 4 for the Guild in an NLRB election. The new unit—the editorial department is under Guild contract—includes display, national, classified, home economics and service departments. On the eve of the election, Eleanor McClatchy, president of the McClatchy newspapers, sent an 800-word letter to the 34 eligible voters which said a union contract might “interfere” with individual wage rates and “improvement.”

Many improvements, not explained and to come after the war, were promised. She referred to the Guild as “outsiders.” Organization work was done by Guild members in the Bee editorial department.

Miss McClatchy has been in direct charge of operations for about a year since the departure

Other details of the election, page 4.

of G. C. Hamilton, vice president and general manager. McClatchy Newspapers publishes the Sacramento Bee, the Fresno Bee and the Modesto Bee, and also operates five radio stations.

FRESNO, Calif.—A second breach in the McClatchy newspaper chain has been effected with organization of the Fresno Bee editorial department after a whirlwind campaign.

The new group was granted a charter by the International Executive Board at its Nov. 6-8 meeting.

Key men in the editorial department were contacted on a Thursday, and before the following Wednesday a majority had joined the Guild. Organization work was assisted by Guild members attending the sixth annual California CIO convention here.

Fresno Bee employees fraternized with Guildsmen delegates at a cocktail party with representatives of the Northern California District Council as hosts. Guild members from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Stockton, San Jose and Sacramento assisted.

Follow-up work was conducted by Larry Coats, Stockton, vice president of the Northern California District Council, and Harry P. Bagley, president of the Sacramento Valley Guild, who was discharged last March from the Sacramento Bee, another McClatchy paper, “for reasons” of economy.

When Coats and Bagley had to leave, Robert Brown, San Francisco-Oakland Guild executive secretary, arrived to continue assistance.

Burton Leiper was named president of the new Guild, with Harry Godfrey vice president. Thelma Miller was chosen secretary and Don Castelle treasurer.

The Fresno Typographical Union endorsed the new Guild and sent a letter to the Bee publisher hoping that the management would welcome the Guild.

Committees are at work drafting by-laws and contract proposals. Management has been notified that the new Guild unit has been formed and awaits an opportunity to demonstrate it represents a majority.

Plowman to Head St. Louis Guild

ST. LOUIS—William Plowman, former Star-Times unit chairman, has been named president of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild, succeeding John Fletcher, who resigned. Plowman is a copyreader. Marion Boone was named unit chairman.

Reporters File Complaint Over Sales Tax Secrecy

By NATHAN ROBERTSON
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—Reporters covering the tax story filed an unprecedented complaint with the house ways and means committee recently when it refused to make public the vote by which the sales tax was rejected.

The reporters, in a letter to Chairman Robert L. Doughton, charged that the secrecy on the vote “violated the democratic principle of accountability of elected officials to their constituents.”

Chairman Robert L. Doughton (D-NC) backed down to the ex-

tent of disclosing the vote total—16-8. But he refused to reveal the roll-call showing how individual members voted, asserting that publication of the individual votes might embarrass members.

FEARED TELEGRAMS

Doughton said the vote was only “tentative” and members, who might want to change their votes, had “a right to protect themselves.”

The Republican spokesman,

James Wechsler is writing a book, and has been forced into temporary retirement to meet the deadline. He writes:

“Trying to get the book written by the deadline probably will take 10 years of my life. I have not been out of the hotel room and I haven’t the faintest idea what is going on anywhere.”

“Could you write a nice note to our readers indicating that I have taken the veil but that as soon as I emerge I will resume the column, which I trust will be for the next issue.”

Meanwhile, Nathan Robertson of the Washington Guild pinch hits for Wechsler.

Congressman Harold Knutson, of Minnesota, backed him up saying that publication of the vote would result in members being “deluged with telegrams” asking them to change their votes.

The incident over publicity on the sales tax vote was the culmination of years of friction between the committee and reporters over star chamber proceedings in the framing of tax bills.

The ways and means committee, which frames tax bills in secret, and then takes them to the

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Everett and Crouse Appointed Alternates for Industry Panel

Appointment of Rollin Everett of Cincinnati to represent the Guild as an alternate member of the Daily Newspaper Panel of the War Labor Board was approved by the International Executive Board at its last meeting.

Everett will sit on the panel hearing five dispute cases involving contracts held by the New York local. These are the New York Times, Daily News, World-Telegram, Long Island Press and Jewish Day. Hearings will be held in Chicago starting Nov. 17.

ANG Vice President Kenneth Crouse of Twin Cities who was appointed a Panel alternate several weeks ago has been assigned to disputes involving the Sioux City Journal-Tribune, Camden Courier-Post, Indianapolis Star and Knoxville Journal.

The Sioux City case has been



Crouse

Everett

reviewed and a report is being completed. The other three cases will be before the panel this week.

GUILD PRESIDENT NAMED TO CIO POST

NEW ORLEANS—President Ward B. Melody of the New Orleans Guild has been elected a member of the executive board of the New Orleans CIO Industrial Union Council.

N. Y. MEMBER DIES

NEW YORK—Roswell Steele, known as “Judge,” died at his home in Plainfield, N. J. He was a member of the Standard and Poor’s unit.

Board Appeals Three Sections In AP Decision

The IEB acted to appeal over-time, job security and union security provisions of the regional War Labor Board decision in the case involving six Associated Press contracts, and appeal has been filed.

Action was taken after consultation with units affected.

Four of the contracts were renewals involving Boston, Philadelphia, Kansas City and San Francisco. Two were initial agreements, covering Atlanta and Michigan bureaus.

SEEK UNION SECURITY
Union security is being asked in all six cases. The Panel report and incorporated the New York "harmony clause" in the two initial agreements, and renewed this clause in the four renewal contracts.

The job security clause for Atlanta and Michigan was modified by the regional board from the Panel recommendation.

The overtime clause in the Atlanta and Michigan agreements also was modified by the regional board from the Panel recommendation as to provide equal time off for overtime. The Panel had recommended time and one-half in cash.

The AP, meanwhile, did not appeal, but announced it is taking the position it need not sign and put into effect at once the sections not being appealed, thus delaying wage and other benefits in dispute for the employees.

The AP management also refused to discuss this situation until after the 10-day period for filing comments had elapsed.

BOARD'S ORDER
However, the order of the regional board states:

"This order shall stand confirmed as the order of the National War Labor Board and shall take effect 14 days from the date hereof unless in the meantime a petition for review is filed with the National War Labor Board, in which event the portions of this order of which review is sought shall be suspended until disposition of the petition for review, or until the National War Labor Board otherwise directs, or the parties otherwise agree."

The original presentation before the Panel had been made by Walter Engels, ANG vice president.

Washington Staging Pretty Girl Contest For Front Page Ball

WASHINGTON—Pictures of pretty girls are pouring into the Washington Guild office as a result of the contest to select the Guild's Front Page Girl who will preside at the Tenth Anniversary Front Page Ball Dec. 2 at local Washington.

Posters inviting the local lovelies to send in pictures have been placed in all press rooms and units.

Night club talent will provide entertainment for the ball.

CIO MUSICAL SHOW WILL OPEN NOV. 22

NEWARK (FP)—"Marching With Johnny," labor's own win-the-war revue sponsored by the National CIO War Relief Committee, will have its premiere here Nov. 22. Then it will go on an extended tour of major U. S. cities.

The musical has an all professional cast of 50 actors, dancers and singers.

BOARD'S FINE SYSTEM INSURES PROMPTNESS AT 9 A. M. SESSIONS

To insure that 9 a. m. sessions of the IEB would start on time, members put up \$1 each, to be forfeited if they were late.

Those out \$1 each at two early sessions were Murray, Cole, Healey and Walsh. There was much moaning about hotel clocks being slow. Disposition of the \$4 pot has not yet been decided.

Board Warns About Threats to Guild

The following statement of policy was adopted by the International Executive Board setting forth the Guild program on political action.

A great part of the progress made by the American Newspaper Guild from its small beginning 10 years ago, is due to the passage of favorable legislation, and the election by the American people of public officials who were friendly to the growth of labor organizations.

The original Guild organizing impetus came under Section 7-A of the National Industrial Recovery Act, in which the right to organize was, for the first time, guaranteed specifically by law.

The National Labor Relations Act, with its similar guarantees, and its machinery for elections, enabled the Guild to win bargaining rights over the most stubborn publisher opposition.

The Fair Labor Standards Act and many other statutes and government acts fostered the Guild's growth and contributed greatly to its present condition.

ECONOMIC FUTURE IN HANDS OF AGENCIES
The Board believes that the membership, as a whole, is not sufficiently aware how much they owe to the friendliness of govern-

ment, and how gravely their welfare can be damaged if government becomes hostile. Under the necessities of the war, government has assumed the most extensive powers over our salaries and working conditions.

The War Labor Board, the War Production Board (in connection with newspaper) and other federal agencies responsible to elected officials, hold in their hands the entire future of the Guild and the economic future of all of its members.

If, in normal times, the friendliness of the government was a major factor in the successful organization of the Guild, how much more important will the attitude of government be under the new conditions created by the war, in which government virtually controls our destinies?

The Board, therefore, while recognizing the peculiar condi-

tions which have, in the past, induced a cautious attitude toward Guild participation in political affairs, is constrained to recognize, realistically, the necessity for the Guild to be alive to its danger and prepared to act.

HOSTILE LEGISLATION CAN RUIN THE GUILD
If, for example, reactionary congressmen are sent to Washington, these congressmen can ruin the Guild, not only by enacting hostile laws, but also merely by failing to appropriate sufficient funds for the effective operation of the agencies upon which we depend during the war emergency.

By starving the War Labor Board, for example, Congress could drive the Guild into a position where it would be practically impossible to get our collective bargaining cases before the only tribunal which can decide them.

If a reactionary executive administration is elected in 1944, it will be not only probable, but morally certain, that the decisions of agencies responsible to the executive will be materially influenced to our damage.

The Board therefore holds that whatever reluctance to be politically conscious may have been justified in the past, the times now all for a high degree of political consciousness on the part of Guild members.

GUILD DOES NOT WISH TO CONTROL VOTES
This does not mean that the Guild should, can, or wishes to control its members' votes. The secret ballots of free citizens cannot be controlled, or "delivered," and if they could it would be a negation of democracy.

The only thing the Guild can and should do for its members, is to provide them with full and complete information and counsel as to how political issues affect their salaries, and working conditions.

The term "political action" has come to have connotations which are entirely unwarranted. A better term would be "political research." This function of investigating what can be secured through the relationship of legislation and politics to the bargaining position of the union, is a proper, legitimate and necessary union function.

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DAILIES USE MOST
Daily newspapers use a little more than 80 percent of the 220,000 tons of newsprint produced monthly.

Reusing newsprint has difficulties, for only paper with logwood ink can be utilized. Logwood ink is used in some midwest telephone directories, which for years have been converted into

more newsprint. Being used to day than in pre-war days, but at the same time advertising image figures are up, with indices at peak marks.

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10 Voluntary Agreements Get Final Approval

CHICAGO—Ten voluntary agreements have been approved by the Panel or the regional War Labor Board since the last report, while two new voluntary cases have been filed.

This reduces the number of pending voluntary agreements involving Guild contracts to 15. Since Aug. 25, to date, 21 applications for approval of voluntary agreements (involving Guild contracts) have been filed, and 26 have been approved.

There are 35 dispute cases pending, either awaiting completion by the Panel, awaiting hearings, or before the regional WLB for final approval. A Panel report is due shortly in several more dispute cases.

Voluntary agreements finally approved by the Panel include:

Chattanooga Times.
Akron Beacon Journal.
Cincinnati Times-Star.
Terre Haute Tribune-Star.
Stockton Record.

Tacoma Times & News-Tribune.
Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
Seattle Times.

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Providence (New York).
San Antonio Light.

The new voluntary agreements received by the Panel include the Toledo Times and San Diego Union-Tribune-Sun.

Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks reported to the IEB meeting that better progress is being made, in clearing Guild cases before the Panel. Approximately 5 percent of the voluntary cases before the Panel involve the Guild, Eubanks said, while about 20 percent of the dispute cases involve the Guild.

Panel meetings were scheduled over the week-end on INS and INP disputes.

Hearings are scheduled this week for five New York disputes. Rollin Everett will be the Guild representative on the Panel, while publishers will be represented by Jack Bisco of United Press.

WAR CORRESPONDENT
MINNEAPOLIS—Leonard Welch, Star Journal police reporter, is awaiting call overseas as a war correspondent in the South Pacific.

FIGHT RACE BIAS
ST. LOUIS (FP)—Delegates from more than 20 CIO, AFL and independent unions have set up the St. Louis Interracial Labor Victory Committee to combat racial discrimination.

BOARD MAPS NEWSPRINT PARLEY
The Board heard an off-the-record report on the newsprint from a government official. Representatives of other craft unions were guests at the discussion, including E. J. Velt, president of the Photogravers; John Boscoe, vice president of the Pressmen, and Alfred Whittle, international representative of the International Typographical Union.

The Board voted to have the executive officers formulate our policy on newsprint conservation, and to invite representatives of other unions.

The Board voted to invite other unions to a conference to formulate a policy on ways and means to conserve newsprint.

MEETING PLANNED
Executive Vice President Eubanks pointed out that it was necessary to look at the overall picture in discussing newsprint for other departments and unions were affected as well as the Guild in any impact further newsprint rationing will have on employment in the industry.

Plans are under way for such a meeting with officials of other unions.

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\$41,000 More Pay for Rochester Papers

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—A wage increase totaling more than \$41,000 will go to nearly 100 editorial employees and former employees of the Rochester Times-Union and the Democrat & Chronicle as the result of a WLB order and a new Guild contract.

The increase will amount to more than \$21,000 for the coming year and \$18,000 in retroactive pay for 70 employees still on the payroll and an estimated

\$2,000 for some 25 employees, including seven in the armed forces, who have left the employ of the two Gannett papers since last Jan. 1.

The board ordered an increase of 14 1/2 cents an hour (\$5.50 a week) for all editorial employees hired before Jan. 1, 1943, and earning less than \$100 a week, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1943.

Although the WLB did not direct a change in the present

minima, Guild and management agreed that employees hired before last Jan. 1 should receive the \$5.50 increase in addition to any increases they may receive under experience step-ups.

For employees hired before Jan. 1, the new contract means that the actual minimum for five-year-experience employees is \$57.80 on the D&C and \$55.80 on the T-U, an afternoon paper. The management was rebuffed

by the WLB on its two principal contentions: that increased living costs were not a valid reason for boosting wages and that in any event, raises for those above the minima were solely a matter for management discretion.

The WLB not only ordered the increase for those on and above the minima alike, but also refused to deduct from the increase due the bargaining unit above-minimum increases granted since Jan. 1, 1941.

Checks for retroactive pay will average \$355 each, before tax deductions.

Negotiations climaxed by the WLB order started in September, 1942, as discussions on renewal of a contract signed in 1941. The case was referred to the WLB early this year after the Gannett management refused to make a concrete offer of a single penny for those on or above the minima.

The matter went to the Panel and the Chicago Regional Board after first going through a hearing by a panel of the New York Regional Board. That recommendation of the latter panel for a maintenance of membership clause was held in abeyance by the Chicago board pending a decision by the WLB in Washington on the test cases argued before it recently.

Detroit Begins Steward System
DETROIT—Full steward systems are now in operation in all three Detroit units, with excellent results, according to Detroit Guild Treasurer Leonard Gossard.

The stewards, at least for this year, are appointed by unit chairmen. Each steward is assigned to a specific list of 10 to 20 members. His responsibility is to see that their dues are collected, bring them out to meetings, and to see that their contract rights are understood and enforced.

The steward bodies at News, Times and Free Press are holding regular meetings, usually on a bi-monthly basis. Decisions of the steward bodies are accepted by the executive board as the advisory opinion of the unit, in the absence of a unit meeting.

Here's What Happened—and Guild Won

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The 25 to 4 election victory in the advertising department of the Sacramento Bee, McClatchy paper, recalls paradoxical activities on the part of management.

When the editorial department was organized, Miss Eleanor McClatchy declared she preferred to settle the matter of a collective bargaining agent without a government agency, so a card check was held.

For the advertising department, however, she preferred a NLRB election, and she issued a letter against the Guild on the eve of the election. At an arbitration session, where the Guild charged discrimination against an employee, the business manager had stated: "We don't care whether our employees join the Guild."

\$2 FOR IDEAS

Miss McClatchy assumed active charge of the paper about a year ago. She inaugurated a system of paying \$2 for each suggestion accepted on improving the paper or conditions. A proposal for a harvest festival for victory gardeners brought forth a \$100 Victory Bond.

And a club has been organized for employees with more than 25 years of service. Officers were elected at a meeting in Miss McClatchy's home, where champagne was served and \$1,000 in war bonds passed out to members.

A lunch room has been installed, and employees fraternize with executives over coffee they brew themselves.

FREE PARTY HELD

After a highly successful Guild party, management followed with a party for the editorial department (under Guild contract). There was a big dinner, free beer, a softball game and juke-box dancing.

Calling cards have been printed for members of the staff and Christmas cards will be furnished.

SACRAMENTO BEE ELECTION SIDELIGHT

On the heels of all this, the Guild is seeking to reopen negotiations for the editorial department, and also for the newly organized advertising department.

Editorially, however, the Bee is known as a friend of organized labor. C. K. McClatchy, father of Eleanor, wrote:

"When everything has been said against it (trade unionism) that can be said—like that which is only suspect, as well as that which can be proved—it must be

SACRAMENTO PRESIDENT TOILS IN WAREHOUSE TO HELP GUILD

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Fired from the Sacramento Bee for "economy," Harry P. Bagley, Sacramento Guild president, still is around to assist with the work.

Daily he toils as a warehouseman for a wholesale produce firm so he may remain in Sacramento. He had been a special writer for the Bee.

"I could get a newspaper job, but it would take me from Sacramento, and I want to stay here and help in the Guild fight," Harry declared.

Bagley was fired right after the Guild contract was signed last January. Ronald Scofield, Bee dramatic critic and Guild vice president, resigned his job in a dispute with management over fixing his hours under the contract.

A case involving another employee, wherein the Guild charges discrimination because a regular overtime schedule was taken away, still is pending in arbitration.

Hiring of new employees in the Bee editorial department stopped when Bagley applied for re-employment.

AMONG OURSELVES



Mrs. Bernard S. Redmont, formerly with the press division of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, is undergoing indoctrination as a Marine combat correspondent.

Three Guild members are at the Seabees' Camp Peary, Virginia. John F. Mason, formerly UP in New York, writes features for Redlines, camp publication, while Thomas Elliston, formerly News Day, is a reporter. Joseph Potter, formerly Wall Street Journal, is in Camp Peary's recreation department.

William Greaves, former N. Y. Post unit chairman, now in the Army, was given a purse at a farewell party. Fred Beyerman, assistant news editor, and Frank Koester, promotion editor at the Cincinnati Post, are setting the stage for a long-term romance. Beyerman became the father of a daughter, Georgia Lee, and Koester the father of a son, Jim, this week.

Hilfred Thornton, long an active Guild leader in the Philadelphia Inquirer accounting department, is entering defense work. Eddie Williams, Denver Rocky

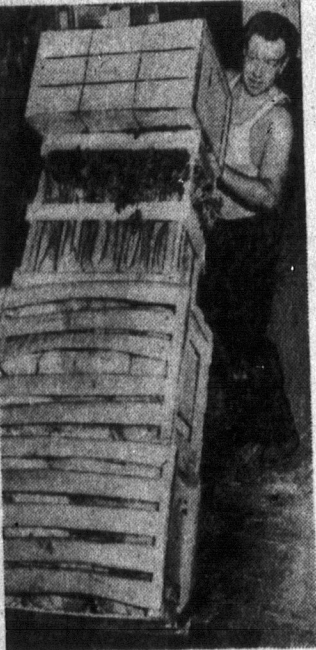
HIT EASING DIMOUT

BOSTON—The NLU here has protested lifting of the dimout, charging it endangers the lives of seamen.

They Understand Publishers' Woes

WASHINGTON—The Guildman, local publication of the Washington Newspaper Guild, now comes out printed, and carrying advertising. Heretofore it had been mimeographed.

Gregg Frankel, Guild administrative officer and former ad man, said advertising will help pay the added costs. "Heretofore," says the Guildman, "let no one accuse the Guild of not understanding the other side. We now are surrounded by all the usual publishers' problems—newsprint shortage and advertising leakage included."



HARRY P. BAGLEY
He's still around

statement under the Guild contract preferential rehiring clause.

CIO at New High in Membership

PHILADELPHIA (FP)—CIO membership figures are the highest they have ever been. Pres. Philip Murray indicated in his report to the 6th convention.

Present total is 5,500,000, as of Aug. 31, 1943. 500,000 more than at the same time last year. Of those, 1,104,936 were added during the past 12 months, Murray said, but some 600,000 members went into the armed forces.

The total membership figures do not include members in the armed forces.

CINCY MEMBER DIES IN MISHAP

CINCINNATI—Staff Sgt. Clifford R. (Tipple) Morgan, 25, former teletype operator for the Cincinnati Post, was killed in a truck accident during maneuvers in Georgia.

He is the first casualty among Cincinnati Guild members in service. Sgt.

Morgan entered the army in the spring of 1941 and for a while was assigned to the teletype school at Ft. Knox. His latest station was at Townsend, Ga., with an air force personnel division.

LEAFLET LICENSE LOSSES IN COURT TEST

TOWSON, N. Y. (FP)—A local ordinance which required licenses for distribution of leaflets was ruled an unconstitutional bar to freedom of the press when two UERNW (CIO) organizers presented a test case.

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Reporters Seek To Lift Veil From Sales Tax Plans

(Continued from Page One)

Under rules which prevent amendments, is the most secretive committee in congress.

SHROUDED IN SECRECY

It has long had a rule, the origin of which is somewhat cloudy, holding that all business transacted in executive sessions is secret. It has strictly enforced this rule, often not even revealing the bare outlines of its action until it had leaked and forced publication.

Two years ago it tried to bottle up the entire treasury program for what was then the biggest tax bill in world history, and when PM broke the story, went to extreme lengths to find the source. The committee went into executive session and called the roll of its members, forcing each one to say whether he had given out the story. One member finally admitted he had given out the story because it was being leaked by other members in partial form.

Newspapermen covering the committee know that although its official spokesmen withhold information, there are constant leaks. The leaks come from the most reactionary members of the committee, and are usually given to reactionary papers, with the proper slant.

REVERTED TO FORM

Recently Doughton had become unusually liberal and had been disclosing the total vote on important issues. But on the sales tax vote, he reverted to old form.

"The liberals lived up to their 'gentlemen's agreement,' as they called it, to maintain secrecy. Their usual sources closed to them, even the conservative newspapermen were up in arms. All but one or two signed the protest.

After the next session of the committee, Doughton replied verbally with his usual secrecy. He contended that the committee was acting "in the public interest" and "not our own interests." He contended publication of incorrect reports on the vote would "embarrass" the press, but refused to admit it would embarrass the committee members.

CAMPAIGN NEEDED

Kautson said he didn't think members of the press should "try to find out how individual members voted."

What is really needed is an editorial campaign against the committee secrecy.

But the publishers, who can get so excited about secrecy in connection with an international food conference involving delicate foreign relations, can't seem to get excited about secrecy on the most important domestic issue of the day.

It's been going on for years, and probably will continue.

Guild Assisting War Chest Drive In Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The Jacksonville Newspaper Guild, along with other CIO unions here, are playing an important part in helping raise the \$428,179 sought by the Community War Chest this year.

Guild President Leigh Colley is chairman of the Chest's CIO division and also is a member of the Chest's budget committee.

All CIO affiliates have promised to at least double their donations over last year.

The campaign for funds was officially launched among the large New York bureau area of a jointly sponsored Community War Chest-CIO rally at which Mayor John T. Alsup, Chest, CIO and government officials were speakers.

Delays were experienced in securing manuals and proceedings due to labor shortages and heavy orders at the bindery.

Conciliator for AP Negotiations

Negotiations for a new Associated Press agreement covering the New York bureau area are proceeding with the aid of a federal conciliator. Guild negotiators have not receded from original proposals pending submission of payroll data by management.

SWEETLAND LEAVES

WASHINGTON—Monroe Sweetland, director of the National CIO War Relief Committee, has resigned to accept a position overseas with the American Red Cross.

N. Y. Packs 'em In at Canteen



ANG President Milton Murray dropped in to say hello at the second weekly Canteen at the New York Guild club. Murray was in New York for the International Executive Board meeting. Murray drew applause and smiles when he assured the servicemen and canteen girls he was not going to make a speech, and left the mike after saying hello.

NEW YORK—Three weeks of the New York Guild Canteen, run by more than 300 Guildswomen, aided by members of the Women's Auxiliary, have made Friday night at the Guild Club a red letter date for American and Allied servicemen, stationed in New York or passing through the city.

More than 1,000 soldiers and sailors, both Navy and Merchant Marine, have been entertained—the number being restricted only by the capacity of the club. The first night a "Halloween party" brought 460 servicemen. The doors had to be closed to newcomers long before the midnight closing.

Scores of the boys, asked for suggestions, have declared the Canteen, young as it is, already tops every other in the city. The success formula includes:

The girls, free beer, girls, informal songsters around a piano, tasty sandwiches, girls, entertainment by top stars of stage, screen and radio, girls, dancing to the music of famous name bands—and girls.

Typical of the entertainment, the second Canteen Night presented Tommy Tucker and his orchestra, from the Roxy Theatre show; John Kirby and his orchestra; Danny Kaye and the Ink Spots.

Best indication of the Canteen's success, of course, comes from the servicemen. One soldier, who had done a fair amount of canteen-hopping, said flatly:

"The Guild Canteen is the best thing in New York. The guys have more fun here because it's not so formal and stiff as the other places."

Manuals, Convention Proceedings Ready

With the AUXILIARY

Meet Esther MacLean, secretary of the Denver Guild Auxiliary, and wife of Larry MacLean, ANG International Representative. "Brownie" as Esther is known to her friends, is a Guild widow—due to Larry's constant traveling on Guild business. Although she received her B.S. at South Dakota State College in Brookings, and this she can teach anywhere, she has been teaching in Denver, Colorado, for the past summer found Brownie busy helping the women in Burnham district, on the outskirts of Denver, to can the surplus of tomatoes. She is a camp of victory gardens and has been a very active member. She is nothing new about the war, for in the past few years back, had charge of an FSA "Ole" camp, at Yakima, Wash. She also bakes cookies and is hostess at the USO camp in the Union Station, where she and her friends keep a home going one of the group. "Brownie" has a lot of friends and neighbors who keep a helping hand.

CONGRESS OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARIES CONVENTION

Gathered from Butte (Mont.), Los Angeles, Port Arthur (Texas), New Orleans, New York, Maine, and points in between, 75 auxiliary women from locals, city and state councils, and from internationals, spent four exciting, busy days hammering out a program for helping the CIO win-the-war campaign.

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1. That we were making ourselves an arsenal of democracy
2. How we and our Allies were using the tanks, guns and planes
3. What we and the United Nations were fighting for.

A straight newspaper style instead of a Goebbels pattern drum-beating is, according to Latin Americans to whom I have talked, the greatest reason for En Guardia's success. They say its effectiveness is based on:

The fact that Latin Americans are accustomed to honest news from the U. S. (Most of the news is from the U. S. wire news agency.)

NO NAME-CALLING

Absence of name-calling at enemy (staple No. 1 of propaganda).

Avoidance of phony claims (newsreel theatres in Buenos Aires, for example, are still featur-

Clear-cut explanations of Atlantic Charter and other war aims (Nazis rarely men-

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LABOR PRESS THREAT IS MIXED BY WLB

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Barely had congressman MacMurray finished speaking when the president in telegram arrived from Midland. MacMurray asked the convention to sponsor a charge against the administration. He was asking the convention to sponsor a vigorous letter writing campaign in support of the president. He was sending the next message to congress on food subsidies.

"This the convention promptly did, and now, gals, it's up to you," he said. "There is no time to lose. We're going to get the prohibition of subsidies in HR 3477, and then we'll get the bill to work with the committee to protect the consumer. Send copies of your communication to us. We're glutted for business."

No account of the CWA convention was complete without a reference to the speech of the young Eleanor Roosevelt, the first woman to appear at the convention. Urging her listeners to "become more active in the fight against the forces of reaction," she was reckoned with as "political entities" she said. "The boys are going to get the bill, and we're going to get the bill. We're going to come back and ask, 'How did you use your citizenship in this country?'"

NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

Denver—All auxiliary women have stocked their shelves with home-canned goods to save ration points for others. Isleta Hamus had an especially fine victory garden. She supplied herself and friends with vegetables all summer, and canned 125 quarts of tomatoes. Elizabeth Byron, Frances Smith and Pat Liden helped the Guild by

New York—Entertainment by Uptown Cafe Society's comedians Jimmy Sava, and harmonica player John Sebastian will be featured at the N. Y. Guild Auxiliary's fourth birthday ball Nov. 20 at the N. Y. Guild club. John T. McManus Guild President, will be master of ceremonies. Proceeds will be shared by Guild Servicemen's Welfare Committee.

Seattle—The Auxiliary is sending gifts to every Guild member in overseas service. The Guild is giving most of the money. The auxiliary is doing the rest.

Buffalo—President Irma Soibelman, and Secretary Esther Soibelman were present at the New York State CIO convention, held in Buffalo. They discussed auxiliary work with Bea Abramson and Mabel Pollock, who also attended, and with Brother and Mrs. Tom Rose of Syracuse who expressed great interest in the work.

All WA-ANG news for THE GUILD REPORTER should be mailed to Bea Abramson, c/o New York Newspaper Guild, 40 East 40th Street, New York City. Copy should reach the New York address by 7th of the month for the issue of the 15th, and by the 21st for the issue of the 1st. Pictures must be in hand at least a day earlier than these deadlines to allow for retouching and engraving.

Free Riders Taken for Ride

BOSTON—Elmer Delew, Herald Traveler unit treasurer, took the free riders for a ride last month. Instead of posting the usual list of members delinquent, Delew posted a cartoon showing them comfortably riding in a limousine. Each free rider was labeled.

At the top was a statement (not complimentary) about free riders by Publisher Robert R. Choate, who will do almost anything to attract new members to the Guild shop.

granting the same

Caught on the Run

When a panel of the regional War Labor Board approved maintenance of membership for Time, Inc., this comment was made in the opinion:

"After due consideration, therefore, the majority of the panel has come to the conclusion that on its record as a responsible union, sincerely co-operating in the prosecution of the war, the Guild under the established policy of the National War Labor Board is entitled to a maintenance of membership clause in this case."

CORRECTION DEPARTMENT

Fair play division

When we reported the Washington Star gave only 17 lines of Guild arguments in a column and a half story on the WLB hearing on union security for the Guild, we were only half right.

That was true for the early story, as early leads necessarily included only publisher arguments. (Publishers were at bat first.)

Next day the Star carried a column story, fifty-fifty Guild and publisher arguments.

Media Records reports a 13 percent gain in ad lineage for the first three quarters of 1943 over 1942. More than half the gain was in classified, but display was up over 8 percent. Even auto lineage was way up.

And September ad figures were 21 percent higher than 1942.

LIFE IN NEW YORK

Tax & license section

Moving has its complexities.

Two water coolers, with refrigerator units, were installed in the new ANG offices. All went well until a fire inspector made his rounds. It developed the City of New York has a tax on refrigerator units which have a noxious gas under pressure. (Ours is sulphur dioxide.)

Secretary-Treasurer Rodgers paid the man \$1 for the license to avoid penalty charges and we will receive a pretty certificate which must be "prominently displayed in a central place."

The money goes into the mayor's sinking fund.

The tax applies only to commercial establishments so there is no tax (yet) on home refrigerators.

Bill Rodgers thinks some kind of recognition is due the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild — just a year old—for the excellent way it keeps its records.

At hand is the annual audit, made by a special committee, which delved into all the books, records, down to records of collectors. They checked canceled checks and receipted bills, and the cash book.

All in order.

Says the report: "The Guild accounts are kept on forms recommended by and purchased from the American Newspaper Guild, which have been developed over a period of years and have proven satisfactory."

The local publishes financial statements monthly in its local Guild Bulletin.

CRITICS' CORNER

Hearst section

Hearst's New York Mirror did an abrupt about face on its opinion of "The North Star," movie about Russia. On Nov. 7 the magazine section had a review which lauded the film, calling it "one of the most vivid of all war dramas."

That was true, however, for about 1,500,000 readers.

According to PM, Hearst meanwhile issued orders the movie was to be described as "pure Bolshevik propaganda." The Mirror then reprinted.

So 300,000 readers found "the chief's" instructions translated into a review. However, the film is playing to two capacity houses in Manhattan.

The American Legion Post at the Ford Willow Run plant is named for the late Edsel Ford.

Edsel Ford was deferred from the draft in World War I when Woodrow Wilson personally intervened for him.

Elizabeth Fetes ANG Officials At Annual Dance

ELIZABETH, N. J. — A dance featured by a jitterbug contest and songs by members was held by the Guild here to celebrate its first anniversary and recent payment of retroactive wage increases under the Guild contract. Guests of honor were William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer, Walter Engels, regional vice president, and Wilbur Bade, ANG director of organization, and their wives.

Walter Clauss, vice president of the local, was master of ceremonies and chairman of the committee making arrangements. Refreshments were on the Guild.

The "no speeches" rule was broken for Rodgers, as members had met Engels and Bade on other occasions. Rodgers congratulated the Elizabeth Guild on its fine contract and excellent first-year record.

Orchids were presented to wives of the three ANG officials "as recognition for the part wives play in Guild work."

War stamps were awarded as prizes in the jitterbug contest.

"Copy Boy! Boy! Oh, Boy! Boy O-Boy"



It Seems to Us...

HITS FALSE CHARGE IN LOS ANGELES PAPER

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

For the enlightenment of many Guildsmen, especially any unsuspecting members of the Los Angeles Guild, an extremely malicious and irresponsible charge contained in a "news" item on Page 1 of the Oct. 4 issue of the Los Angeles Guildsman should be nailed for what it is—a transparent lie.

When an issue of the Los Angeles Guild organ reached me (apparently sent by the L.A. Guild) I was glad, albeit considerably shocked, to learn what sort of false propaganda is passed off by its editors as "news."

The paragraphs in question state:

"Biggest disappointment of the election was the defeat by the slim margin of 119 votes of Jack McManus, president of the New York Guild. His defeat, brought about through the administration's gerrymandering of the boundary lines of Region 5, again deprives the ANG's largest local and its largest financial supporter of a voice in Guild affairs. . . . Boundary lines of the region were changed under the present administration to offset the New York vote with the big Philadelphia-Camden, Pittsburgh and other administration locals."

Those are the charges. What are the facts?

The record of the Boston convention will show that the boundary lines of Region 5 were changed, not by the "administration" but by vote of the convention, with Los Angeles, New York and all other locals concurring.

Purpose of the change should be known by now to all Guildsmen. It was to eliminate the then defunct Region 5 comprising only Canada.

What were the political effects of the change in the region which before and after the change included New York City? It subtracted between 300 and 400 administration votes and about 100 anti-administration votes, as the record of the referendum will show.

Specifically, it subtracted the votes of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In those states the administration vote ranged from 345 for Lapine to 403 for Cole. The "anti" vote ranged from 92 for Jackson to 103 for Caine.

Thus, there is every reason to expect, on this basis, that Engels would have received about 400 additional votes and McManus

about 100 additional had the regional boundaries been left unchanged by the convention. McManus had the boundaries not been changed, would thus have been beaten by a 400-vote margin, rather than the 119 vote edge he had in the revamped region.

And the unsuspecting Guildsmen need only consult the 1942-43 ANG Manual to find out for themselves that "the big Philadelphia-Camden, Pittsburgh and other administration locals" which piled up the vote against McManus were in the same region with New York City before the boundaries were changed.

Pennsylvania, of course, always has been in the same region as New York. And Philadelphia and Pittsburgh—for the information of the apparently unschooled Los Angeles Guildsman editors—not only are in Pennsylvania now, but also always have been.

The point is, the boundary change was made by the convention, not the "administration" and the convention, with the administration and the "antis" concurring, properly "gerrymandered" the administration out of at least 300 votes in a region where the balloting was bound to be close.

WARREN PHILLIPS,

President, Rochester Guild.

SPECIAL SOS FOR MARRIED "JEEPS"

MEMPHIS.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

This is my "debut" in writing a letter to The Guild Reporter. And though it has no bearing whatsoever on Guild activities, I would be grateful if this strange request could see the "light of type" in The Guild Reporter, which reaches so many fellow Guildsmen.

My wife is making a blanket, in a military motif, for our heir or heiress apparent (soon due) and requires the use of insignias that adorn the upper left sleeve of most soldiers.

If there are any fellow Guildsmen currently assigned to divisions, corps, an airborne division, brigades or other units that sport an insignia, I'd be grateful if he would forward one to me, for which I would be willing to reimburse him. Or I will send him an insignia of my organization, if desired.

You married "jeeps" will understand.

SGT. BEN SCHNEIDER,

Hq. Barracks,

2nd Army Hq.,

Memphis 15, Tenn.

P.S.—Member of World-Telly Unit since May 1935—until induction.

WECHSLER CALLED BEST ITEM IN GR

DETROIT.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

This fellow Flint at Youngstown has something. Why push the Wechsler column around. It was the first thing and the best thing I ever read in The Guild Reporter, including Brother Murray's remarks.

Futhermore the column does not even appear in the current issue. It's a lot more important than whether Bade finds it necessary to prove he can read or write. We could not only stand more of Wechsler but could stand a lot more similar material.

CHARLES M. WAGONER.

(Editor's Note: Wechsler was swamped, unable to prepare a column last issue. Wechsler regretted this; so did we and Brother Wagoner. Brother Murray has sent in no columns since mid-August.)

PROPOSE BOUQUET FOR BOSTON WRITER

BOSTON.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I think a bouquet should go to the Boston Traveler's Sara White, who wrote that paper's story about the AFL convention resolution which made page one of the Nov. 1 Guild Reporter. A conscientious reporter, Sister White perused carefully each day the printed report of the convention proceedings. When she read the Washington story on Green's assistance to the publishers, she recalled the convention resolution on the press coverage. She dug it out and wrote the story which the Traveler published.

GERALD HAVEY,
Herald-Traveler Unit.

Four Grievances Won at N.Y. Times

NEW YORK — Four grievance cases which had been pending for some time were settled satisfactorily by the New York Times unit grievance committee.

Two of the cases involved arbitrary discharges by department heads which was settled with the Guildsmen returning to their former jobs.

One case was a claim for severance pay. The fourth was a dismissal of a Guildsman because of personal differences with his department head. The Guildsman was transferred to another department.

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