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Stepping Out



—Cartoon by John Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

It's Fair Enough—Pegler Gets the Guild a Member

WASHINGTON—It's fair enough.

Westbrook Pegler, Scripps-Howard labor-hating columnist, gets credit for helping get Guild members.

Recently Pegler had two columns insulting Mrs. Roosevelt, and taking a few pot shots at the Guild in general.

After reading Pegler's ranting about Mrs. Roosevelt, Selden Menefee telephoned the Washington Newspaper Guild and asked Gregg Frankel, administrative officer, to send an application card over right away.

Pegler's vituperations had convinced Menefee, he should be in the Guild, and right away. (In writing of a World-Telegram Guild meeting back in 1936, Pegler said he met "a lot of horn-rimmed greasy strangers.")

Menefee is special writer for the Washington Post, and Washington correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, and author of the current best seller, "Assignment USA."

Guild Is Winner in NLRB Vote At the Quincy Patriot Ledger

QUINCY, Mass.—Members of the editorial department of the Quincy Patriot Ledger selected the Newspaper Guild of Boston as their collective bargaining agent in an NLRB election. The vote was 7 to 3 with one not voting. The Quincy group is a unit of the Boston Guild.

Unit organization was begun by John Corcoran of the Brockton Guild, executive secretary of the New England District Council. Others who assisted in completing organization work included Amasa Howe, Boston Guild president; ANG Vice President George Harris, and Gerald Havey and Frank Toronto of Boston Guild.

SOME COERCION

Management refused to grant recognition on evidence of a signed majority and a consent NLRB election was held.

The election was featured by thinly veiled attempts to influence employes into voting against the Guild. A non-member sought to spread intimidation, and an executive who interviewed members hinted at promotions and other gains, implying these would be forthcoming if the vote went against the Guild.

BONUS ON ELECTION DAY

When Boston Guild officials called on management protesting acts of coercion and intimidation, the business manager promised to investigate, but replied "if the employes want to get tough with us, we'll get tough with them."

Although management passed out its usual $5 Christmas bonus on election day, the Guild won the election despite loss of several members who had gone into the armed forces.

Contract proposals have been drafted and negotiations will be requested shortly.

Milwaukee Is First With Political Fund Contribution

The Milwaukee Guild was first under the wire with a contribution for the National CIO Political Action Committee, sending in a check for $40. The collection was made at a membership meeting where necessity for political action was discussed, according to J. Nash McCrea, Milwaukee Guild treasurer.

Second local to report was Dayton, Ohio, where members contributed $10.

Listed Missing

WASHINGTON—Richard Scholtz, who wrote a column on the News, is listed as missing in action. He was a torpedo bomber in the Navy.

NOW THE STORY COMES OUT

Green Tells Why He Helped Publisher in Fight on Guild

DETROIT—The real story of why AFL President William Green opposed maintenance of membership for the American Newspaper Guild has come out. The facts were revealed in a letter from Green to the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor (AFL).

His reason for helping the publisher of the New York Times fight the Guild, Green explained, was because the Guild is CIO. "We are not fighting for the establishment and maintenance of dual, rebel, rival movements," Green wrote.

His letter was in reply to a query over a Guild protest received by the federation in Detroit. The AFL has steadfastly fought for the enjoyment of closed shops for members of the AFL, Green said in his letter, but not for outsiders.

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Times publisher, at a War Labor Board hearing on maintenance of membership quoted Green as saying he was opposed to the closed shop "or the present form of maintenance of membership in the newspaper industry." Green added, at that time, he felt this way even if an AFL union were involved.

However, in explaining his assistance to a publisher in a fight against the Guild to the Detroit federation, Green stressed his opposition was merely because the Guild was CIO, and that the AFL has fought for the closed shop for its members "but not for outsiders."

Green also had complained the AFL was unable to get a fair break in the news because the Guild was CIO. However, the same day Green was aiding Sulzberger, delegates to the AFL convention in Boston unanimously adopted a resolution thanking newspapers which reported the proceedings "with traditional fairness and impartiality." The majority of reporters at the press table at the AFL conclave were Guild members.

In his Detroit letter, Green also revealed opposition to the Guild as stemming from the fact the Guild had been assisted by $2,000 for organization work while in the AFL, and which had not been repaid when the Guild went CIO.

Green did not indicate he would oppose union security for the Guild if the assistance were repaid. It long has been the practice and custom of parent groups like the AFL and CIO to assist unions on organization work.

Manchester to Join State CIO Council

MANCHESTER, N. H.—Members of the manchester Newspaper Guild have voted to affiliate with the New Hampshire State CIO Council. James Mahony was named delegate to the council.

Syracuse Names New Secretary

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — Wilbur Evans, Post-Standard reporter, has been named by the executive committee of Syracuse Newspaper Guild (ANG 143) as secretary to succeed Merle A. Jones, who recently joined the Navy.

RAISES GIVEN TO WAR FUND

NEW YORK—When the $3 pay increase under the new Mirror contract was paid, members contributed their first week's increase to the War Fund drive. In two days $450 was collected, with indications all members would contribute before the drive ended.

Eubanks Protests WLB Delay Over Union Security Decision

The delay of the National War Labor Board in reaching a decision in regard to union security in Guild contracts was protested again this week by Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president.

Weekly, since the hearing, Eubanks and William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary treasurer, have been in touch with WLB officials in an effort to secure a decision. (Washington rumors are that the decision has been reached but has not been prepared for reporting out.)

In his letter to William H. Davis, WLB chairman, Eubanks said the delay in reaching a decision on the question of maintenance of membership clauses in Guild contracts "is complicating the already difficult problems this union faces during the war."

Eubanks pointed out the issue was submitted to the WLB Oct. 15 and that maintenance of membership is an issue in dispute in more than 25 Guild contracts which have been referred to the national board for settlement.

WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Spangler, GOP Pilot, Is Merely Brake on Republican Bandwagon

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—It seems to me that the saddest sight on the local horizon is a bungling gent named Harrison Spangler.

In case you have not done any light reading lately, Mr. Spangler requires introduction as the chairman of the Republican National Committee.

He walks like an ordinary man but he talks like a professional bore. Closely resembling a cross between Guy Kibbee and Alexander Throttlebottom, he can muff almost any ball with the ease of a utility outfielder in the Three-Eye league.

BUT HE DOES IT WELL

It is not always easy to figure out precisely what Mr. Spangler is doing, but superficial research indicates he has spent the last few months nullifying any gains made by the Republican party. Almost any time that things look really dreary for the administration, Spangler talks, which evens things up again. He usually says nothing, badly, and at length.

At least that is what happened throughout the summer and autumn, and one reason for going into the subject now is that Spangler has not issued a statement within the last 72 hours.

1944 MAY BE CLOSE

There is a visible fear in high administration circles that Spangler has been dragged into a conspiracy of silence.

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If he stays that way, the GOP may hold Maine and eVrmont.

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However, there is a more serious side to the discussion. The truth (at least according to Dr. Gallup and other available statisticians) is that the Republicans have registered some progress in a lot of places.

While the progress does not quite warrant the wild whoops of victory which Spangler has released at bi-weekly intervals, there is every reason to believe that 1944 will be a pretty close contest.

SCORECARD NEEDED

Which is not an evil thing for democracy, especially since you can't tell the Southern Democrats from many of the Northern Republicans without a scorecard.

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If John E. Rankin were to dictate the next Democratic nomi-

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N. Y. Demands Apology as Navy Bars McManus from Sub Base

Refusal of the Navy department to approve John T. McManus, New York Guild president and PM movie critic, for a trip to the submarine base at New London, Conn., in connection with publicity for a Hollywood movie brought sharp protest and a demand for an apology by the officers of the New York local.

The Navy department, in approving the list of movie reviewers and press agents with the sole exception of McManus, gave no reason for its action.

The incident was publicized by several Broadway columnists a week after the trip.

The trip was sponsored by a Hollywood producer in connection with a new movie, and the party visited the submarine base on Dec. 22. McManus' invitation was withdrawn on Dec. 21.

A telegram, signed by six officers of the local, asked Navy Secretary Knox for an apology for "this damaging and uncalled for action and an immediate investigation. We request that you inform our president frankly for the reasons of the action taken by your subordinate."

The wire also said "Mr. McManus' patriotism is unquestioned. His effort for victory of the United Nations is beyond reproach both as movie critic and as president of the New York Guild."

$86,000 More Pay in Four Contracts

Four new Guild contracts provide $86,000 in annual pay increases, including a sizeable chunk of retroactive pay increases. A number of other agreements providing substantial pay boosts are are before the Panel for approval.

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Washington $26,000

WASHINGTON — The Washington Newspaper Guild climaxed its most successful bargaining year as members of the Times-Herald and Daily News units divided $13,900 in back pay due under new contracts.

The two contracts represent about $26,000 in raises annually.

Just approved by the WLB, the payoffs came just in time for Christmas.

Contracts on all four local dailies now have been renewed with substantial wage increases, and all four contracts have been approved by the Panel.

The Daily News paid off $2,900 in retroactive raises on Dec. 6 with editorial employes collecting an average of $100 each on raises of $2.50 to $4 per week beginning last May 3.

The Times-Herald paid $11,000 retroactive raises Dec. 20 with the average check about $95. Raises dated back to June 30.

Meanwhile, the contracts gains won by the Guild in editorial departments this year on all papers have attracted the ad and commercial department employes and large majorities have been signed on both the Evening Star and the Times-Herald. Preliminary discussions have been held with managements.

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Seattle $5,000

SEATTLE—The Seattle Newspaper Guild has advanced another step in its steady march to improve wage and working conditions by signing a contract with the Seattle Star calling for increases totaling approximately $5,000 annually.

The agreement brings retroactive pay for 28 members.

THIRD SEATTLE PACT

The Star contract, now before the newspaper industry panel of the War Labor Board, is the third to be signed with Seattle papers during the past first months.

Two of these—with the Star and Hearst's Post-Intelligencer—were renewals.

The third was an initial contract with the Seattle Times. The WLB has approved the P-I and Times pacts which contained substantial increases.

NEW PROTECTION

Negotiations were handled for the Guild by William Golden, Seattle Guild president, Stuart Whitehouse, Star unit chairman, and James Farmer, former ANG vice president. Management was represented by Howard Parrish, publisher, and Frank Webster, business manager.

A gain was made by the Guild in a new military service clause which contains protection for members in the event of a national labor draft. Provisions provide that in case members are forced into other industry by government order they will be returned to their former jobs with severance pay and other rights unimpaired.

INSURANCE CLAUSE

Another clause, pioneered by the Guild in the Pacific Northwest, was one in which the publisher agrees to purchase $1,500 government life insurance for those entering military service.

The pact runs from Jan. 1, 1944, to Jan. 1, 1946, with an interim reopening clause for wages. All increases will be added to the minimums.

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Cleveland $55,000

CLEVELAND—Approval of a 9 per cent wage increase was granted this week to employes in the editorial and business departments of the Cleveland Press.

The increase amounts to approximately $55,000 a year and is the first general wage raise gained at the Scripps-Howard paper.

Other improvements in the contract included an increase in top minimums for reporters and advertising salesmen to $60 a week, an improved military clause which provides for return of servicemen to their same positions or comparable ones without dimunition in pay and an increase in dismissal pay from 26 weeks top to a 30-week top on the basis of one week's pay for each eight months of service.

The new pay rates will be reflected in the Jan. 4 payrolls and the retroactive pay, dating back to July 12, will be paid shortly after and will total to 24 weeks.

Other gains in the new contract include the Guild leave of absence clause and an improved overtime clause.

The contract was negotiated by Milton Lapine, ANG vice president and treasurer of the local, and William M. Davy, executive secretary of the local.

CIO WINS CAMEL CIGARET PLANTS

WINSTON-SALEM—Climaxing a two year organizing campaign, the CIO won bargaining rights by a vote of more than two to one in a final election covering the 12,000 workers at the R. J. Reynolds plants. The Tobacco Workers Organizing Cammittee of UCAPAWA-CIO polled 6,822 votes. The R. J. Reynolds Employees Association (company union) polled 3,175 votes. Reynolds manufactures Camel cigarets.

Ghost Walks for Christmas



Photo by Guildsman Berkeley Payne.

Just in time for Christmas was the $11,000 in retroactive pay increases to the Washington Times-Herald editorial employes. Above Jane Cromer is pictured getting her check from Richard Warner of the payroll department. Miss Cromer, educational page editor, was chosen the Front Page Girl of 1943 at the Washington Guild's birthday ball. Payoff came within a week of WLB approval of pay boosts.

Conciliation Fails for New York AP

11 DISPUTED ISSUES ARE TO BE CERTIFIED TO WLB

NEW YORK—Conciliation efforts have failed to bring agreement on a complete new contract covering employes of the New York bureau of the Associated Press.

U. S. Conciliator Harry Young has recommended certification of the following remaining disputed issues to the National War Labor Board:

1. Union security. (Including preferential hiring and dues checkoff.)

2. The 5-day, 40-hour week and time and one-half in cash for overtime for all employes (including financial tabulators now on a 6-day week).

3. Wages: New minimums for three classifications (a) newsmen, news photographers, radio newsmen, artists, cartoonists and retouchers. (b) Photo printers. (c) Financial tabulators. A 15 percent general increase for all not so increased by new minimums.

4. Retroactivity on wage increase to Sept. 1, 1943, expiration date of old contract.

5. No pay cuts.

6. A 10 per cent night differential.

7. Differentials of $10 and $5 for trick and assistant trick editors.

8. Guaranteed advancement opportunities.

9. Individual job security, providing no dismissals except for just and sufficient cause, and notice to Guild of contemplated dismissals.

10. Reduction to six months of press association experience qualification for newsmen, etc.

11. Effective date of contract.

Improvements in the agreed sections of the new contract include the sick leave provision, which specifies that after three months' service and less than six months, an employe is entitled to at least one week at full pay.

For six months and less than one year—one week full pay and one week half pay; one year and less than two years—one week full pay and two weeks' half pay; two years and over—full pay of one week for each year of continuous service and if the illness goes beyond that period, then half pay to the same number of weeks to which the employe is entitled to full pay.

The ceiling on severance pay is raised from 28 to 30 weeks, with the rate of a week for each six months of service.

For the first time the contract has a holiday clause, guaranteeing at least three holidays a year.

Added to the experience definition for newsmen is a provision for counting experience in a radio network newsroom or comparable full-time news writing and processing on a radio station having a news staff of at least three.

New higher wage minimums have been agreed to in all but three classifications.

Negotiations, begun last August, were in charge of ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, assisted by Jean Weinstein of the ANG staff, and John F. Ryan and then Thomas Murphy, New York Guild organizers.



Courtesy of the Call

LIBEL ACTION NAMES CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — The National Maritime Union is suing the Chicago Tribune for $200,000 in a libel action as a result of the Tribune's publishing the repeatedly denied story that sick and wounded Marines had to unload ships at Guadalcanal because NMU members refused to work on Sunday.

New Agreement In San Jose Sets $10,000 Raises

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Pay increases which will total some $10,000 annually are provided in the new contract between the San Jose Mercury Herald and the San Jose Evening News and the San Jose Newspaper Guild, which now is awaiting panel approval.

The contract, which calls for an increased pay schedule in all departments, grants retroactive pay to Aug. 16. Increases range from a minimum of $10 monthly to $28 monthly under the contract, with some individual increases running higher.

Experienced editorial workers under the new contract will receive $220 monthly, after six years, a boost of $25 over the present scale. Display advertising men will get $200 after four years. The new contract for the first time sets up classifications in the commercial departments, providing for graded increases for clerks, statistical clerks, junior bookkeepers, bookkeeping machine operators and telephone operators.

The contract also provides for increased automobile expense allowance and other gains. Covering some 70 persons, including the janitorial staff for the first time, the contract was negotiated with the Hayes company by Charles DeLorenzo, advertising man and San Jose Newspaper Guild president, and Stanley Waldorf, rewrite man and Guild vice president.

Hospitalized Soldiers Feted

WASHINGTON—The Washington Newspaper Guild played Santa Claus to wounded veterans in local hospitals with armfuls of brightly-wrapped Christmas parcels.

Both the auxiliary and the Guild war activities committee contributed cheer to hospitalized servicemen.

Each member of the activities committee under the chairmanship of Betty Norton, which has adopted a whole ward in one hospital, sent a gift through the Guild office. Guildsmen who could not find time to shop and gift-wrap presents got committee members to do it for them.

START SHOP PAPERS

BOSTON—Monthly shop papers have been inaugurated at the two major Boston units. At the Herald-Traveler the publication is called the Herald-Traveler News while the Record-American paper is called On the Record.

WHEN TWO GUILDSMEN MEET IN BATTLE THEY JUST TALK GUILD

BOSTON — When two Guildsmen meet, even in battle, they talk Guild, Cpl. James H. Bustard said on his return home here after six months overseas with the Army Air Force.

Cpl. Bustard, who was Boston Guild treasurer when inducted into the Army, revealed that when he met a fellow Guilsman from Philadelphia in the heat of the battle for Sicily they talked over Guild affairs.

The Philadelphia member was Robert H. G. Dunn, formerly of the Philadelphia Record. He said Dunn had been wounded and had received the Purple Heart award.

Cpl. Bustard is home on special assignment and has been in the Army 16 months, the last six overseas. He has two stars on his European theater ribbon, for the Gela and Salerno battles. He saw almost every city in North Africa, but did not get to do much sightseeing in Italy.

Cpl. Bustard declared the girls in the United States still are the most beautiful in the world—especially one.



CPL. JAMES H. BUSTARD
He met a Guildsman

Ship to Carry Proud Name Back to Wars

VESSEL NAMED FOR GUILDSMAN THUSGAARD, WAR PHOTOGRAPHER

By WALTER ENGELS
New York Guild

A 10,500-ton Liberty ship slid down the ways of the Bethlehem-Fairchild yards at Baltimore on Dec. 17, carrying on its bow—back to the wars—the proud name of Carl Thusgaard.

Thusgaard, an Acme-War Pool cameraman and a Guild member, was the first American photographer killed in action in World War II. He was killed over New Guinea last July 20.

The ship, launched at the same yards where the Heywood Broun was launched, was one of a number of Liberty ships named after war correspondents who died in action.

SPONSORED BY WIDOW

The vessel was sponsored by Mrs. Madeline Thusgaard, the widow. As the ship slid down the ways into the water, Thusgaard's nine-year-old daughter, Anne, who was on the rostrum with the launching party, wept bitterly.

Two New York Guild members participated in the launching ceremony. Michael J. Ackerman, who returned recently from the North African theatre and who worked with Thusgaard at Acme Newspictures, paid tribute to the latter's courage and ability.

Joseph Costa of the New York Daily News, president of the New York Press Photographers Association, said that the naming of this ship was a tribute not only to Thusgaard, but also all the photographers who are risking their lives daily in the battle areas.

Widow Launches Liberty Ship Thusgaard



Acme Photo.

Mrs. Madeline Thusgaard, widow of Carl Thusgaard, first war cameraman to lose his life in action in the war, launches the Liberty ship bearing her husband's name by crashing a bottle of champagne against the bow. Left to right are Anne Thusgaard, the late photographer's nine-year-old daughter; Joseph Costa, president of the New York Press Photographers Association; Michael P. Ackerman, Acme photographer; Mrs. Thusgaard and W. S. Reynolds, production manager of the Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyard at Baltimore.

Thusgaard was one of the best liked and most respected news photographers in New York. He had been a motor cycle rider for Acme two years before he became a staff photographer in 1933. After 10 years of routine assignments he volunteered for war correspondent's work.

Misfortune dogged his footsteps from the beginnings of his new job. He was scarcely out of the country when he received word that his son, Carl, Jr., aged 2, who had achieved famg as a child model, had died suddenly of peritonitis. Thusgaard was in the New Guinea jungles when he received news of his son's death.

Three weeks later he and William Boni of the Associated Press were on assignment at Nassau Bay, where they were bombed and strafed by a Japanese plane as they were leaving the harbor on a landing barge. Boni received nine shell splinter wounds, but Thusgaard was uninjured.

PLANE SHOT DOWN

About three weeks later Carl went on a mission over Madang which was completed successfully and on which he made many action photographs.

On the return trip to the base the bomber in which Thusgaard was riding was attacked by nine enemy planes, and after shooting down two, the bomber was shot down and all on board were presumed lost.

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Official word arrived in a dispatch signed by Gen. Douglas MacArthur which said, among other things:

"Carl Thusgaard courageously went wherever and whenever duty called and he discharged the important functions of war correspondent with credit to himself and to Acme Newspictures and with value to his country. He earned the warm personal regard and esteem of all who knew him."

CAME TO U. S. IN 1925

Carl was 39 years old when he was killed. Born in Denmark, he had attended the University of Copenhagen and had then spent two years in the Danish Army. His parents are believed still to be in occupied Denmark.

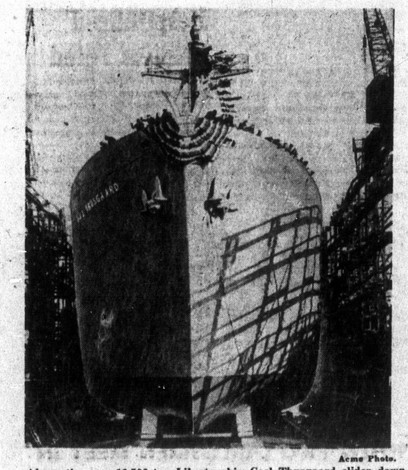
He came to this country in 1925 and became a citizen five years ago. He had many jobs before he entered the news picture field in 1931 and was known as an excellent camera mechanic as well as a top-notch cameraman. His pictures won many prizes in both the New York Press Photographers' annual exhibit and in the annual Editor & Publisher contest.

The war correspondents at General MacArthur's headquarters summed up their opinion of Carl which is shared by all his former associates in New York. In a message they sent back here after the news of his death was released, they said:

"No correspondent was a harder worker, or a better craftsman."



CARL THUSGAARD
His name lives on



Acme Photo.

Above the new 10,500-ton Liberty ship Carl Thusgaard slides down the Bethlehem-Fairchild ways at Baltimore.

LIAISON MAN

WASHINGTON (FP)—Ted F. Silvey will act as liaison man between the CIO and the WPB starting Feb. 1, CIO President Phil Murray has announced. Silvey was secretary-treasurer of the Ohio Industrial Union Council.

Newsprint Cut Stands as Paper Goes to War

WASHINGTON—Reductions in newsprint for newspapers which had been set for the first quarter of 1944 will remain in effect; the War Production Board ruled, despite the fact Canadian mills were prepared to continue the same supply as in 1943.

This means newspapers will be much slimmer than they have been.

In anticipation of the newsprint cut, some papers have begun to ration advertising. This step will be necessary in some cases because news space no longer can be compressed.

During the first newsprint cuts, many papers continued a business as usual attitude in regard to advertising, curtailing news space and eliminating some features. Sizes of comics were reduced.

The WPB decision not to relax or postpone the reduction for the first quarter of 1944 is "definite and final," WPB officials stated officially.

Reason for the decision was given thus:

"Recent additional unexpected and large strategic requirements for non-newsprint paper by the Army and Navy dictate the absolute necessity for maintaining the restrictions on newsprint.

"Vital paper for use in limitary operations must be made available. It cannot be furnished by easing newsprint restrictions."

Waste paper campaigns are being conducted in an effort to supply various paper products which might allow more newsprint by relieving the demand for pulpwood for other uses.

Scranton, Accustomed to High Initiation Fees, Finds a Limit

SCRANTON, Pa.—Accustomed to high initiation fees under the former Typographical union Newswriters Union No. 3, the new Scranton Guild bylaws committee set comparable high initiation schedules to become effective with the closing of the charter member roster.

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But then they bumped in to the constitutional provisions of the ANG which limit the size of initiation fees.

The bylaws committee, Mary Fellows Drummond, William Newhart, and Ed Donojue, felt happy about the whole thing.

When the bylaws were submitted to the IEB for approval, only modification directed was the matter of making initiating fees conform to the limits set by the ANG constitution.

BUY WAR BONDS
and give the change to the
MARCH OF DIMES

First Contract Signed by Guild In Rhode Island

BOSTON—The first Guild contract has been completed in Rhode Island with the signing of an agreement covering the editorial department of the Pawtucket Times.

Negotiations began shortly after the Guild won an NLRB election last March by a 21-1 vote. Discussions lasted eight months, including about two months with the aid of the U. S. Conciliation Service.

SIGNED DEC. 22

ANG Vice President George A. Harris was chief negotiator, assisted by Alwyn J. Lawson, former Boston Guild executive secretary.

Signed Dec. 22, the agreement runs for one year, with wage increases retroactive to Oct. 17.

Wage minimums are before the Panel for approval.

The contract sets the work week at 5 days and 40 hours, with six hours of overtime guaranteed each week. Eight holidays are provided, with time and a half for holiday work.

SERVICE PAY

The military service clause, based on the model, provides for two weeks' pay plus vacation pay for those entering service. A voluntary dues checkoff is included.

The Pawtucket members are a unit of the Boston Guild.

Leroy Cate is unit chairman and Louis Bernier is unit treasurer. Both recently were re-elected.

Unions Expose Plot to Conceal Labor Hoarding

LORAIN, Ohio (FP) — AFL and CIO unions have jointly exposed an employer plot to cover up inefficiency and labor hoarding in the American Shipbuilding Co. yard here.

First hint of employer plans was a series of inspired newspaper articles talking about unwarranted and unprecedented absenteeism at the yard. Businessmen, the Chamber of Commerce, and other employers were quoted on the terrible state of things. Absenteeism was around 20 percent, Yard Superintendent John Steinman declared. He added:

"We don't know whether the saloons are to blame, or what it is. But it is disgraceful that a war plant, building ships for the Navy and the Maritime Commission when we're at war, should have 700 or 800 employes fail to show up on the job every day." That was the sort of thing printed in the local papers.

AFL and CIO representatives on the regional War Manpower Commission learned that a survey had been made of conditions at the yard and that it showed inefficiency, labor hoarding and a number of other bad things for which management was responsible.

The publicity was a smoke-screen to cover up the company and throw the blame on labor if the facts should come out.

Plane Plants Warned Over Child Labor

WASHINGTON (FP) — Aircraft plants were advised not to place 16 and 17 year old workers on jobs listed as hazardous by the Dept. of Labor's children's bureau.

"The aircraft industry is one of the largest employers of young workers in wartime," Katherine F. Lenroot, bureau chief, said. "Many thousands of the two million 16 and 17 year olds now at work full or part-time are filling man-size jobs in this industry."

Gozzard, Detroit Treasurer, Goes Into the Army



LEONARD GOZZARD
Guild veteran

DETROIT — Leonard Gozzard, treasurer of the Detroit Guild since 1939, has been inducted into the Army, and will report for duty at Fort Sheridan, Ill., Jan. 10.

Gozzard was one of the original organizers of the Detroit Times business office, and was one of the pioneers who started organizing commercial employees even before the Guild's jurisdiction was broadened to take them in.

He has held office in the Detroit Guild ever since, serving as treasurer for the last three years.

He was a delegate to the Detroit and Boston conventions and served as a member of the finance committee at both meetings.

He is married, but has no children.

Guild President Ralph Novak has appointed Elsie Stan of the Times unit as temporary treasurer to replace Gozzard.

Baldinger Resumes Post as GR Editor

Wilbur Baldinger, Guild Reporter editor, resumes his duties effective Jan. 1 and will edit the next issue. Baldinger had been on sick leave for rest and treatment on doctor's orders since last Sept. 1. Since that time Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, also had been acting editor of the Guild Reporter.

T. Jeanne Tedesche, who had been assistant to the editor of the paper for Local 338 of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employes of America (CIO), was hired as Guild Reporter assistant. She will start early in January.

Edna Berger, administrative assistant, who had worked with Bade on organization and Guild Reporter work, will assist Miss Weinstein in the research department.

Better Food Urged As Manpower Aid

WASHINGTON (FP)—Better food and rest facilities are urgently needed to recruit and keep manpower in war plants, President Roosevelt said in letters to War Production Board head Donald Nelson, Admiral Emory S. Land of the U.S. Maritime Commission, Secretary of War Henry Stimson and Secretary of Navy Frank Knox.

Acting immediately on the President's appeal, Nelson ordered WPB's office of civilian requirements and labor production divisions to cooperate with OPA and War Food Administration in obtaining sufficient food for industrial feeding.

PRESIDENT 50 YEARS

CHICAGO—W. D. Mahon has been president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes (AFL) for 50 years.

Plastics Help OWI Distribute War Photos to South America

By EDNA BERGER

Faced with a problem of getting picture material to Latin and South American papers which did not have facilities for casting from matrices, the Office of War Information turned to plastics.

Sending metal electrotypes or photo engravings by airmail meant excessive costs, in addition to using up metal vitally needed at home.

Pictures help tell the story of America's war effort, so in the search for a solution, the OWI came upon plastic printing plates.

Maps, cartoons and pictures are going to papers and magazines south of the border, on bits of plastic molded under heat and pressure from the original photo engraving or electrotype, thus conserving metal.

These plastic plates for illustrating news stories from the OWI are being made by the Republic Engraving Co. in New York. Plates are about the thickness of a zinc etching.

The particular development being utilized by the OWI has been in use for about two years, but the origin dates back 31 years.

To make these plastic plates, known as duplicate printing plates, it is necessary to have a matrix made from the original photo-engraving, zinc etching, or form of type matter to be produced. The plastic printing plate then is molded in the matrix.

The process is not difficult, and according to Gordon Duncan of Republic Engraving Co., involves:

"(a) A rigid, accurately built hydraulic press, having either electrically or steam heated pistons, and capable of exerting and maintaining a pressure of 1,200 pounds per square inch on the working area.

"(b) A lightly-built, inexpensive chilling press consisting of two parallel platens, water-cooled, and actuated by a screw mechanism.

"(c) Trimming and beveling equipment."

Duncan says these plastic plates apparently are capable of meeting the standards set for metal plates employed in a wide range of service. These plates meet all the requirements of work up to 175 line screen.

The plates are hard and durable and press runs have been achieved comparable to the average electrotype. Press runs of 75,000 to 100,000 are known and indications are the run can be as high as 400,000 under ideal printing conditions.

Plastic plates now are used because of necessity—the shortage of metals needed for war work. The cost of a single plate is not cheap, but costs are reduced materially when quantities are duplicated from the original photo engraving.

The first plate takes about 30 minutes to make, with succeeding plates averaging about three minutes each.

Thus, with the aid of plastics, the OWI is bringing picture news of America's war effort to Latin and South American papers which do not have modern facilities.

Plastics Held NG for Engraving

While the war has brought technological advances and increased use of plastics, plastics can't do everything and can't be substituted for all metal uses.

Photo engraving departments have been pinched by reduced supplies of copper and zinc.

The technical bureau of the International Photo Engravers' Union of North America, under the direction of J. S. Mertle, has conducted more than 1,000 "trials and experiments to test the adaptability of plastics for the production of photo-engraved and etched printing surfaces."

Mertle's report treats everything from the history and composition of plastics, to experiments in etching of plastics. His conclusion is:

"The general situation cannot be more aptly summarized than by reprinting the statement and agreement arrived at after a lengthy conference on the subject held in August, 1942, between officials of the War Production Board and the technical bureau of the International Photo Engravers' Union—

"The successful use of plastics for etching purposes in photo engraving is not feasible at the present time, and with the materials now available."

PLASTIC PLATE USED BY OWI



This picture of Maj. Gen. W. H. Bradley, commander of the U. S. Seventh Air Force in the South Pacific, was reproduced from a plastic plate distributed to Latin and South American papers by OWI. The plastic plate was placed on a metal base and treated as though it were a zinc engraving. It stood up under stereotyping pressure.

Company Drive Defeats Guild On Fresno Bee

FRESNO, Calif.—Editorial employes of the Fresno Bee voted against the American Newspaper Guild as a bargaining agent in a NLRB election by a vote of 21 to 14.

The Fresno paper is one of the McClatchy newspapers. Editorial employes of the Sacramento Bee, parent paper, are under Guild contract and the advertising department recently voted for the Guild 25 to 4.

STAFF TURNOVER

The Fresno election came two months after formation of the Guild unit, during which time the membership list dwindled through firings for "economy and cause," a turnover in manpower, and several withdrawals from the unit after a management campaign against the Guild.

Guild leaders were termed "outside people" in management literature. Three letters from Eleanor McClatchy, publisher, implied future benefits if the Guild were defeated, and reiterated her opposition to the closed shop. (The closed shop is not the Guild shop.)

STRAW BOSSES OPPOSED

A similar letter had been addressed to Sacramento Bee advertising employes, who voted for the Guild.

A majority of the reporters and copyreaders were in favor of the Guild. Opposition centered among sub executives, copy girls, librarians and telephone operators.

While the Guild got 14 votes in the election, a solid majority had signed cards designating the Guild as collective bargaining agent before staff turnovers.

New High Seen For Farm Income

NEW YORK (FP)—Farmers' cash income from marketings and government benefit payments for 1943 will amount to at least $19,200,000,000, a new high record, the Alexander Hamilton Institute predicts.

Prof Blasts 'Professional' Cry by Hanson As Deceit to Avoid Overtime for Newsmen

ATLANTA — Some publishers are trying to put newspaper workers on a pedestal of "professionalism" in order to deprive them of wage-hour law benefits and this is "deceit of the worst kind," Assistant Journalism Professor Floyd K. Baskette of Emory university declared here.

Professor Baskette cited the activities of Elisha Hanson, counsel for the ANPA, in a Jackson, Tenn., case. Hanson contends the Jackson Sun is exempt from the Fair Labor Standards act because newspapermen are "professionals" and the act contravenes "freedom of the press."

HITS HANSON IDEA

In a talk to the December meeting of the Atlanta Newspaper Guild, Professor Baskette decried the Hanson contention that the existence of 32 schools of journalism in the United States makes newspaper work a profession beyond the scope of FLSA.

"If newspaper work is 'professional' it should be rewarded with a 'professional' salary," Baskette asserted. "If 'professional' means cheap wages and long hours, journalism schools would do well to stop calling themselves 'professional' schools. . . .

"I don't think the majority of journalism schools would want to allow use of this shield to help publishers escape provisions of the act, which seems to be what Mr. Hanson intends."

URGES FAIR WAGE

"The so-called "romance" of newspaper work "is a mighty poor substitute for a fair wage," said Baskette. "I believe that Dean Bleyer was quite right when he said that journalism will never rise to the level of other great professions until newspaper men and women organize themselves into strong local, state and national societies.

"I am afraid our schools of journalism are looked upon as pools of cheap labor.

"Graduates, of course, must get experience, but if they are worth no more than a pittance, even as learners, they have wasted their time attending college."

Baskette said the argument that freedom of the press was involved in the wage-hour law was "utterly ridiculous."

"If a publisher can't pay a news worker a fair salary and at the same time keep within the 40-hour week, something is lacking in newspaper management.

"If a published is financially unable to meet the salary scales of other professions, let him say so in all honesty instead of yelling 'press freedom.'

"It doesn't matter what a news worker is called. A publisher might call a reporter a genius if he could get him for $10 a week. But to call him a 'professional worker' to escape provisions of the wage-hour law is deceit of the worst kind."

Following Professor Baskette's talk, the Atlanta Guild adopted a resolution calling on the IEB to intervene in the Jackson Sun case, which has been appealed to the Sixth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals following a ruling by the Wage-Hour Division against the paper's contention.

Union Blood Runs in Prof's Veins

ATLANTA—Floyd K. Baskette, assistant professor of journalism at Emory university, has dedicated himself to a career of teaching but he hasn't forgotten the union blood that runs in his veins.



FLOYD K. BASKETTE
Has union blood.

He was born in Chama, New Mexico, 33 years ago. His father, A. H. Baskette, was a locomotive engineer and, adds Prof. Barkette, "a damn good union man." The elder Baskette still is active.

Floyd operates on a year-round schedule at Emory university with classes in news editing, radio script writing and programming and public papering as a part-time rim man on the Atlanta Constitution's copy desk.

He's done between-classes city editoring for the Alamosa, Colo., Daily Courier, too. Prof. Baskette landed a master's degree at the University of Missouri in 1936, was graduate assistant in journalism at the University of Wisconsin in 1939 and 1940 and assistant professor of journalism at Syracuse university in 1940 and 1941. He came to Emory in the fall of 1941.

He married Carol Albright, who was a student in one of his classes while he was on the faculty of the State Teachers college at Alamosa. They have two children.

BUY WAR BONDS
and give the change to the
MARCH OF DIMES

ANOTHER FOOTNOTE TO GUILD HISTORY

Began Around Cleveland Press Rim On Protest Telegram on NRA Ruling

First Gatherings Held in Speakeasy; Newsmen Smarted Under 35% Cuts

By ROBERT BORDNER
Cleveland Guild

CLEVELAND—The spark that started the American Newspaper Guild found its tinder around the copydesk of the Cleveland Press late one July afternoon in 1933.

We had been fretting for some time under three successive pay cuts that totaled 35 per cent. Downstairs the men in the mechinical departments grinned in comparative security.

They had unions. Their contracts prevented any such cuts.

THEN IT STARTED

President Roosevelt had offered some hope in launching NRA. Gen. Hugh Johnson at first offered hope too as he went about setting it up.

Then he made a ruling that put newspapermen outside its benefits, ephemeral as those turned out to be.

It was that that started us.

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We chipped in about a dollar apiece and sent telegrams of protest to President Roosevelt and Gen. Johnson.

Among the signers that July afternoon were Garland Ashcraft, Lloyd White, John Goski, Ted Welty, Frank Steward and myself, as well as White and Ash can help me remember.

THEY WERE SORE

We were good and sore. We did not have much faith in the efficacy of our telegrams.

A few of us met afterward and chewed it over. It looked as though a union was our only way out.

I, L. Kenen, Jack Haas, Al Roberts and Frank O'Neill of the Cleveland News joined the grousing. Chads Skinner, Phil Porter and Ralph Donaldson of the Cleveland Plain Dealer took an interest.

MET IN SPEAKEASY

The discussions in a few days thus got too big to hold in Goski's or Ashcraft's rooms and we started gathering at Walter and Peg Murray's speakeasy (on Hamilton avenue just off E. Ninth street).

The idea began to jell and we called a mass meeting of newspapermen at Hotel Hollenden Aug. 3.

There we organized officially as the Cleveland Editorial Employees Association and started our first battle—whether we were going to be a professional association like the American Medical Association and the Bar Association, or whether we were going to be a labor union.

The fight ended with the Plain Dealer crowd, which wanted a professional association, pulling out.

SET UP AS UNION

So the rest of us went ahead and set it up as a union. Lloyd White was president.

Then we really got down to work.

Night after night White, Ashcraft, Goski, and I, aided by Betty Wenstrom, the editorial stenographer, wrote letters all over the country.

We got every one on the staff to list all the newspapermen he knew personally in other cities. We got out mimeographed constitutions and stuff on what we had done and what we wanted to do. Then we got these men to write personal letters to their friends, including this material, and urging them to form chapters of their own.

INTEREST SPREADS

Rockford, Ill., Monroe, La., Toledo, Minneapolis and St. Paul, Columbus, Youngstown and Cincinnati showed livest interest.

Soon we had chapters going in some of those spots. At some places they just took our hurried constitution, changed the names, and adopted it as starter.

That was through August and September.

Heywood Broun had written a couple of columns suggesting that newspapermen ought to form a union.

We wrote him, told him we already had a union well under way and sent copies of our constitution and details.

N. Y. PICKS GUILD NAME

New York sprang to life and organized the New York Newspaper Guild. It was a swell name and we began to think out details of national organization.

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There were mountains of correspondence, but I think it was New York that first suggested a national convention in Washington.

I wrote Broun we had the backing of the Midwest for him as president. He refused. Ashcraft and I started side correspondence to draft him.

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Everybody was broke and some of the new units could not send delegates.

HELPED OTHER TOWNS

Lloyd White had been going around to help other towns nearby to organize. When they could not send delegates, they gave Lloyd proxies.

Meanwhile, the Cleveland group had hired Marvin Harrison to brief its case and to go to Washington to hearings for us on the Newspaper Code. Lloyd White went along. They were the first to represent editorial emmployes at those hearings.

Then the night of Dec. 14, White, I. L. Kenen and I took the B.&O. for Washington.

THE GUILD IS BORN

I had drafted a national constitution setting us up as an industrial union. I had the proxy of the circulation department of the Akron Beacon-Journal men who wanted to affiliate with us.

But on Dec. 15 a very brief constitution was adopted at the Washington meeting and the American Newspaper Guild was born. The circulation boys were left out. We were industrial within the editorial department only. There were 27 of us there representing going units.

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Broun was elected president and Lloyd White first vice president. Headquarters for the movement, which had been Cleveland until that time, was shifted to New York with the presidency.

SPEAKEASY DAYS OVER

Financing was set up with a little more order. Until that time Ash, Lloyd White, Kenen and I had each kicked in more than $100 apiece out of our own pockets, aided by sporadic five-dollar bills from Jake Falstaff, Jack Roper and some of the others around the office.

We were glad to get out from under that particular burden.

The speakeasy days were over.

And the national organization started on its sometimes stormy but highly successful career.

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Editor's Note: This story isn't complete without adding this personal note from Brother Bordner, sent along with the story:

Note: If this is highly personal, well that's just the way it was at the beginning.

It was a tough, mean and dangerous job.

Nobody knew whether the ax would fall because of it.

But we at the Press had the silly notion that we had little to gain personally from such an organization because our pay scale and working conditions were notoriously good in comparison to others.

We never dreamed of the solid, permanent benefits that were going to accrue to us, too, over the years.

Anyhow, we became the number one unit of the number one local in the American Newspaper Guild.

And John Goski, whom we persuaded to pull off onto a sidetrack in the early days because his obstreperous radicalism was scaring off the timid, carries the number one card in the number one unit to this day.

He is down in Mexico recovering from rheumatic fever.

Salaries Boosted 50 Percent

Guild contracts have boosted salaries at least 50 percent at the Cleveland Press. The first contract, signed in 1936, had a top minimum of $40 for experienced newsmen, and even this meant raises at that time.

The current contracts for the three Cleveland papers—Press, News and Plain Dealer, now have $60 minimums, an increase of 50 percent.



"... let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.—Matt. 6:3."

This is the first cartoon in the Guild Reporter, reprinted from Vol. 1, No. 1, Nov. 23, 1933. Some people said the Guild was too militant with such cartoons. At that time publishers were shouting "freedom of the press" as an argument against the five-day, 40-hour week and overtime in the news rooms.

GOP's Spangler Is Comic But Not Sinister

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nee, even Tom Dewey might look pretty.

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But what I am getting at is this: if this coming election is going to be a tight affair, if it is to be a real contest rather than a Notre Dame opener against Siwash Tech, a lot of newspapermen will have to study the whole situation with great solemnity and care.

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We will have to settle down and write informed, illuminating essays; we will have to stay awake late at night figuring out whether Col. McCormick will vote a straight Socialist Labor party ticket; we will have to remain interested in the proceedings until the last vote is counted and the last journalist is out.

It is my thesis that such gravity is impossible as long as Harrison Spangler is in town.

I have no private animus toward H. S. It may be true, as some local commentators suggest, that he is holding hands with the least distinguished elements in the GOP and that his real mission in life is the excommunication of Wendell Willkie.

HE IS NOT SINISTER

Spangler may indeed be involved in very murky machinations along these or other lines. But he is simply not sinister.

He is a comic little man who earnestly and laboriously fashions tiny spitballs to hurl at the White House from his window at GOP headquarters. This may create a terrible chore for the native street-cleaners but it does not constitute a major disturbance.

Thinking back over Spangler's pronouncements, I cannot recall a single wise, witty, well-tempered or well-chosen remark that he has made since he assumed his present post.

SUGGESTS SLOGAN

He is probably a very genial and lovable soul personally and none of these observations are directed at his character. He probably would be terrific at an alumni reunion and he may well be a man of lofty spirit and high ideals. One could not possibly tell anything from his statements.

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To borrow a remark that has been circulating widely, Spangler's presence in the GOP high command suggests an irresistible Republican slogan for 1944:

"Back to subnormalcy with Spangler."

Anyway, the campaign won't be grim if he is with us.

Colonel McCormick Isn't Going to Play

CHICAGO—(FP)—Col. Robert R. McCormick, editor and publisher of the defeatist Chicago Tribune, has decided not to run for president in 1944. He said here that he could better "fight to keep America free' by carrying on with the Tribune.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS PLAN ANNUAL BALL

NEW YORK — Milton Berle, Harry Hershfield, Ed Sullivan, Dan Walker and Henny Youngman will alternate as master of ceremonies at the fifteenth annual entertainment and dance of the Press Photographers Association of New York February 4 at the Waldorf Astoria.

All profits will be given to the American Theater Wing, which operates stage door canteens.

Scranton Puts Its Temporary Leaders Back In

SCRANTON, Pa., — Frank Parry, Tribune telegraph editor and temporary president of the Scranton Newspaper Guild since its organization several months ago, has been nominated without opposition for a full term.

Other local officers, nominated without opposition, are: first vice president, Donald R. McCrea, Times; second vice president, Neil L. Whitney, Times; secretary, Miss Christine Gibbons, Scrantonian-Tribune; treasurer, George E. Clark, Times.

With exception of Whitney, who was nominated for a by-laws-created office, all of the nominees were named to fill posts in which they have been serving temporarily.

The five local officers, with two representatives from each unit here, will comprise the executive board. Patrick McGlynn and Chic Feldman were nominated without opposition for the executive board by the Scrantonian-Tribune unit, and George Martin and Edward J. Donohoe, without opposition from The Times unit.

Whitney, formerly an executive board member from The Times, remains on the board by virtue of his first vice presidency. Thomas Phillips, Scrantonian-Tribune, retires from his post as executive board member under the local's recently-approved by-laws which reduce unit executive board representation from three to two.

Knoxville Asks Conciliator on Stalling Stunt

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — After management of the Knoxville News-Sentinel sought to break off negotiations for three weeks without agreeing to retroactivity, the Guild sought the services of a federal conciliator.

In earlier negotiations sessions, management brought forth these unique ideas:

1—"Professional people "should not be organized in a union.

2—Editorial employes should not have minimum salaries, but should be paid merely what the editor thinks they should get.

3—Guild members are interested solely in making more money, with the exception of a few "zealots."

4—The Guild should take management's word about the amount available under the Little Steel formula, and should not ask the management to substantiate the amount by submitting payroll data.

When the unit was informed of management's arguments and attitude, it asked for a conciliator immediately in the hopes that negotiations would proceed without more time-wasting philosophy.

Detroit Guild Seeks Auto Worker Contract

DETROIT—The Detroit Guild has opened negotiations with the UAW-CIO, as publishers of the United Automobile Worker, for a Guild shop contract covering the two editorial employes of the paper.

Manchester Contacts Solons on Subsidies

MANCHESTER, N. H. — The government relations committee of the Manchester Guild has written New Hampshire congressmen asking their support for the food subsidy program.

Committee members are James R. Buckman, chairman, and Walter Murtagh.

Milwaukee Guild Feeds 'Em at USO



MILWAUKEE—Guild members here took over at the USO one day recently, providing chocolate cakes, cookies, jam, pickles, sandwiches and potato salad for men in uniform.

Contributions of members purchased 160 pounds of cold cuts and wieners, 10 pounds of cheese, 16 pounds of butter, and 50 pounds of potato salad. The week-end the Guild assisted, the USO center drew 6,000 servicemen, WACS and WAVES.

The affair was conducted by the Milwaukee Guild war activities committee, of which Cy Rice of the Sentinel unit is chairman.

Ryan Re-elected President of San Francisco-Oakland Guild

SAN FRANCISCO—A vote of confidence was given William Ryan, 1943 president of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild when he was returned to office for 1944 — the first local Guild president to be re-elected.

Ryan won out by a vote of 218 to 205 for Claude La Belle, San Francisco News dramatic critic.

The prexy is a display advertising man on the Oakland Post-Enquirer. He was reluctant to run for re-election but was persuaded to make the sacrifice of his time and effort for another year.

LA BELLE DEFEATED

La Belle, who has held a long string of responsible offices in the Guild, including several times a delegate to the ANG convention, proposed his candidacy on the grounds that no second term should be given and that the local policy called for alternating the leadership with the editorial departments.

Ryan is a veteran of World War I, in which he served as a Marine aviation lieutenant. He was one of the leaders in the Sacramento Bee organizational drive and sponsored many forward movements of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild. He was a delegate to the last convention in Boston, to the state CIO, and district councils.

4 SEEK 3 POSTS

Four candidates ran for the three vice presidential posts. Elected were: first vice president George Grafft, News display; second vice president, William Gray, Examiner; third vice president George Wilso.., free lance. Edward Mahoney, Chronicle, ran fourth. The votes were Grafft 313; Gray 307; Wilson 246; Mahoney 222.

Re-elected without opposition was Bob Brown, executive secretary, who had assumed that post in December, 1942, and was elected in January, 1943, for the year.

Hal Weller, Post-Enquirer editorial department, was unopposed and declared elected as recording secretary; Florence Hertel, Chronicle business office, unopposed and declared elected as treasurer.

Officers will be installed at a general membership meeting on Jan. 29.

Denver Taking Lead in Local Political Drive

DENVER—The Denver Guild is taking a leading role in work of the Committee on Political Action organized by the CIO Council of Denver to get out the labor vote in the national election next year.

"Labor was sound asleep in the last general election in Colorado," committeemen say. "We don't want that to happen again."

Robert W. Fenwick, Post reporter, is the Guild representative on the committee, which includes delegates from all the 19 CIO locals in Denver.

The committee is organizing a big corps through which, representatives will be active in every city block, ready to canvass for candidates, distribute campaign material and work for election of tickets pledged to support labor.

WEAR E AWARDS

WASHINGTON — More than 5,070,000 workers are wearing Army and Navy E awards.

United Press Contract OK'd In Record Time

Salary provisions of the agreed sections of the new contract covering employes of the United Press were approved by the Newspaper Panel Dec. 24, in what is believed to have been record time. The contract was signed Dec. 13, with all wage increases retroactive to Aug. 7, expiration date of the previous contract.

Checks averaging $50 to $100 each, representing 20 weeks retroactive pay, were distributed to employes on Dec. 28. The Guild's demand for union security, only issue remaining in dispute in connection with the new contract, was certified to the National War Labor Board for decision.

FIGHT INDICATED

Indicating it may carry the fight against the Guild Shop or other form of union security beyond the jurisdiction of the NWLB, Hugh Baillie, UP president, handed Guild representatives the following letter as the agreed portion of the contract was signed:

"In connection with our agreement executed today, I understand that there is still but one issue in dispute between us, your demand for the Guild shop. The management is unalterably opposed to the Guild shop or enforced union membership in any form.

"The United Press does not, by submitting this issue to the War Labor Board, infer that it intends to include the War Labor Board's decision in any agreement between the parties, nor that it gives up any rights it may have to defend its position on this issue."

ONLY ISSUE

On behalf of the Guild, Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers acknowledged Baillie's letter as follows:

"This will acknowledge your letter to me of this date in connection with the signing of the new contract between the United Press and the American Newspaper Guild. I concur in your statement that the sole remaining issue between the Guild and United Press is the Guild's demand for a Guild shop."

Subsequently, in a letter to U. S. Conciliator Harry Young, commenting on the contract and Baillie's letter, Rodgers said:

"You will note that my reply refers only to the first paragraph of Mr. Baillie's letter.

TO PRESS ON

"Contrary to the sentiments expressed in the last paragraph of Mr. Baillie's letter, it is the intention of the Guild to demand, and press for immediate incorporation into this contract, any union security provision which the War Labor Board may award.

"Furthermore, I hereby request that in filing your report for certification of the disputed issue of union security to the WLB, you set forth for the record the Guild's understanding that the signing of the agreed sections of the contract in no wise precludes the immediate addition to it of any union security provision awarded by the WLB in deciding this disputed issue."

N. W. INDIANA GUILD OFFICER HAS SPORTS BROADCAST RECORD

HAMMOND, Ind.—John Whitaker, first president of the Northwestern Indiana Guild and recently re-elected a vice president, is sports editor of the Hammond Times. He also serves as sports broadcaster and reviewer for Station WJOB.

Whitaker claims a national record for play-by-play broadcasting, when he called every pass and scoring play of nine basketball games in one day. Broadcasting college football games, he refuses to depend on spotters, and memorizes the numbers, names, weights and positions of three complete elevens for each school.

In his daily sports column, Whitaker is a steady campaigner against those who refuse to recognize the rights of minority groups.



JOHN WHITAKER
Holds broadcast record

Atlanta Votes Political Funds

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Newspaper Guild has voted a 50-cent per capita assessment for the CIO Political Action Fund. Paul Simmons, chairman of the local's government relations committee, proposed the payment and volunteered to underwrite it.

REPORTER GETS ASSIGNMENT TO INTERVIEW HIS BROTHER

DETROIT—When the city editor of the Detroit Free Press wanted an interview with the Rev. Fr. John F. Coffey, missionary in Manchukuo who returned to the U. S. recently on the exchange ship Gripsholm, he could find no one better qualified than reporter Robert A. Coffey.



R. A. Coffey

Robert A. Coffey and the Rev. Fr. John F. Coffey are brothers. Reporter Coffey, however, made no mention of the relationship in his interview story, which was completely objective in its treatment of the experiences of his brother in Manchuria during the past seven years.

Fr. Coffey disclosed to reporter Coffey that black market operations induced by stringent rationing had touched off an inflationary spiral in the occupied countries of Korea and Manchuria. He said that living conditions were such that it was almost a relief to be interned and thus assured of rations, small though they were.

Reporter Coffey has been a member of the Detroit Free Press staff since October, 1942, and a member of the Detroit Guild since 1934.



FR. JOHN F. COFFEY
Repatriated from Manchoukuo

Black Market Flourishes in Jap Territory

Detroit Priest Tells of Perilous Inflation

BY ROBERT A. COFFEY
Free Press Staff Writer

Wholesale black market operations forced by stringent Japanese rationing restrictions in Manchuria and Korea have touched off an inflationary spiral that is sapping the strength of the two occupied countries.

MORE BLOOD NEEDED FOR FIGHTING FORCES

WASHINGTON, D. C. — With Army and Navy requests for 5,000,000 additional pints of blood to be collected for the armed forces during the coming year, Chairman Norman H. Davis of the American Red Cross called upon organizations including labor unions to furnish "at least one regular blood donor for every star in their service flag."

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Expressing the "earnest wish that no American fighting man shall fail to return for lack of blood," the surgeons general of the Army and Navy in a letter to Mr. Davis asked that the new quota be set, bringing to more than 10,000,000 pints the total amount requested since the inception of the project three years ago.

NEWSPAPER CONTROL OF RADIO IS HIT

WASHINGTON — Additional expansion of newspapers in the field of radio is opposed by the Federal Communications Commission in its decision on newspapers taking over broadcasting facilities, it was reported. The report has been prepared but has not yet been made public.

The new FCC policy, however, will have no effect on existing radio licenses already held by newspaper companies, it was said.

A number of newspapers already own all or part of many broadcasting stations. Months of hearings were held, and control of radio stations by newspaper companies was opposed because of fears this would tend toward a monopoly of means of expressing public opinion.

Army Air Force Staff Reduced

WASHINGTON—Civilian employes in the Army air force's air service command will have been reduced fr m 28,0.0 to 15,000 by the end of 1943, the war department announced. No wholesale layoffs were necessary to make the adjustment as resignations and separations accounted for most of the reduction.

UP Tabulators Appear En Masse And Win 5-Day Week Grievance

Appearance of the entire staff of the United Press financial tabulating department at a grievance session in New York over institution of the five-day week for tabulators under the new Guild contract, resulted in an immediate satisfactory settlement.

Financial tabulators in the New York bureau finally won their long fight for the five-day week with the signing, Dec. 13, of the new contract.

Under previous contracts they had worked five days of seven hours each and five hours on Saturdays.

In order to put the five-day week into effect, at least two men must be added to the present staff. This will make it possible to rotate the staff on a five-day basis, three men being off each day.

Management, however, sought to institute the five-day week before the new men were hired, thus reducing the working staff below the necessary minimum. To help take up the load, the working staff was asked to work an eight and one-half hour day instead of the previous seven.

This angered the tabulators, who demanded that the full staff be maintained pending the hiring of the necessary new men, and that overtime be paid to those thus required to work on their day off.

Responding to a hurry call, ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, arranged for an immediate meeting with management. As a result, it was agreed that two additional tabulators will be hired immediately, and that meanwhile the present staff will continue working six days, but will receive overtime pay for the sixth day.

Boston Traveler to Use News Projector

BOSTON—The Boston Traveler is putting into operation a news bulletin projector on the South Station in Boston. The sign which faces Dewey Square will be similar to that of the New York Times in New York City.

It will be operated by teletype from the news room of the paper. Three girls have been hired by the paper and are undergoing training in the operation of the machines.

Urcel Daniel, Stanley Kupstas Leave ANG Posts

Two ANG international representatives—Urcel Daniel and Stanley Kupstas—have resigned. Miss Daniel, who had been research director, has gone to the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., a David Lawrence enterprise in Washington.

Kupstas, who had been in the field organizing and assisting with negotiations, resigned on orders of his physician, who prescribed rest and freedom from the type of work in which he was engaged.

GUILD VETERAN

Prior to taking over as research director Feb. 1, 1942, Miss Daniel had been administrative officer of the Los Angeles Guild for two years.

In Washington, in her new work, Miss Daniel will do reporting and work on the inside, preparing daily reports on labor problems, manpower control and wages and salary regulations.

Kupstas and Miss Daniel were feted at an informal Christmas party by ANG staff members.

RETURNS TO HOME

Kupstas, who recently had been assisting locals in upstate New York, and in New England, returned to his home in Wilkes-Barre for rest and treatment. He was a veteran of the Wilkes-Barre strikes, and joined the ANG staff in July, 1942 when he took charge of the Chester strike, remaining until it was successfully concluded.

Miss Daniel will continue as secretary of the ANG Government Relations committee.

Jean Weinstein, administrative assistant, was named acting research director until the IEB meeting in February.

NEW MARK SET BY SYRACUSE IN FUND DRIVE

SYRACUSE, N.Y.—For the second successive year, every home office member of Syracuse Newspaper Guild has made a pledge in the United War Fund drive—and, in so doing, set a new high.

Although several members who had made larger pledges in 1942 were lost to other jobs or the armed forces, the pledges totalled $384.10, as compared with $368.73 a year ago, and averaged $10.67, up 17 cents.

Alfred M. Green again was chairman of the Guild committee and headed CIO participation in the citywide War Fund Drive.

2 Denver Competitors Near Half Century of Camera Work



RALPH W. BAIRD
Started for nothing

DENVER, Colo. — Ralph B. Baird and Harry M. Rhoads, staff photographers for the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News, wrapped up Christmas, New Year and their job anniversaries in one package this year.

Both are marking nearly a half century of newspaper picture-making—Baird 40 years of it, Rhoads, 44. They estimate that in pre-bulb days they fired enough flashlight powder to sink half the Japanese fleet, and the plates and films they've shot would reach from the Colorado capitol to Shanghai—if the line were crooked up a little.

STARTED FOR NOTHING

Baird went to work in the News art department "for nothing" in 1903. After three months he was hired at $5 a week as part-time helper for the regular photographer. From 1907 to 1910 he was a staff man; then went to the Post to cover the famous Hyde, Swope trial in Kansas City for the Kansas City Post, then owned by Bonfils and Tammen.

He stayed with the Kansas City Post 10 years. Since 1920 he has been on the Denver Post staff.

With his son, Ralph B. Jr., now a major in the Army air force, pilot for Brig. Gen. Bruce at Camp Hood, Baird likes to recall that he himself was the first photographer in Denver to go up in an airplane and the first to fly over Kansas City (in an old Wright plane) to picture that city.

STARTED IN 1899

Beginning picture work here in 1899, Rhoads was shooting plates for the old Denver Republican when Baird went to Kansas City. He went to the Rocky Mountains News in 1910 and has remained there continuously through the ownerships of Thomas M. Patterson, John C. Shaffer and Scripps-Howard.

Rhoads and Baird have been shooting their cameras side by side in Denver more than 30 years, and have become familiar figures to the whole city.

NO DISPUTES

Baird boasts: "We have never had a dispute or a cross word, though we have competed constantly for exclusive shots, and in pinches we have borrowed flash bulbs and films from each other time and again."

Both were "early settlers" in the Guild, each joining the unit of his paper at the earliest opportunity, and they have been consistent Guildsmen ever since. They remember those jobs "for nothing" 'way back there 40 years ago!



HARRY M. RHOADS
An early settler too

Officers Named By Seattle Unit

SEATTLE—The Star unit of the Seattle Newspaper Guild re-elected Stuart Whitehouse as chairman for 1944. Other officers named were:

Willard Coghlan, vice-chairman; Shirley King, secretary; Otto Gambozi, William Golden, Fred Carter and Roy Holland, executive committee delegates.

Detroit Pushes War Fund Drive

DETROIT (FP)—All local unions of the United Auto Workers (CIO) are in receipt of instructions from President R. J. Thomas to try to find light jobs for wounded and otherwise disabled veterans of this war who are beginning to return to the plants in which they hold seniority.

Locals are instructed to "seek immediately to negotiate agreements with their respective plant managements whereby light work may be provided for partially disabled veterans."

"The returning members of our union come back with their seniority protected," he wrote, "so they have some assurance of a job."

As N. Y. Auxiliary Played Santa



Photo by John Albert, PM staff.

More than 60 children, 20 from Greenwich Settlement House and the rest belonging to Guild members, were entertained at the New York Guild Auxiliary's fifth annual Christmas party. Guests are pictured getting gifts from Santa Claus, played by 260-pound Ted Zittle of the labor press unit. The kids played games, ate ice cream and cake, and also saw a movie.

Former Scranton Prexy May Be Back in Leading Role Again

SCRANTON, Pa.—Neil L. Whitney, second vice president of the Scranton Guild and three-time president of its ITU predecessor, Newswriters' Union No. 3, may find himself back in the chair before long.

Local President Frank Parry, Tribune, and Donald R. McCrea, Times, first vice president, shape up as possible draft inductees in the not too distant future. Whitney, then would be heir to the presidency.

A veteran of the first World war with a record of overseas service, Whitney is courthouse reporter and legislative correspondent for the Times, afternoon daily.

He also is president of the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents' Association, one of the oldest working pressman's organizations of its kind in the country.

Kansas City for Per Capita Boost, Half for Defense

KANSAS CITY—A recommendation that the next convention increase ANG per capita from 75 cents to $1 a month for those earning more than $25 a week was made by the Kansas City Guild at the December membership meeting.

Under the proposal, one-half of the added revenue would be allocated to the defense fund in lieu of fixed assessments and one-half to newspaper and wire service organization.

The local increased its dues schedule from a present top of $1.50 a month for those earning more than $35 a week to a top of $3 for those earning $60 or more, in accordance with the recommendation of ANG conventions.

Dues for members of units not under contract, however, were fixed at $1.

Kenneth Clark, Associated Press, was renominated for president.

Other officers named, all unopposed, were Louis Gerteis, United Press, first vice president; Conwell Carlson, Star, second vice president; Louis Silks, Labor Journal, secretary, and Gilbert Mayo, AP, treasurer.

2 in Los Angeles President Race

LOS ANGELES — William Oliver, veteran drama editor of the Herald-Express, and Agness Underwood, dean of west coast women reporters, were nominated for president of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild.

John Cohee, retiring president of LANG, nominated Oliver after refusing to run for re-election because of the pressure of outside activities, including his daily radio news commentary.

Sister Underwood, who also is a Herald-Express staff member, had the distinction of being nominated for vice president, too. She is opposed here by Don Kirby of the Daily News, nominated by ANG vice president George Hutchinson.

Kay Williams and Doug White were nominated for the office of treasurer, and Rod Voigt and Pete Jenkins for secretary.

RED CROSS DRIVE

WASHINGTON—A War Fund of $200,000,000 will be asked of the American public in March to finance wartime operations of the American Red Cross.

Detroit News Rapped On Manpower Policy

DETROIT — The ITU chapel chairman at the Detroit News criticizes the policy of the Detroit News of asking and receiving draft deferment on occupational grounds for composing room employes while failing to establish the 48-hour week.

He charged there was no real manpower shortage in the composing room, citing 22 men recently had been laid off. No draft deferments should be asked while subs were available, the chairman declared.

AID WAR FUND

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Guild members turned in $33 for CIO Allied War Relief for December.

Memphis Sent Its Gifts Early And Often to Its Servicemen

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Although Santa made early delivery of Christmas presents to the 50 Memphis Guildsmen in service, the novelty and usefulness of their gifts will take many months to wear off.

Again ably handled by Guildswoman Jennie Gardner, packages were in the mails well before the deadline established by the Army and Navy for overseas presents. Three sets of packages were sent out—one contained a set of three pocket-sized books recommended for service men; a second was a sewing kit and the other a shoe shine kit.

The project, established last year, brought instantaneous response. To date, President R. Craig Shuptrine has received letters of acknowledgment from recipients far and near. Yeoman 2/C Harry Martin, former regional vice president who is stationed within 18 miles of Memphis, has extended his thanks.

From far-off Oranjested, Aruba, Claude Curlin "broke the release



date" on his package and found a set of books. They helped pass the time while Claude lay in a hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis after being stricken aboard his Merchant Marine ship. Ernie Hoberecht in Honolulu wrote he would not open his gift until Christmas.

Out of the Memphis Guild's 166 active members, 50 have answered the call to colors and more are expected to leave soon.

Rochester Leader Is Major Now

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—It's Maj. George W. White now for the former president and former secretary-treasurer of the Newspaper Guild of Rochester.

Major White, just promoted from captain, is executive officer of the Army's Industrial Services Division in the Bureau of Public Relations, Washington. He entered the Army as a first lieutenant under Maj. Ed Allen, former ANG vice president, in May, 1942. His promotion gives him the highest rank of any employe of the Rochester Gannett newspapers now in the armed forces.

Before entering the Army, Major White was rewrite man and reporter on the Times-Union staff and had the reputation of being one of the two or three top newsmen in town.

Boston Papers Starting To Ration Advertising

BOSTON—As a start to rationing of advertising, the Boston Herald and Boston Traveler are placing restriction on classified advertising, starting the first of the year. The Herald, morning and Sunday, and the Traveler evening, are published by the same corporation.

The classified advertising section will be cut down to one page on weekdays and will have nine columns instead of the previous standard eight. No limit has yet been set for the Sunday paper but the largest classified ad carried on Sunday will be 56 lines, with the exception of auction ads.

The largest ad taken weekdays will be 14 lines in any classification except help wanted where 80 lines will be allowed. The reduced rate for a seven-time insertion on transient ads has also been eliminated as have combinations of the Sunday paper with the evening Traveler.

There had been reports that other local and national advertising would be cut but at the present time, local and national advertisers will be allowed to use up to what the space bought last year during the first two weeks of 1944. Experience in the first two weeks will govern policy.

AMONG OURSELVES



Capt. Gil Benedict, former executive secretary of the Detroit Guild, is in charge of a tank outfit in Africa . . . **Bert Emanuel,** Detroit Free Press photographer, and **James Eathorne,** Free Press sports, now are in the Army. . . .

Eugene Bowman, former Denver Post copyboy, has been made a corporal and X-ray technician at Pine Bluff arsenal, Ark. . . .

Larry Coan, former Boston Herald-Traveler elevator operator, now is a member of an Army air force ground crew . . . **Toni O'Leary,** Boston Herald-Traveler circulation clerk, is at home awaiting the stork . . . **Anne Hicks** has left the Boston Traveler for the United Press in Washington. . . .

John McManus, Boston Herald financial staff, now in the Army, promoted to corporal. . . .

Three staffers of the U. S. News in Washington have been inducted, **Ted Junkins** into the Marine Corps; **James Burdette** into the Navy; and **Fred Leamans** into the Army. . . .

Wedding bells: **Robert Malcolm,** Washington Times-Herald sports; **Ed Lewis,** Washington News, and **Joseph Luskey,** U. S. News, all recent bridegrooms. . . .

New Washington Guild member is **Jacqueline Brophy,** daughter of John Brophy. She's with the UP . . . **Vincent Flaherty,** Washington Times-Herald, had a sports article in Ecquire. . . .

J. Hart Snyder, Syracuse Post-Standard correspondent at Oswego, N. Y., who's a member of Syracuse Newspaper Guild, is doing an unusual home front job as a member of the temporary reserve of the Coast Guard; he's on shore patrol 12 hours weekly, in a jeep or a boat. . . .

A new member of the WAC is **Sonya Jones** of the Washington Post . . . **Phil Reed** of Washington INS has accepted a Pacific theater war assignment and is due to report as war correspondent. . . .

Harold Kolb, Boston Record-American unit chairman, very ill with pneumonia. . . .

William Andersen, Los Angeles Daily News, is a father for the third time. A boy . . . ANG Vice President **George Hutchinson** was honored at a party by the Los Angeles Auxiliary . . . **Barney Goss,** Los Angeles Herald-Express, is composer of a waltz featured by the Long Beach municipal band. Goss is former cornetist and has fought in five wars for Uncle Sam. . . .

Sparky Sandana is back at the Los Angeles Daily News after a stint with the OWI . . . **Ernest Kleinberg,** Los Angeles Daily News photographer, married **Marie Somers** of Rochester, N. Y.

Gomer Evans, Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader, Evening News reporter, father of a 10-pound son . . . **Pfc. Frank Krackenfels,** Wilkes-Barre Record circulation, is with Army ordnance in Sicily. He saw action in Africa and Tunisia. . . .

Into the Army is **Joseph Dutko,** Wilkes-Barre Sunday Independent unit chairman . . . **Lt. Holland Beeber,** Wilkes-Barre Guildsman, sent thanks by V mail from England for Christmas box from the local. . . .

W. J. Moyer, Akron Beacon-Journal copy desk, has left for the New York Journal-American . . . **Beverly Wellman,** Akron Beacon-Journal copygirl, has left to study art in New York. . . .

Thelma and Ross Miller are new additions to the San Jose Mercury staff . . . **Stanley Waldorf,** San Jose Guild president, has been promoted to the wire desk on the San Jose Mercury. . . .

Education Plan Being Assisted By Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Newspaper Guild has taken the lead in the organization and activities of a new educational system.

Guildsmen have co-operated with other trade unions, with civic, cultural, educational groups, in establishing the People's Educational association, and the Los Angeles Guild has had the distinction of presenting the association's first course—a series of classes in Practical Journalism.

HAS 62 COURSES

The People's Educational association was formed after a meeting of labor, civic and educational leaders here with Ernest Green, head of the British Workers Educational association. Three months after this meeting, the association has established a tentative list of 62 courses.

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The Practical Journalism course is the first offered. Its success has been amazing, with 94 students enrolling for the first class, and more than 80 attending each of the subsequent four classes. Eight sessions in all will be held, with faculty members consisting mostly of Guildsmen.

QUIZ SPEAKERS

Charles Ellis and James Felton are co-chairmen of the journalism course. Students hear short talks from guest faculty members, then quiz the speakers with questions on practical journalism not answered in high school or college journalism classes.

The association incorporated December 19, adopted a constitution and bylaws, and approved a 1944 budget of $70,000, to be raised by trade unions and other organizations interested in liberal education.

WIN PAY RAISE

DETROIT (FP)—Detroit Typographical Union No. 18 won a 6½ cent hourly increase for 600 compositors.

Servicemen Help Decorate Tree



Servicemen helped decorate the tree which was used for the New York Guild Auxiliary party for children. Servicemen were feted at a special Christmas party at the canteen Dec. 24. Gifts were provided each guest and a record number of servicemen attended.

Philadelphia-Camden Nominates Officers, Votes By-laws Changes

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia-Camden Guild has adopted a new by-law under which members failing to appear for special meetings which they have petitioned will be fined $1.

The general membership meeting, which nominated officers for 1944, also adopted two by-law changes allowing for changes in dates for membership and Representative Assembly meetings.

A full list of nominations was made at the meeting. Other nominations may be made by petition of 5 percent of the membership from at least two units. The ballot box election is scheduled for the second week in January. Successful candidates assume office February 1.

Those nominated at the meeting: President, Arthur Riordan, Record, incumbent; secretary, Constance Myers, Inquirer, incumbent; controller, Gervase Love, Record; treasurer, Roberta Bailey, Inquirer, incumbent; vice presidents (six to be elected): William Gaffney, Camden Courier-Post, incumbent; Irving Fagan, Record; Raymond Goldsmith, Inquirer; Robert Hill, Bulletin; Marshall Megill, Chester Times; Wilmer Cressman, Norristown Times Herald.

SERVICEMEN REMEMBERED

MANCHESTER, N. H.—Autograph diaries have been sent the 12 Guild members in the armed forces as a Christmas gift from the Manchester Guild.

Twin Cities Members Give Up Overtime for Coast Guard Work

MINNEAPOLIS — The Twin Cities Guild has its full share of members in service, but in addition it's possibly the most "sea going" newspaper outfit anywhere.

At least 10 members or former members of Minneapolis and St. Paul newspaper staffs spent the summer plying the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers in patrol boats as members of the Coast Guard temporary reserve.

For, the benefit of Time magazine, every newspaperman sailor from the two cities has a full head of hair and couldn't qualify as a "bald-headed Spar" (Time, Dec. 20).

USE JEEPS NOW

Now that river navigation is closed for the winter, these men patrol inland waterway facilities in jeep crews up to 12 hours a week and attend classes with regular Coast Guardsmen to prepare for the 1944 season on the upper river.

Twin Cities Guild members got into the volunteer Coast Guard patrols last spring through Robert Murphy, Minneapolis Star Journal rewrite man and movie reviewer, who made the first contacts through Lt. Charles Winchell, film publicity man and ranking officer in the temporary reserve for the area.

MORE MEN JOIN

First recruits were Len Welch, police reporter; Forrest Jenstad, copy reader, and Angelo Cohn, slot man, all of the Star Journal;



and R. S. Gilfillan of the St. Paul Pioneer Press Sunday department, a former Twin Cities Guild president.

Later in the summer, when the stories these men told of their weekly river patrols, from 0000 to 1,200 on their respective days off (as the Coast Guard reckons time), they were joined by Star Journal copy desker Norman Houk and copy boy Harry McCarthy; Morning Tribune news editor Vic Wagner and St. Paul Dispatch ad man Gene Aretz.

Jack Connor, former Minneapolis Times outdoors writer, was one of the original CGR(T) men, but was forced to drop the service when he took a job in Omaha.

All are Guild members and were especially prized crew members because the five-day week gave them midweek days when they could serve on the boats. Besides Connor, however, the crews lost two other Guild members late in the fall.

Welch was sent to the Southwest Pacific as war correspondent of the Minneapolis Star Journal and Tribune and Look magazine, all Cowles properties.

Copy boy McCarthy, who had a previous honorable discharge from the Army, left the paper to attend the University of Minnesota, where he is too busy on the staff of the Minneapolis Daily and his studies to continue the Coast Guard work.

GIVE UP OVERTIME

Duties of the part-time sailors, rated seamen, 1st class, consisted of river patrols on smaller reserve boats (formerly private cruisers) and Coast Guard picket boats.

Although the men have given up plenty of overtime work to carry on the patrols and on a few occasions reported at the paper at 7 a. m. (civilian time) after being on watch until 0600 (Coast Guard time), their five-day week schedule was especially well suited to fit in with the "battle of Minneapolis" and the "battle of St. Paul," as they dubbed their weekly tours of duty.

Flint Skyscraper Bought by CIO

FLINT, Mich. (FP)—The Industrial Bank building, tallest commercial skyscraper in Flint, has been purchased for $100,000 by the Greater Flint Industrial Union Council (CIO). The 12-story building originally cost about $1,500,000.

New Benefits Won By Textile Workers

NEWARK, N. J. (FP) — For the first time in the history of the silk industry, union members have won hospital, surgical and maternity benefits not only for workers themselves, but for members of their families. Entire cost is paid by the employer.

This is one of the features of a contract between the Textile Workers Union (CIO) and the Silk and Rayon Manufacturers Association, whose members operate 23 shops employing 800 workers. A similar agreement has been worked out between the union and the Silk Commission Manufacturers Association, covering another 1,300 workers.

BUY WAR BONDS
and give the change to the
MARCH OF DIMES

As New UP Contract Was Signed



Above the new contract covering employes of the United Press is being signed by Hugh Baillie, UP president, as William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer, who headed the negotiating committee, looks on. In back are Jack Bisco, recently named UP general sales manager, and L. B. Mickel, superintendent of bureaus. The new agreement provides raises of $800 to $900 per week.

SMITH-CONNALLY LAW RECORD TURNS WALL STREET SOUR

NEW YORK (FP) — Wall Street has taken time out to add up the score on a half-year's operation of the Smith-Connally law.

In a critical analysis of the law's first six months, the Wall Street Journal, spokesman for finance capital, said that the law "fashioned by congress in an anti-labor mood is paradoxically turning out to be more useful than restrictive to labor unions." It adds:

"There has been an increase in the number of strikes rather than a decrease. Minority labor groups foment strikes and unrest, making it more difficult for majority groups to maintain union discipline."

In the first five months, the record shows, 557 strike notices were filed with the NLRB. Of these, 392 were withdrawn before the 30-day waiting period had elapsed. Of 87 cases in which strike votes were taken, only 10 opposed a walkout.

Drive Is Pushed For Soldier Vote

NEW YORK — More than 2,000 signatures were collected by the Newspaper Guild of New York during the first week of a petition drive for the Green-Lucas soldier vote bill.

The three units leading with signatures were the Times, Mirrar and Journal-American. More than 6,000 signatures are expected when all units have been canvassed.

As each petition sheet is filled, it is mailed to Congressman Eugene Worley (D., Texas), chairman of the house elections and privileges committee.

RAIL UNIONS ACT

MILWAUKEE (FP) — Joining with the rest of the labor movement for political action, the railroad unions here have set up a permanent legislative council to advance pro-labor bills.

CHILD LABOR RISES

NEW YORK (FP)—Illegal employment of children is mounting rapidly because state labor department staffs are not equipped to handle the wartime child labor situation, the National Child Labor Committee said here.

Howden Named New President By Rochester

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Norman Howden, veteran member of the Newspaper Guild of Rochester and its secretary-treasurer four years ago, was elected president of the local at its annual meeting.

Howden, makeup editor of the Democrat & Chronicle, succeeds Warren Phillips, Times-Union rewrite man, who declined to be a candidate for reelection.

OTHERS ELECTED

C. Robert Abbey, executive committee member and former Times-Union unit chairman, was elected vice president, and Jean Walrath, D&C reporter, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Phillips and William Kirby, D&C financial editor, were re-elected delegates to the Rochester CIO Council.

All officers were elected by unanimous ballots. They were the choice of a joint nominating committee headed by Elisabeth Keiper of the T-U unit.

TO NAME UNIT HEADS

Executive committee members and unit officers are to be elected soon by the units. The city officers will take office at an installation meeting next month under revised by-laws just adopted.

Hitherto, officers were elected and installed at an annual meeting in January, which delayed selection of unit officers and executive committee members and efficient functioning of the new administration sometimes until mid-February.

Guild dues are like insurance. Keep your insurance paid up.

Collis Given Fourth Term By Wilkes-Barre Guild

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—The Wilkes-Barre Newspaper Guild will not require a ballot election this year as result of a membership meeting at which five principal officers were nominated without opposition.

Joseph F. Collis, assistant managing editor of the Wilkes-Barre Record, was nominated to serve his fourth term as president. He has been an executive board member and active in the local since its organization.

Carl Pesavento, circulation department supervisor, was nominated for a third term as first vice president. Alex Deutser, Record advertising, was nominated for second vice president succeeding Kermit Griffith, Times-Leader, Evening News advertising, who declined to run.

Miss Anne Poskaitis was elected again as secretary-treasurer. She is from the Record business office and will be starting her third term in this office.

2 PAY BOOSTS

Mrs. Martha Thomas, Record business, who has directed the war activities of the local for the last two years, became recording secretary when the incumbent, Walter Rickert, accountant, declined re-election.

During Collis's tenure, two wage increases, aggregating some $35,000, have been obtained by the membership, one through negotiations and the other through a War Labor Board dispute case.

The Wilkes-Barre Guild has maintained consistently a paid-up membership of more than 95 per cent.

MONEY IN WORK

A series of assessments have brought the local defense fund almost $1,500 in War Bonds and the local will end the year with a cash balance of approximately $500 in addition to the defense fund.

The December meeting was the first conducted at 6:15 Saturday evening, decided in a membership referendum as the time most suitable to all members, and was attended by approximately 40 per cent of the membership although the mercury was only 10 degrees above zero.

ANG Vice President Joseph M. Walsh explained the purpose of the international's voluntary political action fund.

CIO WINS IN CANADA

SUDBURY, Ont. (FP)—By the huge majority of 6,913 to 1,187, the employes of the International Nickel Corp. at Sudbury voted for the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelters Workers (CIO) Local 598.

BAYTON IN CIO POST

HAMMOND, Ind.—Ernest Bayton, Northwestern Indiana Guild president, was elected a trustee for two years by the local CIO council.

Heads Renamed By Manchester

MANCHESTER, N. H.—Officers of the Manchester Newspaper Guild were renominated without opposition at the annual meeting.

Officers are: Walter Emerson, president; James Mooney, vice president; Joseph Dery, treasurer. To replace Edmond King as secretary, Reginald H. Abbott was nominated.

An installation banquet will be held some time in February, with James Mahony and Edmund Hughes as the committee in charge.

Wheeler Heads Atlanta Guild

ATLANTA, Ga.—E. Romney Wheeler, southern division sports editor of the Associated Press, was elected president of the Atlanta Newspaper Guild in its December meeting.

Wheeler succeeds Al B. Richardson, who was named secretary. E. J. Hosch was elected treasurer, succeeding Wheeler and Paul Simmons was named vice president, succeeding H. R. Mason. All are AP employes, except Mason, who is with Press Association.

Contract to Have Insurance Plan

NEW YORK — Standard and Poor's, Wall Street news service with 210 employes, has agreed to a $3,000 life insurance policy for persons with two dependents entering the armed forces. All others will receive a $1,000 policy.

On other points agreed to in contract negotiations, regular employes going into service will receive four weeks pay, instead of two as at present. Replacements who go into service will receive two weeks pay for each year of employment.

Employes disabled in service will receive full severance pay.

Being studied by the unit is a proposal of minimums up to $80 per week for senior field analysts and raising several other classifications to a top minimum of $75 and raises for almost all other minimums.

This would provide annual increases totaling about $45,000.

UNITED LABOR BODY

NEW ORLEANS (FP) — A United Labor Committee of Louisiana was set up here on a temporary basis by representatives of the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods.

SEEK REPLACEMENTS

WASHINGTON (FP)—In anticipation of heavy selective service inroads on shipyard manpower early in 1944, the U. S. Maritime Commission has launched a nationwide program for providing adequate replacements, including more women workers.

PHILIP MURRAY TELLS ROCHESTER GUILD MEETING '1944 CRUCIAL YEAR FOR UNIONS'

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Warning that "1944 will be the kind of year in which it will be determined whether we will live or die as labor organizations," CIO President Philip Murray urged fullest support of the CIO Committee for Political Action in an address to the Newspaper Guild of Rochester at its annual meeting.

In Rochester to fill a lecture engagement at Aquinas Institute, Catholic boys high school, CIO President Murray readily agreed to take time out from a tightly-packed day's schedule to address the Guild meeting in the Powers Hotel.

UNPRECEDENTED EVENT

Other guests at the meeting included Guildsman Vincent Sweeney, editor of Steel Labor, who came from Pittsburgh to be with Murray, and the Rev. Hugh Haffey, of the Aquinas Institute faculty, at whose invitation Murray came to Rochester as one of the speakers in a lecture series sponsored by the institute. . . .

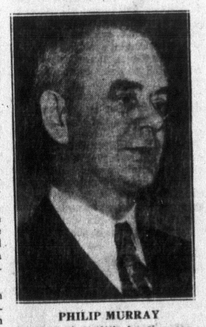
Murray told Guildsmen the creation of the CIO political action committee was an "unprecedented event in the annals of American trade union history."

"For the first time," he said, "a broad, constructive political program is being put forward by a large segment of the labor movement."

He termed the program "a giant undertaking, designedly educational in nature, calculated to inform the people about the live issues of the day, whatever they may be, and to bring forward a constructive program of a type which will appeal to all the people and which can be taken into a community and placed before all groups for their consideration."

Murray also gave Guildsmen a preview of his evening lecture address, outlining the proposal of the United Steelworkers for a guaranteed annual minimum living wage.

In his platform appearance on the eve of the opening of negotiations for a new contract with the U. S. Steel Corporation, Murray served notice that the CIO proposal for the guaranteed annual wage in the basic industries of the country was one which would be taken to the War Labor Board, to the people in public forums, and into the 1944 elections—if it were turned down by Big Steel.



PHILIP MURRAY
Backs political action

"I threw this plan into the lap of the National Association of Manufacturers," he said, referring to his recent appearance in a panel discussion with AFL President William Green, retiring NAM President Frederick Crawford, and Paul Hoffman, head of the Committee for Economic Development, "and I swear that when I finished, the 4,000 delegates were sitting on their hands.

SEES REPLY OF "NO"

"You could have heard a pin drop. There just was no reaction. I think it's a fair assumption that when the plan is put before them in collective bargaining conferences, they in all likelihood will say no."

Declaring the times call for bold steps in post-war planning and that the greatest question of the moment in the minds of all people is the question of security, Murray challenged big business to answer that question by accepting the plan as a basis for discussion.

"I know of no better way to answer that question than for management to say now that it is prepared to meet now with labor and work out the details of the plan."

Pointing out that industry, through rebate provisions of the excess profit tax law has guaranteed its own security for at least two years after the war, Murray declared, **"I venture to assert that that is a guaranteed income for employers, and if it is good for corporations, it is also good for human beings."**

Referring to the imminent steel bargaining talks, Murray said, "Should obstacles to the plan present themselves in the orderly processes of collective bargaining, then it is reasonable to assume it will be presented to the War Labor Board to find out whether or not it violates the provisions laid down in the Little Steel formula."

Later he added the plan "may very well inject itself into the political situation of 1944."

Hidden Rises in Clothing Prices Bared by OPA

WASHINGTON—Hidden price rises in clothing by declines in quality of garments and shoes have been revealed by the standards division of the OPA.

A 42 percent increase in the cost of a 1943 shoe was revealed by an analysis by the OPA. Shoes made by the same manufacturer, sold as the same style number, at the same price and which look the same were two vastly different things when analyzed.

Notable differences were in quality of the upper, insole and outsole as well as the heels. The 1943 shoe, sold at the same price as the 1941 item, "will give 30 percent less wear," says the OPA.

INDEX CRITICISED

In publicizing the findings of the OPA standards division, the CIO pointed out labor organizations have been critical of the WLB for its unreserved acceptance of the Bureau of Labor Standards cost of living index in the administration of policies.

"The CIO has taken the position for many months that the index does not completely and adequately reveal changes in the cost of living of American workers," says the CIO's Economic Outlook.

"The decline in quality of a garment is of course equivalent to a rise in its price."

CLOTHING CHANGES

The OPA also revealed typical changes in quality of women's coats and suits. In the same wholesale price ranges, quality of merchandise this year was found inferior to 1942 merchandise. In some cases the 1943 price was $3 to $4 higher than the 1942 quality.

The CIO bulletin points out that the development in clothes can be found duplicated in some forms of food, particularly meat.

"Necessity to take into account quality, in correction of the BLS index before applying it to wage cases by the WLB would seem to be too obvious for serious question," concludes the CIO bulletin.

New Minimum Rate Upheld

NEW YORK—A minimum rate of 50 cents an hour, ordered by the regional WLB here for workers in 56 companies associated with the soft shoe and slipper industry was upheld unanimously by the WLB. Also sustained was an order directing a week's vacation after a year.

Now Lissen General . . .



Citizen Ham Welling is pictured here telling off a couple generals at Camp Atterbury while still a reporter-photographer at the Indianapolis Times.

Now Lissen Soldier . . .



And a short time later we find Citizen Welling has become Pvt. Welling at Ft. Harrison, and an old sarge is giving him a scrubbing lesson.

After leaving the Ft. Harrison induction center, Pvt. Welling was promoted to private first class and now is at the Army signal corps photographic center at Long Island City, N. Y. Mrs. Welling, formerly in the Times society department, now is an ensign in the WAVES. When both were home on furlough, Pfc. Welling absolutely refused to salute Ensign Welling.

How Jap Bomb Wrecked Press Tent, Killed Writer

The following story was written by Technical Sgt. Theodore C. Link, a Marine Corps combat correspondent and member of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild.

CAPE TOROKINA, Bougainville—(Delayed)—The "Bougainville Press Club," officially the Public Relations office of this Marine combat organization, bore the brunt of a night attack by Japanese bombers when a 550-pound bomb landed within 10 feet of the tent early Sunday, Nov. 7.

R. Keith Palmer, 37, civilian war correspondent for the Melbourne (Australia) Herald and a syndicate of Australian newspapers, was instantly killed by shrapnel. Palmer, a native of Nelson, New Zealand, who lived in Melbourne, also was correspondent for the American magazine, Newsweek.

MEMBER WOUNDED

Rembert James, civilian war correspondent for the American Associated Press who worked for the news service in both Los Angeles and San Francisco, suffered severe concussion, shrapnel wounds in both feet and in the legs. He is a member of San Francisco-Oakland Guild.

Marine Corps personnel camped around the headquarters also suffered in the attack. A private was killed and six other Marines seriously injured.

Capt. Patrick O'Sheel, public relations officer for the Marine organization, suffered a painful shrapnel wound in the right leg. His wife and three-months-old son live in Mannington, W. Va. This correspondent received shrapnel wounds of the right leg, thigh and back.

OTHERS WOUNDED

Pfc. Paul R. Ellsworth of DeKalb, Ill., a combat artist, was nicked by several pieces of shrapnel, and Sgt. James Mundell, combat photographer of Houston, Tex., received one shrapnel puncture in his left leg.

George E. Jones of Seattle and San Francisco, war correspondent landing at Bougainville and bunked next to Palmer in the tent. Jones is a member of the Seattle Guild.

The huge bomb tore a crater in the earth 20 feet across and about five feet deep and leveled the undergrowth and trees for 25 yards around the crater. The tent was torn to shreds and equipment, typewriters and papers blasted. The crater was 10 feet from the tent entrance and Palmer slept in the rear of the tent.

The bombing followed a night of alerts. As the night wore on the attacks became more severe. The anti-aircraft fire increased in crescendo and the pyrotechnical display of tracer bullets and large gun bursts was amazing. At 2:35 a. m. more bombers roared overhead and anti-aircraft fire opened up on them full force.

An anti-aircraft battery, near the war correspondent's tent, split the night with a terrific din.

Palmer was only a few feet from his foxhole. This correspondent's last frantic impression of Palmer, who was nearest to him, was his peering skyward as the bombers neared. The thunderous crashing of the guns must have interferred with his timing.

HELMET TORN OFF

This correspondent buried his face in the sand just before the terrific blast which blew off his helmet after shrapnel struck it.

James, who has been out in the Pacific for eight months, covered activities of the Pacific fleet and was with the Army for 10 days in the taking of Arundel island, near Kolombangara. His closest call before, he said, was when he was on a small ship near Vella La Vella in the Solomons and Jap bombers scored seven near-misses on the ship.

Palmer, who was married and had two children, was buried in the new American Marine Cemetery on Cape Torokina.



"BETTER GRAB IT, MISTER—IT'S THE LAST ROOM FOR RENT IN TOWN!"

Detroit Guild Is Pressing Grievances Over Sick Leave

DETROIT—The Detroit Guild is fighting grievances arising out of management attempts to set sick leave off against overtime within a single week.

At the Times, the management attempted to deny overtime pay for a Saturday to an employe who had been absent several days during the week on account of illness. Agreement was finally reached between Times Manager William H. Mills and Guild Executive Secretary Paul Weber that the employe would be paid.

At the Free Press the management attempted to do the same thing, in the case of people working a scheduled six day week. After Guild protests, the management relented, but began posting five-day instead of six-day schedules.

The evident intent was to give the sixth overtime day only to those who had not been ill during the week.

Grievance proceedings continue.

TO CONSULT LABOR ON PLANS OF WMC

WASHINGTON (FP)—In new instructions sent out to all regional offices, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt said that organized labor as well as management will be consulted in all WMC plans for more effective utilization of workers.

Denver Guild Buys More War Bonds

DENVER—With money in the bank, the Denver Guild voted to invest $500 more in war bonds in the fourth war bond campaign. The Denver Guild purchased $300 in war bonds last year for its defense fund.

Reports Being Prepared in 12 Cases by Panel

CHICAGO—Three new dispute cases involving Guild contracts have been certified to the Panel since the last report. They are El Paso Herald-Post and Times, Utica Observer Dispatch, and Catholic Universe Bulletin (Cleveland). Reports are being prepared in 12 cases.

The United Press case was the only voluntary agreement approved by the Panel.

Panel reports have been completed but not yet reported out in four dispute cases:

Knoxville Journal.
Sacramento Union.
Indianapolis Star.
Sioux City Journal-Tribune.

Hearing dates have ben set for the following cases: Fort Worth Press, Houston Press, hearing Jan. 5. Florida Times-Union, briefs to be exchanged Jan. 15 with rebuttal briefs Jan. 25. On the Jan. 17 agenda for consideration are the following cases: Central Press, International News Service and International News Photos, Los Angeles Herald-Express.

The regional board has issued directive orders in three cases, Cleveland Press, Cincinnati Post and the Minneapolis Star Journal, Times and Tribune. In the Cleveland News case, which was before the Panel, the parties reached agreement and the case was closed.

Panel reports are in preparation for 12 dispute cases, including five from New York:

Biddeford Journal.
Buffalo News.
Camden Courier-Post.
Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Detroit News.
St. Louis Globe Democrat.
Syracuse Post-Standard.

The five New York cases are: Daily News, Jewish Day, Long Island Daily Press, New York Times, and the World Telegram.

POETRY CORNER:

Youngstown Rings the Bell With Gift Card

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — A gift of the Reader's Digest went to every Youngstown Guildsman and Guildswoman in the service before Christmas, and President Stanley Wolfe reports, the card which accompanied the first issue got almost as big a reception as the magazine itself.

The announcement of the gift was prepared by Larry Flint, Guildsman and columnist for the Vindicator. It read:

Whenever things get sort of slack
And you can't find a WAVE or WAC;
When there's no gin to mix your ice with
Nor any douah to fade the dice with;
Or when you are, for raising hell
Confined to quarters for a spell;
Or if you need some food for thought
While sitting on the—er—the cot,
Just pick the Reader's Digest up
And say "Well I'm a dirty pup!
Those folks back home where I came from
I guess they sort of miss me some."

And, buddy, if you're far away
Or in the good old U.S.A.
At camp or sea or pole or isthmus,
We surely do. SO MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Digest went to 17 persons, not all of them Guildsmen. Recipients included the former managing editor, now with the School of Military Government.

Two Guildsmen and one Guildswoman who are in more or less inaccessible places overseas got a cash gift of $10.

PAPERS TO AID IN UNION POLITICS DRIVE

LYNN, Mass. (FP)—Editors of both daily newspapers here following a conference with Local 201, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (CIO), agreed to co-operate with the union in its political action drive during the coming year.

Argentina Is Tightening New Muzzle on the Press

By RAY JOSEPHS

South America is in the news, and this background story helps explain what is going on—and why—in some of the countries which are getting in the headlines.

MONTEVIDEO (By Clipper)—In Argentina, where the government still plays ball with the Axis nations, the Ramirez government now is screening its efforts to muzzle the press, despite a new calculated effort to keep the propaganda and elaborate set of regulations mill functioning while at the same time stifling facts.

Some months back correspondents were able to keep track of newspapers that had been closed as "punishment" meted out by the Ramirez government to those Argentine papers which dared to criticize the military government's practices or policies.

NOTICES OF CLOSING

Correspondents in Montevideo, Uruguay, had noted the fine type notices in the provincial news sections which started "by federal order there has been closed the newspaper . . ." Added up, these items disclosed a most severe restriction on the Argentine press and on news stories sent abroad. Further, this indicated a growing apprehension by the government regarding its own status.

But no more can correspondents here keep track of these muzzlings. Papers no longer are allowed to mention these closings.

Recently correspondents here have been able to note the real direction and aim of Argentina's Presidential Bureau of Press and Propaganda, which was established two months ago.

GOEBBELS STYLE

Patterned after the technique of Goebbels, the order calls for steps by the press, social and political literature, broadcasting stations, music, theaters and, "in general all public entities to unfold their activities in accordance with the intentions inaugurated by the government."

Moves to follow its instructions of "centralizing and co-ordinating official information and the omission of news of general interest, providing the means by which press, radio, etc. can carry on activities, and coordinating and intensifying the relations of the press with the public authorities," already have begun.

VARIOUS RULES

The decree further states that the Goebbels-style bureau is to:

E). Collaborate in the activities of foreign agencies and correspondents with a view to impeding the emission of news or commentaries unfavorable to the nation's prestige.

F) Avoids the issue of foreign publications which are prejudicial to national interests.

G) Insure the supply of newsprint and virgin film, intervening if necessary in the distribution to ascertain that it is carried out in a satisfactory manner.

H) Assist, whenever convenient, groups or activities which have as their object any of the purposes mentioned.

I) Organize state propaganda.

TIME IS BANNED

So far several of the points have been put into operation, including the banning from the mails of 189 publications, including the U. S. weekly news magazine, Time.

Since most dailies depend upon imported newsprint that is shipped exclusively from the United States and Sweden, many observers feel that the government will try to exercise pressure to favor "good" papers and keep paper from going to those who don't support the administration adequately.

However, since the U. S. and Britain exercise control over what can be shipped here, they're not likely to accept any government reshuffling either of newsprint or of raw stock, which is necessary to keep local producers going.

It's also uncertain to date how greatly foreign correspondents will be "collaborated" with. There is no mention of censorship in the decree but correspondents have long since found that the only thing they can file through Buenos Aires is official handouts.

Local dailies, while not censored at the source, are still operating under the state of siege originally imposed by Castillo, the former president, and much strengthened by the present administration. No comment on international affairs is permitted, especially anything to do with Argentina's neutrality policy, and on local matters only the slightest comment can be made unless it is purely favorable.

150 PAPERS CLOSED

But the suspensions ordered by the government remain the most effective means of controlling the press, and insuring that the proper propaganda is disseminated.

Estimates on the closures total about 150 to 200. Some suspensions have been for indefinite periods, others for a day, two days, a week or more.

The insidious and dangerous thing, according to Argentine newspaper men who have visited here, is that this type of suspension saps the will to resist of many editors. As a result, few papers have become willing to print anything about government policy except what is in the official presidential press bulletin handouts.

For the sake of outside appearances, the Ramirez administration not long ago issued a statement to provincial interventers who replaced the state governors, explaining that "papers are free to comment constructively."

Editors reveal that the only criticism acceptable is praise.

Study of the records shows that comparatively few pro-Axis (which means pro-neutrality) papers have been closed, while the pro-democratic dailies have been shuttered right and left.

Newspapermen and publishers also have been arrested, most without any charges given.

So with the new Secretariat of Press and Propaganda (which many consider to be copied from Goebbels' German Ministry of Public Enlightenment) the local press in Argentina is under closer watch and control.

Thus the Ramirez government is better able to dupe the people, keep facts from the people, and to pursue its course.

Unions Are Given New Warning Of Threats to Labor Legislation

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP)—It was not a cheerful picture that was drawn by the reports and comments of state labor commissioners, representatives of organized labor and state and federal officials at the National Conference on Labor Legislation held here.

Many of the gains which have been painfully and slowly won by labor in many struggles on the picket line and in legislative halls have been nullified in a year or two—some for the duration and some without definite limit.

Child labor, it was reported, has grown by leaps and bounds. Wage-Hour Administrator L. Metcalfe Walling said that in the first quarter of this fiscal year, his division had collected $850,000 in fines of $10 per person for each day the law was violated.

This is four times the normal collection of fines.

CHILD LABOR

Walling estimated that half of the increase in employment in wartime America is due to child labor, the other half to employment of women who normally do not work. There has been an increase of 330 percent this year in issuance of certificates for legal child labor.

Walling singled out the shipyard industry for immediate action, asserting that employment of children in shipyards was a "tremendous national problem."

Another dangerous trend is the relaxation of laws limiting the hours of employment of women and prohibiting night work for women. Connecticut and Kansas particularly were the subject of discussion in this regard.

It is quite apparent that manufacturers' groups are using every angle to set aside laws of this type.

THREAT TO WORKERS

The danger is that the laws which were enacted in peacetime to protect workers—and it took years to enact them—are relaxed in wartime to take care of an emergency.

The plants and industries for which these laws are being relaxed will quickly pass out of the picture with the ending of the war, leaving the workers in their regular civilian employments with the problem of again struggling to obtain the protective legislation.

The conference ended with a flare-up on states' rights, when the delegates were asked to indorse federal legislation granting funds to state agencies for enforcement of labor laws.

Several southern labor commissioners opposed such action, pleading states' rights. It appears that some states would rather not enforce laws than accept money from the federal government. However, a majority voted to indorse the proposed legislation.

—BUY BONDS EACH WEEK—
—ON PAY DAY, BUY BONDS—



"THIS IS MR BUDGE, OUR EMPLOYMENT AGENT. HE'D LIKE TO MEET ANY OF YOU LADIES WHO THINK YOU CAN DRIVE THIS BUS BETTER THAN I CAN."

With the AUXILIARY

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

To meet Pat Aleskovsky, president of the New York Guild Auxiliary, is to become optimistic over the future of auxiliaries, and the future of America. She's young and full of zest. Petite and blond, she quickly dispels any impression that she is decorative only, proving that she's a solid citizen and very much aware of what is going on.

Pat was born and raised in Chicago. At an early age she became an efficient homemaker, caring for her widowed father. As a girl she took part in school dramatics, sang in the Methodist choir, was a member of Job's Daughters, and didn't skip any sports or dancing. When many other girls were able to go to college, she became a secretary, and a good one! Deciding later to attend Northwestern university, she quit her job and tackled this new role. Immediately she became a leader of student activities.

Pat was "initiated" into Guild activities during the 18-month Hearst strike in Chicago in 1938. She tramped in the picket lines, manned the soup kitchen, and led the singing when pep was needed. And during the strike she changed her name from Pat Clark to Mrs. Nate Aleskovsky. She was president of the Chicago Guild Auxiliary during some of its most difficult days.

In New York, where Nate became editor of the "Living in Wartime" section of PM, Pat resumed her auxiliary work. She was quickly put on this committee and that. Realizing that the war must be fought and won on all fronts, she was one of the first to become active in her CIO Community Council. She rang doorbells and talked with housewives and voters. She holds an executive position in her Community Council. When Nate went into the Merchant Marine this fall, Pat was "drafted" to work as a shopping reporter in his former department. Undaunted, she took over—and the bosses say she's OK.

And "drafted" is the word again in the matter of the presidency of the N. Y. Guild Auxiliary. In spite of all her other commitments, Pat just naturally was called on to fill the job when the president joined the Wacs. Right now, Pat is the only nominee for the presidency for next year.

NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

Washington—The Aux had a most successful supper party at which $20 was raised for Guild servicemen, and two members signed up. At the January meeting there will be a discussion of the political action report of the CWA convention in terms of how it can be carried out in Washington.

New York—The Aux sent four delegates to the "Women at Work" all-day conference Dec. 11, one for each of the panels on child care, health, consumer, and in-plant problems. Also a delegate to the meeting of the Congressional Committee to Protect the Consumer, called by its chairman Congressman Scanlon, in Washington, Dec. 9. The delegate, Pat Aleskovsky, wrote two songs on the train, with which they regaled the delegation and, later, the congressmen. They deal with the question of subsidies and high prices. The Aux is proud to announce that one of its members—Gladys Yablonky—has been asked to edit the "Auxiliary Woman"—organ of the Council of New York Auxiliaries.

POLITICAL ACTION

The fight for subsidies, the anti-poll tax bill, and the soldier vote must be continued and intensified. Suggested message to your senator: Keep fighting for price control subsidies, which will stop inflation and save consumers and the government many times their cost. We urge you to accept no compromises.

Correction—The new manual "Let's Get Organized," published by the CWA, may be had by applying to Mabel Pollock, Secretary-Treasurer. Each national board member and each local will receive a copy. Locals are urged to purchase additional copies at 10¢ each.

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.*

PHILADELPHIA-CAMDEN NAMES DELEGATES TO 3 CIO COUNCILS

PHILADELPHIA—Guild delegates have been elected to three CIO Industrial Union Councils, with which the local is affiliated.

Philadelphia Industrial Council—William J. Farson, ANG vice president and former chairman of the Inquirer unit. He is an ad solicitor. Irving Fagan, Record, just nominated for his third term as council secretary; Marion Schick, Record, wife of former ANG vice president Jules Schick and chairman of the local's war activities committee.

South Jersey Industrial Council—William J. Gaffney, local vice president, and James Ryan, unit vice chairman. Gaffney is a rewriteman and Ryan a roadman for the Camden Courier-Post.

Delaware County Industrial Union Council—Bartram Harvey, Chester Times unit chairman; Richard Widdoes, unit vice chairman; Curtis Reyburn, and Jack McCandless. Harvey and Reyburn are ad solicitors; Widdoes and McCandless are rewritemen on the Chester Times.

Caught on the Run

Money in circulation for October set a new all-time high, says the Treasury department.

Query: Did you notice it?

Living costs for October rose again for the second straight month.

We know the answer to this one.

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HOW MUCH CHAMPAGNE?
The $64 question

Many new state organizations cropped up as a result of National Guard units being called up. In some areas they were trained to assist in war emergencies.

But the Fourth Regiment (Queens) in New York set a new note, which may be the shadow that heralds coming events, when it staged a drill for instruction in quelling of "agitators" thinly disguised as labor organizers.

The "agitators," wearing blue denim overalls, carried such signs as "we want food," "we want jobs" and "our kids are hungry."

The drill was reported as demonstrating the "technique of dispersing a mob in the event of riots, including the bayoneting of the 'agitator'."

Guards were armed with clubs for jabbing 'agitators' in the solar plexus.

The commander, Col. G. W. Martin, (corporation lawyer daytimes) in an interview expounded: "At the present time, labor and Negroes are getting rich . . ." When asked to define an agitator, he said "they always ask questions about how big a man's house is and how much champagne he drinks."

The State Guard is responsible to New York's Governor Dewey, who is honing his political hatchet.

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Profits division

Corporation profits for 1943 set a new high mark, estimated by the U. S. Department of Commerce at $22,000,000,000 at least. Profits for the third puarter (16 percent above 1942) were $5,700,000,000 before taxes, which the commerce department termed "the highest for any quarter in American economic history."

Profits after taxes will run about $8,000,000,000 for 1943, about double the total for 1939.

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OUR CONTEMPORARIES
Sound advice

The Guild Bulletin of the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild has a few paragraphs for the memory book, in connection with a statement on grievance machinery:

"Guild members are reminded that the attitude of every member toward his or her work hurts or helps us all.

"Collective bargaining means that a standard of excellence has been set up for every one of us, and that each must do his best to live up to that level, for the benefit of himself and his fellow employes. The gains that have come from Guild organization and membership also carry with them the obligation that we stick together to raise the standards of our jobs. The best way to qualify for more pay is to be worth more pay."

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LIFE IN NEW YORK
The Cottillion

More than 100 girls representing some of New York's best families made their debut at the Allied Flag Ball and Cotillion at the Waldorf Astoria.

So the girls from the best families paraded to the words of "arise ye prisoners of starvation —arise ye wretched of the earth."

Music for the grand march was the "Internationale."

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War prisoners are being used to cut pulpwood in the Texas-Virginia area in an effort to reduce the newsprint shortage.

This is the last issue of the acting editor, Editor Baldinger returning from an enforced leave on doctor's orders. The next issue is his.

To all those who co-operated and came through with copy and pictures and material (and who probably added years to my life), my thanks.

And so 'Caught on the Run' ends its run.

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The phoney strike at Western Electric in Baltimore over separate toilet facilities for white and Negro workers was staged by a company union. Some papers forgot to mention that fact.

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When the Typos rejected reaffiliation with the AFL by a vote of 24,331 to 23,221 it was the third such action in five years.

Typos were suspended by the AFL in 1939 after they refused to pay a 1 cent per capita assessment to fight the CIO.

N. Y. Units Laud Working Unity

NEW YORK—Plans calling for working unity between the ANG and officers of the New York Guild were enthusiastically received by the New York membership.

Almost every unit has met since the general membership meeting of Nov. 30 and has adopted a resolution commending ANG President Milton Murray and the New York officers for the spirit of co-operation which resulted in the new relationship.

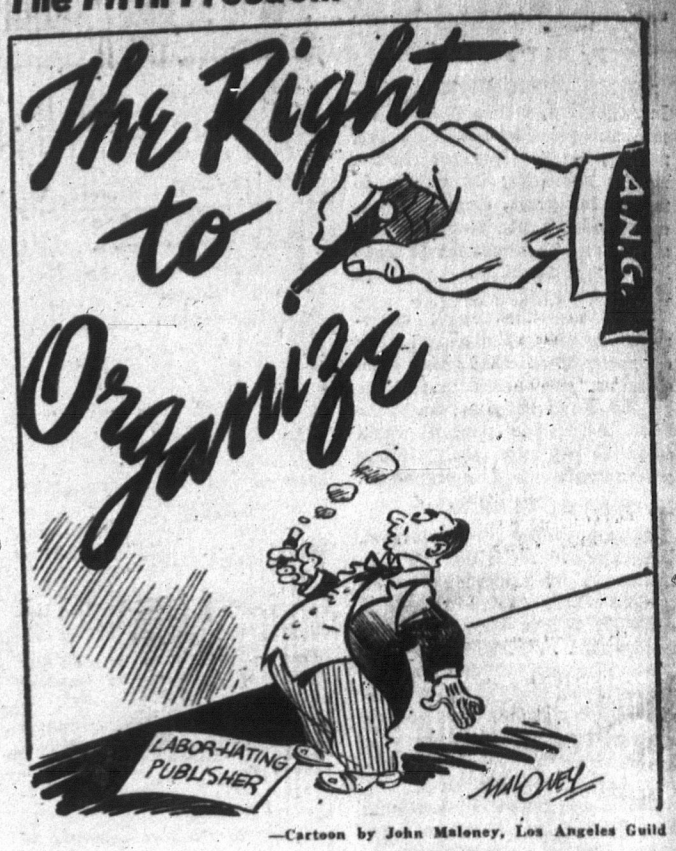
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Units which adopted resolutions included:

Herald Tribune, Brooklyn Eagle, Times, Morning Telegraph, Time, Inc., Standard and Poor's, Labor Press, Look, and Newsweek. Unit councils of the Mirror and Daily News took similar action.

President Murray has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker at the general membership meeting Jan. 13.

The Fifth Freedom



—Cartoon by John Maloney, Los Angeles Guild



CONWAY CALLS STORY 'CARPING AND FALSE'

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The carping and false story on the N. Y. membership meeting which appears in the latest issue of the Guild Reporter is the subject of this letter.

The statement that my original resolution contained a proposal to change the constitution is a lie. My resolution stated that the IEB, Murray and Bade violated the spirit of the ANG constitution and all American journalistic standards of fair play in denying the columns of The Guild Reporter to accused members of the Guild—and I repeat that charge now, certain that most Guildsmen will feel as I do in this respect. There is vast difference between this and Bade's report.

In this connection I point out that this does not represent a new attitude on my part. I fought —with success—a suggestion that the N. Y. local's Guildpaper should censor letters to the editor. I am against rotten practices whether they are practiced by the N. Y. leaders or the ANG leaders. I will be against such rotten practices even if the ANG leaders and the N. Y. leaders should agree as to what should be suppressed.

The citation of Murray's charge that higher scales are paid in Detroit and St. Louis than in N. Y. was a deliberate attempt at deception. Bade was next to me when Murray was specifically asked if the higher "reporter minimums" which he cited didn't include rewrite men and copy readers—two classifications which are separately listed in the N. Y. contracts and for which the scale is higher in N. Y. than in St. Louis or Detroit, according to the questions asked of Murray. Murray's answer was that he didn't know. However, Murray and Bade have the records. They had an opportunity to look up those records, which are in their offices, before reporting the incident in the Guild Reporter.

I now ask them to state the true and full facts, and put an end to this sort of sniping at the N. Y. Guild.

The Guild Reporter's account of the meeting made a point of Murray's charge that the partial text of the hearing before the fact-finding commission to investigate the N. Y. Guild had "omitted" paragraphs which would give a different impression of what occurred. I, who have more of the text in my possession, challenged that statement. I now ask that the Guild Reporter publish the entire text and put a quietus to this sort of humbug.

Finally, I want now to repeat my charge that the IEB, Murray and Bade as acting editor of the Guild Reporter, violated the spirit of the ANG Constitution in its suppression of communications in the columns of the Guild Reporter. This sort of suppression has occurred before, involving locals, units and members in the South and West. These facts were brought up in committee hearings at both the Boston and Denver Conventions. There was a tacit promise of better behavior in the future. That promise has been grossly violated. For the protection of all Guild members now in disfavor with the current ANG administration or who may be in disfavor with some future administration of different political complexion, I formally request a statement from the IEB that will, so far as in their power, guarantee all members against such vile abuse and persecution.

ROBERT CONWAY
(Former President of N. Y. Guild).

HEADLINE CHEERED ST. LOUIS PRESIDENT

ST. LOUIS.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

To me, the G R headline, "IEB Halts Inquiry of N. Y. Officers As Move Is Made for Co-operation" is a decidedly cheering one. It indicates a definite move toward that unity which is so important nationally and locally. Milton Murray made a definite contribution by his action at the meeting with the New York local.

My commendation goes to Murray and the local; for without unity there can be no full concentration on the job we face.

WILLIAM L. PLOWMAN,
President
(St. Louis Guild).

Auto Workers to Help Veterans

RETROIT—The Detroit Newspaper Guild is taking a leading role in the successful drive conducted by the CIO War Chest committee.

At the Times, under the direction of President Ralph Novak, $1,115 was collected through the one hour per month CIO pledge.

The CIO War Chest poster was designed by Ray Pearson, Free Press, and 20,000 copies were distributed. Marguerite Gahagan, Guild secretary, wrote scripts used by the local committee on broadcasts.

Political Action Drive in Detroit

DETROIT—Under the leadership of Committee Chairman Charles C. Weber, of the Times unit, a newly-reorganized Detroit Guild government relations committee is getting down to brass tacks on the ANG political education program.

A sub-committee is breaking the membership of the Guild down into a ward and precinct list. This file of Guild members, by voting places, will then be turned over to August Scholle, regional CIO political action director, so that Guildsmen may be integrated into the CIO's ward and precinct organization.

A membership meeting of the local voted unanimously to approve the ANG and CIO programs for putting government relations on a par with employer relations, after listening to a summary of the ANG policy by President Milton M. Murray.

AP Balks on Joint Action in Six Cases

The Associated Press management has refused to join with the Guild in petitioning the WLB for an order putting into effect the unappealed sections of the regional board's directive order in the dispute cases in Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Kansas City, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

The Guild, however, has petitioned the WLB on its own behalf to put the unappealed sections into effect.

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