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GUILD DEMANDS SHOWDOWN IN WLB
IEB URGES POLITICAL MOBILIZATION

Guild at Stake In 1944 Vote, Board Warns

Political action in 1944 is inseparable from basic collective bargaining objectives of the American Newspaper Guild, the union's International Executive Board reemphasized last week in New York City sessions.

Reviewing a succession of alarming wartime developments against trade unionism, in government and out of government, the IEB underscored political responsibilities of the Guild and agreed that they must be carried out—local by local, unit by unit, member by member.

"We are all in a boat that is about to be sunk by torpedoes of reactionaries," ANG President Milton Murray warned after Urcel Daniel, secretary of the union's Government Relations Committee, reported apathy in some Guild quarters, despite progress in establishment of coordinated committees in locals.

"FIGHTING FOR LIVES"

"Guild locals are fighting for their lives. They are fighting not only for their members' rights as citizens, but for their contracts—for wages, hours and working conditions, for the jobs of our soldiers when they come home.

"We must work with all who will work with us for labor's program."

To help develop the Guild's political action program in locals throughout the country, where registration to vote in this year's crucial elections is an initial objective, the Government Relations Committee made these supervisory assignments:

Regions 1 and 5 (New England and Eastern seaboard) — ANG Vice President Walter Engels; Region 2 (South)—Vice President Gordon Cole, committee chairman; Region 3 (Midwest)—Vice President Milton J. Lapine; Region 4 (West) — Pat Frayne of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild.

GUILDSMEN RECRUITED

Murray, in charge of labor press public relations for the national CIO Political Action Committee, said that Guild locals "can function with effectiveness far surpassing their numerical strength" in working regionally with the CIO committee.

HE HOLDS CARD NO. 1 IN GUILD LOCAL NO. 1

The country's first Newspaper Guildsman, in order of issuance of membership cards, reads all about his union (now in its eleventh growing year) at Silver City, N. M., where he cultivates a beard, nurses arthritis, and contemplates (note the grin) the progress of the Guild idea despite publisher perfidies (note the banner line). He's John B. Goski, who did much to organize Cleveland newspapermen into ANG Local 1 in 1933. Holder of the first membership card issued by Local 1, he continues to pay his dues regularly.

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IEB Protests War Strikes By Publishers

The American Newspaper Guild headed this week into a showdown fight with publishers and government labor agencies over collective bargaining sit-down strikes by newspaper owners and dilatory operations of the War Labor Board.

Angered by repeated defiance by publishers of wartime bargaining procedures and by WLB failures to enforce its directives, the International Executive Board of the union instructed its three top officers to take the Guild's mounting grievances to Washington and to insist that they be resolved—now.

ANG President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers were empowered by the IEB after New York City sessions February 5, 6 and 7, to carry the Guild's protests to WLB Chairman William H. Davis, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and—failing them—to President Roosevelt.

PANEL "RECONSTITUTED"

A last-minute telegram to the IEB at the Hotel New Yorker from the WLB, reporting that it had approved a reform in contract review procedure long sought by the Guild, did not alter the IEB's determination to finish the fight. The WLB announced that:

"The Daily Newspaper Printing and Publishing Panel has been reconstituted as the Daily Newspaper Printing and Publishing Commission and has been given authority to make final decisions on all voluntary wage and salary approval cases and all dispute cases, subject to the customary

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WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

GOP Opens Crusade to Free Press From That Man in the White House

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON — Arise, men, the hour of liberation is near. The Republicans are preparing to free the press.

Some of us had wistfully hoped that this issue would be left out of the campaign.

There have been 12 long years of almost uninterrupted and widespread newspaper war against the Roosevelt family; it did not seem credible that the GOP would bring up the hoary fiction of administration control of the newspapers.

"—FUNNY NOISES—"

But the distant thunder of the liberating army can already be heard. The first funny noises have been made by Governor Bricker of Ohio.

He has announced that—if he is elected—newspapers never will be slaves again. I detect the **makings of a great national debate.**

In wading into this theme, Bricker was as careless with facts as the defenders of journalistic purity usually turn out to be. As evidence that the press was being subjugated, for example, he cited the delay in the release of the story of Japanese atrocities.

The same Governor Bricker, however, in the course of his recent Washington visit, insisted that the Army and Navy were running a swell war and that—if elected—he would not touch any phase of their activities.

HE MISSES POINT

What the good governor omitted to say was that most of the witholding of news which has occured in the Capital during this war has been dictated by the Army and Navy; that the Office of War Information has been repeatedly rebuffed in its effort to loosen up this policy; and that—whether rightly or wrongly—most of the timidity in our news policy has been the product of military and naval judgment.

I think virtually every newspaperman in town will confirm this point. The situation has improved—partly because the Pres-

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Action Is Needed Now On Programs in Congress

By URCEL DANIEL
Secretary,
Government Relations Committee
American Newspaper Guild

WASHINGTON—Since the Senate and the House have passed conflicting soldier vote bills—the Senate providing for a federal ballot, the House for a "states' rights" and therefore useless one—it is not too late for wires and letters from Newspaper Guild locals and members to be effective.

The conference committee of the two houses is evenly divided, and consequently is expected to reach a stalemate very soon. When that happens, administration sup-

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Labor for FDR, New Poll Shows

PRINCETON, N. J. (FP)—Labor is overwhelmingly for reelection of President Roosevelt, analysis of a Gallup poll showed.

Question was: What party would you prefer to see win the Presidential election in November?

AFL members voted: Democratic 64 percent; Republican 36 percent.

CIO members voted: Democratic 66 percent; Republican 34 percent.

Among those who wanted a Democratic victory, the poll showed President Roosevelt the choice of 88 percent. Henry A. Wallace was favored by 6 percent.

Guild Convention Is Set for August

The eleventh annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild will open August 7 in Milwaukee for four or five days of sessions in the Hotel Schroeder.

Guild conventions traditionally are conducted in June, and the 1944 ANG sessions had been tentatively scheduled to start in Milwaukee June 26.

RAIL JAMS CITED

The August convention period this year was designated by the union's International Executive Board because Midwest transportation facilities are expected to be taxed by the Republican convention in Chicago in June and the Democratic convention there in July — and because the week of August 7 was the earliest subsequent period in which Milwaukee hotel reservations could definitely be arranged.

The IEB, which fixed the 1944 convention dates at a session February 6 in New York City, will meet at least twice before August 7—**on May 6, 7 and 8 in New York and in the first week of August in Milwaukee,** which was accepted as the 1944 ANG convention site at the tenth anniversary convention of the union in Boston last June.

SERVICEMEN COUNTED

On a motion by ANG Vice President William J. Farson, the IEB ruled that in computing convention representations of local Guilds, dues-exempt members of the armed forces in good membership standing be included by an arbitrary assumption that their post-induction per capita payments have been made.

The IEB also voted, on a motion by ANG Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks, to recommend that locals should count members in good standing in the armed forces in determining local meeting quorums—"or in other local procedures involving membership good standing."

Denounce Strikes by Publishers

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National Board appeal and review procedure."

This WLB order, on its face, increased the authority of its newspaper industry agency, headquartered in Chicago, where panel contract decisions had been subject to delaying review by the Sixth Regional War Labor Board.

But uncertainties about the scope of the new commission's ultimate powers and about procedures at once arose. And unresolved was the pressing Guild point of enforcement of directives of the WLB to publishers in contract cases.

"—STRIKE AFTER STRIKE—"

The Guild, observing without qualification labor's post-Pearl Harbor "no-strike" pledge, had witnessed strike after strike by publishers who, capitalizing on the war emergency, refused to bargain collectively with their Guild employes and disdained to observe the wartime laws of the land.

This publisher approach to the industry's wartime responsibilities in labor relations was epitomized for the IEB by one management czar who told Guild contract negotiators, in effect:

"You can't strike. You aren't going to strike. And the hell with you."

Prime examples of what the Guild faces in collective bargaining procedures, despite WLB panels, commissions, directives, and professed intentions, were provided for the IEB in Denver and in Knoxville, Tenn.

In Denver, at The Post, where the Guild had a long history of bargaining relations, the publisher stalled away renewal of a contract by a surreptitious appeal from the orders by WLB agencies, so that now no Post contract is in force—and none in prospect.

In Knoxville, where since 1938 the Guild has tried to engage The Journal in some form of collective bargaining, management turned down a recommendation by the Chicago Regional War Labor Board for an initial contract and moved on toward endless appeals in Washington.

The immediate questions posed by the Guild's IEB were these:

Does the WLB intend—or not intend—to enforce its orders and directives for honest collective bargaining between publishers and the Guild? And if these orders are not enforced by the WLB, what is the Guild expected to do about them?

Just prior to receipt of the WLB telegram reporting the reconstitution of the Chicago WLB panel into a commission, the IEB unanimously approved a collective bargaining policy statement.

Following receipt of the telegram, ANG President Murray asked the IEB if there was any move to reconsider its vote on the policy statement. There was none.

POLICY PROPOSED

The ANG policy statement said, in substance:

Failure of the WLB, since Guild-publisher public hearings last October, to announce a decision applying a maintenance of membership formula to Guild contracts has caused an impression that management pressure may be responsible for the delay. This delay has contributed to logjams and breakdowns in WLB machinery affecting the Guild.

The Guild has noted that the WLB has taken preemptory measures to insure compliance of unions with its directives. The Guild has not noted any similar peremptory measures against publishers to insure their compliance with WLB directives for Guild contracts.

The Guild has scrupulously fulfilled its wartime contract responsibilities and has fully cooperated with all government agencies, particularly those concerned with processes of collective bargaining. The Guild has a right to insist that publishers demonstrate a similar attitude—and not to refuse, directly or by subterfuge, to follow WLB directives.

The Guild's IEB has a primary function. That is to protect the interests of Guild members. The IEB has no intention of being supine in the face of publisher provocations and WLB delays which imperil the interests of Guild members.

Certain newspaper managements have been in effect on strike against the government and the Guild. These strikes by publishers, if permitted by the WLB to continue, can only lead to serious chaos and strife within the newspaper industry.

The ANG's IEB at the same time, in its New York sessions, proceeded in its long-drafted policy of seeking to obtain pay levels in contracts which approximate the rising cost of living.

COL REPORT CITED

Citing the report of CIO and AFL members to the Presidential Committee on the Cost of Living, which showed that prices had gone up 43.5 percent since January, 1941, instead of 23.4 percent admitted by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, the IEB called again for a realistic adjustment of wage formulas—now held rigidly within the 15 percent Little Steel vise.

Guild locals were urged by the IEB to ask for wage increases in contract negotiations beyond the Little Steel formula in all cases in which that formula's possibilities have been exhausted.

The IEB also instructed its Contracts Committee to notify all Guild locals that:

"It has now become necessary to ask in negotiations for whatever money is available for the Guild's jurisdiction under General Order No. 31 of the National War Labor Board."

"MERIT" PLAN ADVANCED

In this directive Guild locals were advised "to interpret rate ranges under General Order No. 31 as being divided into two groups

"1) A rate range between the bottom and top minimums for the purpose of merit increases within the contract minimums.

"2) A rate range between the top minimum and the top actually paid for the purpose of merit increases above the top contract minimums."

Commenting on the current collective bargaining problem of the Guild, with emphasis on publisher slowdowns, walkouts from negotiations, and outright strikes against the Guild and government, ANG Executive Vice President Eubanks told the IEB:

"We have got to realize that we are dealing with the toughest, greediest, most reactionary set of employes in the United States.

"We are dealing with members of the only group which has defied — and defied successfully — every order of a war agency which might cost them money.

"We are dealing with a bunch of petty tyrants."

ANG President Murray commented:

"We must demand that government follow its own procedures and enforce its orders—and, if necessary, take over newspaper plants as it took over the railroads.

"Although I, personally, would oppose the commissioning of a publisher as a colonel to operate his own plant."

—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

(ANG Vice Presidents Kenneth B. Crouse of Twin Cities, W. A. Copeland of Memphis and Gordon H. Cole of Washington were prevented by unexpected local emergencies from attending February 5 weekend sessions of the Guild's International Executive Board in New York City. All other IEB members were present.)

'Functioning Unity' Pledged by New York

Agreements on "functioning unity" between international leaders of the American Newspaper Guild and officers of the union's New York City local were reported February 6 to the ANG's International Executive Board.

The report, including exhibits, was made to the IEB by ANG President Milton Murray, chairman of a Fact Finding Commission named by the board last November to investigate complaints that the New York officers had violated ANG constitutional provisions, particularly in collective bargaining, and had failed to cooperate with ANG leaders in union business.

DISSOLVE COMMISSION

The commission was dissolved by the IEB following the detailed report, in which Murray said in part:

"There was conceded by the New York officers that there were certain technical violations of constitutional provisions. There was an attitude of disharmony and non-cooperation. It was clearly evident that this attitude was a carry-over of the 1941 (ANG national referendum) election. . . .

"The New York officers have pledged themselves to work within the constitution . . . and have further pledged themselves to correct their attitude toward the international officers.

"Now, it should be clear that there was no requirement made nor any commitment given that this deprives the New York officers of any rights or privileges to continue a political opposition to the international officers.

"Nor, on the other hand, was any requirement made or commitment given that the international officers of the ANG need accept any political affiliation with the New York officers. . . .

BADE APPOINTED TO WLB COMMISSION

ANG International Representative Wilbur E. Bade has been designated by the Guild's International Executive Board as an alternate labor member of the War Labor Board's newspaper industry commission in Chicago.

"It was, however, definitely agreed by the Fact Finding Commission and the New York officers that there would be a functioning unity in the operation of our union.

"At a subsequent meeting of the New York membership I told the members that so far as I was concerned, I was accepting that in good faith and that I proposed to do my part in carrying it out.

"I did not, however, intend to carry it out blindly; I intended to be alert for any violations on the part of other people in New York.

"I believe that we can proceed along those lines to operate a little more effectively together. . . .

"—NO GROUNDS—"

"On the basis of the record, the Fact Finding Commission can report to the executive board at this time that there are no grounds on which to lodge formal charges against any of the officers of the New York Newspaper Guild under the constitution."

In addition to Murray, members of the IEB's commission were George A. Harris of Boston, ANG Region 1 vice president, and Joseph M. Walsh of Wilkes-Barre, ANG vice president at large.

Scranton Readies Contract Report

SCRANTON, Pa.—Results of negotiations for the newly-organized Scranton Newspaper Guild's first contract with The Times and The Scrantonian-Tribune were were scheduled for submission February 13 to a special membership meeting.

Conducted on a citywide basis for editorial employes of the city's afternoon daily and combination morning-Sunday publication, the negotiations covered a period of three weeks.

Guild negotiators were led by President Frank Parry, Scrantonian-Tribune, and included the following local officers: Donald R. McCrea, George Martin, Neil Whitney, George Clark and Ed Donohoe, Times; Chic Feldman, Patrick McGlynn and Christine Gibbons, Scrantonian-Tribune.

IEB Elects Ryan To ANG Committee

John F. Ryan, general organizer of the New York Newspaper Guild, was given a place on the American Newspaper Guild's Contract Committee by the unions International Executive Board at a February 7 session in New York.

Nominated by ANG Vice President Walter Engels, who was forced to withdraw from the Contracts Committee because of Daily News photographic assignments which prevented his attendance at sessions, Ryan was elected by the IEB in a rollcall vote.

ANG President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks, and Vice Presidents Engels, Floyd Healey, George E. Hutchinson, Joseph M. Walsh and George A. Harris voted for Ryan.

ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers nominated Jean Weinstein, acting ANG research director, for the Contracts Committee vacancy and voted for her, as did ANG Vice Presidents Milton J. Lapine and William J. Farson.

Others on the five-member ANG Contracts Committee are Eubanks, Rodgers, ANG International Representative Joseph Colangelo, and Wilbur H. Baldinger, editor of The Guild Reporter.

The IEB also completed the complement of members of the ANG's Wire Service Committee, appointing Robert Shackford, United Press, Washington; Marion Hatch, Associated Press, New York, and William Kenney, International News Photos, New York, to the top body.

Other Wire Service Committee members are Eubanks, Rodgers, Colangelo, ANG International Representative Wilbur E. Bade, and Jules Schick of the Philadelphia AP staff, former ANG vice president.

MANIFESTO

Boston Record-American bulletin boards were emblazoned with such notices as this last week to summon Newspaper Guild observers to suddenly-called contract negotiations with management. Mobilization was effective.

N. Y. 'Merit' Formula Is Sought

New York Times management last week became the first in New York to sit down with the local Newspaper Guild to discuss a formula for merit increases.

The conference was arranged after the New York Guild had notified all publishers of its aim to establish merit increase systems throughout the city.

Previously, the Times had attempted to get regional War Labor Board approval of a system of its own—one which would have distributed only $31,000 in increases this year.

Under systems already approved by the National War Labor Board, increases of $130,000 are possible at The Times, local Guild negotiators said.

Lynn Guild, at Biggest Meeting, Sets Union Program for 1944

LYNN, Mass.—Officers of the Lynn Newspaper Guild were elected and installed at a dinner at the Penguin in Nahant at the largest attended meeting since the founding of the local nine years ago.

Charles B. McGhee, veteran Evening Item copy reader and a newspaperman for more than 30 years, was elected president. He succeeds Paul F. Neal, Telegram-News reporter, who served two terms as president.

Others elected were Thomas McGovern, vice president; Edward A. Collins, secretary; Caberia Arioli, treasurer, all of whom are reporters on The Telegram-News.

Joseph M. Coburn, Item, and Fred Bowler, Telegram-News, were elected delegates to the New England District Council of the American Newspaper Guild.

Feature of the program was the dedication of an honor roll, in tribute to the 15 members of the chapter now serving in the armed forces. They are: Robert Walsh, Donald Flynn, James Calogero, Newton Courtney, Francis Kennedy, Edward Penniman, Herbert Schon, Edward McCaffery, Francis Curry, Humphrey Owen, Edward Cahill, Frank Bond, Thomas McManus, Bernard McGovern and Eli Isenberg.

George Harris, ANG vice president, and Gerald Havey, past president of the Boston Guild, were among the speakers and lauded the Lynn Guild for its achievements in organization and contract betterment.

Working conditions on Lynn papers, they pointed out, are among the best in the country today as a result of Guild activity.

Representatives from the families of the 15 members now in the armed service were guests, including School Committeeman Thomas "Pip" Kennedy, brother of Guildsmen Francis V. Kennedy; Dr. Edward G. Schon, father of Herbert Schon; Mrs. Helen McManus, wife of Thomas McManus.

Two servicemen members — Staff Sergeant Edward Cahill of the Marine Corps and Sergeant Frank Bond, U. S. Army Air Corps — were also present and were introduced by Paul F. Neal, who acted as master of ceremonies.

Other guests were Publisher Frederick W. Enwright, publisher of The Telegram-News; Jacob O. Finkle, managing editor of The Telegram-News, and Anthony Frasca, who represented Local 201, Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America.

MITCHELL GIVEN POLITICS POST

ATLANTA, Ga. (FP)—George S. Mitchell, former economics instructor at Columbia University, has been named Southern regional director for the CIO Political Action Committee.

LYNN PUBLISHER JOINS PARTY

Publisher Frederick W. Enwright of The Lynn (Mass.) Telegram-News, whose dropping of a free-lance political columnist was followed last month by a press-exploited false story that the Lynn Newspaper Guild forced the firing because it didn't like what he wrote, poses here, lower right, at the Guild's annual party and installation of officers. Beside him is ANG Vice President George A. Harris, to whom Enwright gave a formal statement that the Guild had nothing to do with the incident, thereby confounding fellow publishers in their "freedom-of-the-press" campaign against the union. Standing at the left is Charles M. McGhee, elected Lynn Guild president to succeed Paul F. Neal. At the right is Gerald Havey of Boston.

Denver Guild Joins In Hillman Conference

DENVER—Delegates from the Denver Newspaper Guild and other CIO groups in Denver met in three-day sessions with Sidney Hillman, director of the national CIO Political Action Committee, on his nationwide field trip and stepped up plans for labor participation in political affairs in Colorado this year.

Hillman's visit was marked by dozens of conferences with labor leaders and labor groups, a banquet at the Albany Hotel, a citywide meeting to which all CIO unions sent representatives.

PRESS COVERS IT

Denver newspapers interviewed Hillman and published extensive stories on the CIO plans, as he outlined them, for labor support of liberal candidates in elections this year.

In Denver, the CIO and other labor forces are working for election in a special Congressional election March 7 of Major Carl Wuertele, 34, air force hero of the South Pacific, Democratic candidate for Congress from the Denver district, to succeed the late Representative Lawrence Lewis.

The Republican candidate is Dean Gillespie, 58, Denver motor truck and oil man.

Wuertele, just recovered at Fitzsimmons General Hospital from wounds, received his medical discharge from the Army.

VOTE DRIVE STARTS

The labor unions elected numerous delegates to the major party conventions through party precinct caucuses, and now are conducting block registration campaigns to get every labor vote registered.

Card indexes have been established to list all union members by residence blocks. Monitors are phoning and calling on these members in person to get the registration job done.

TWO NEW OFFICES CREATED IN DENVER

DENVER—Units of the Denver Newspaper Guild created and filled two new local offices, naming a director of negotiations to supervise contract negotiations, assemble data and get out full attendance of committees and observers.

The Rocky Mountain News unit elected John Polly, long a star News reporter, for its director. The Post unit picked Phil Kerby, who rejoined the Post staff as a reporter recently after a short return period at Pueblo, where he led organization of the Pueblo Newspaper Guild.

IT'S LABOR'S WAR
LABOR KNOWS THE SCORE

HARRISBURG REELECTS BARSON

SIDNEY BARSON
Starts tenth term

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Sidney Barson, court reporter for The Harrisburg Evening News, was reelected president of the Harrisburg Newspaper Guild as the organization began its tenth consecutive year.

Barson, an ANG convention veteran, has been president of the Harrisburg Guild since 1935.

Other officers elected are Clyde Shue and James Smith, vice presidents; Phyllis Gordon, secretary, and Ruth Brown, treasurer.

AUDITORS NAMED

Ira Rahm, Don Wilson and George Mumper were named by Barson to be members of the local's auditing committee.

The Guild voted to purchase a $100 war bond with part of the money accumulated in its local defense fund.

St. Louis Votes Politics Fund

ST. LOUIS—One hundred dollars, to be collected through a 25-cent assessment, was voted to the national political action fund of the ANG at a citywide St. Louis Newspaper Guild meeting.

The contribution was approved following a protracted airing of views on the local's role in coming political campaigns, in which leaders and rank and file members said that organized action on the political front was vital to the establishment of progressive policies.

The meeting, chaired by Local President William Plowman, Star-Times copy editor, also voted to buy $500 worth of war bonds, using the local's "defense fund."

Following a report of the local's canteen committee, formed to investigate possibilities of a permanent Guild-supported servicemen's canteen here, the meeting also agreed to sponsor a party, to which St. Louis professional and civic leaders will be invited, as a fund-raising project.

Rodda Elected By Sacramento In Contest

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Dick Rodda defeated Bert Eustis for president in the annual election of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild. Eustis then succeeded Rodda as treasurer.

Rodda, a charter member of the Bee unit, succeeded Harry P. Bagley, who completed his term as president after being fired from The Bee last March on grounds of "economy" after the local signed its first contract with the parent member of the McClatchy newspaper chain.

Other new officers are Joe Cullivan, Sacramento Union editorial department, vice president; Glen Wright, Bee display department, vice president; Kirt McBride, wire services, vice president, and Rosemary Chapman, Bee classified department, secretary.

EDITED PAPER

Besides being treasurer last year, Rodda served on the Bee contract committee and was active in editing The Valley Guildsman. He has been a delegate to state Guild conventions and to Northern California Guild Council meetings. He has been a reporter for The Bee for 10 years.

The Guild is negotiating its second contract with The Bee for the editorial department and is bargaining for the first time for the advertising department. Federal Conciliator George V. Walker was called in after Guild and management failed to reach agreement on major proposals in five sessions.

New contract proposals will be presented soon to The Sacramento Union, which is organized in the editorial and circulation departments.

Shires Elected In Cumberland

CUMBERLAND, Md.—T. Donald Shires, first president of the Cumberland Newspaper Guild, has been elected president for a third time, succeeding Eugene T. Gunning.

Other officers named are Frank Lee Cari, dean of Cumberland newspapermen, vice president; J. William Hunt, secretary, and Burke P. Brown, treasurer.

Shires was delegate to the ANG's Toronto and Memphis conventions. Brown is a former president.

The local is preparing to open negotiations for its seventh contract to replace one expiring March 1.

New Officers Lead Guild In Jacksonville

HERBERT BAYER
Unanimous choice in Florida

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—At a meeting with a double-barreled purpose, the Jacksonville Newspaper Guild elected new officers and established a committee setup designed to smooth operations of the local.

Herbert Bayer, veteran feature writer of the Florida Times-Union, where he is Guild unit chairman, was unanimously named local president, succeeding Leigh Culley, city hall reporter of The Jacksonville Journal, who held the position for two years.

CULLEY ARMY-BOUND

Culley, who expects soon to be called into armed service, was elected vice president; Grover Henley, T-U photographer, was chosen secretary, and Helen Marshall, Journal society editor, was reelected treasurer.

Charles Baker was named Journal unit chairman. Elected to the local's executive committee were Bayer, Culley, Baker, Arnold Finnefrock and Doug Tinsley of The Times-Union.

Following recommendations of Larry MacLean, ANG international representative, one of Bayer's first acts as president was to set up a research committee headed by Robert Cornwall of the Times-Union.

In a report of the past year's activities, Retiring President Culley reported the Jacksonville Guild "in the best shape and on the most solid ground" it has been since its organization in 1937.

PROGRESS NOTED

An initial contract for the T-U unit, he said, was before the newspaper panel of the War Labor Board, while the Journal's eighth contract was "well along" in negotiations handled by MacLean.

In addition, he said, a long, many-angled attack on the Guild by Journal management has been countered by the Guild filing charges with the National Labor Relations Board and the Wages and Hours Division of the Labor Department.

President Bayer pledged his efforts toward building the local.

COPYREADER ELECTED

ALBANY, N. Y.—Jerry Ashe, copyreader, was elected chairman of the Knickerbocker-News unit of the Tri-City Newspaper Guild, defeating Edward Driscoll, photographer, by one vote. Ashe succeeds Jim White, elected Tri-City president.

CORRECTION

DENVER—A Denver story in the February 1 Guild Reporter incorrectly listed Chester Nelson as the new first vice president of the Denver Newspaper Guild. Gene Lowall was elected to the office. Nelson was named Denver News unit delegate to the Guild's executive board.

San Diego Picks Whitaker; Backs CIO Politics Plan

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—A Sunday breakfast meeting in the roof banquet hall of a downtown hotel attracted the largest local membership attendance in a year as San Diego Newspaper Guildsmen chose a 1944 slate of officers headed by Victor Whitaker, Jr., Union copyreader.

The membership decided, after debate, to support the C.I.O. political action fund.

Albert H. Brown, reelected treasurer, presented a bright financial report highlighted by restoration to good standing of erstwhile laggards. Announcement that Fred Beck, veteran Tribune-Sun copyreader, had paid a year's dues in advance won acclaim.

WHITAKER

Whitaker was reelected after serving several months to fill a vacancy left by resignation of Gene Steck to accept a public relations job at the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation plant in Downey, Cal.

Other officers are Rollo T. Pearson, Union copyreader, first vice-president; Harold Keen, Tribune-Sun reporter, second vice-president; Conant Moulton, Union copyreader, secretary.

UNIT HEADS NAMED

Spencer Held was reelected chairman of the Tribune-Sun unit, and its delegates to the executive board will be Henry E. Christopherson, accounting department; Richard Mansfield, reporter, and Carl Lyngholm, artist.

Howard Welty heads the Union unit, and Floyd McCracken, reporter, and Robert White, copyreader, will serve on the executive board.

For the first time in seven years, Melvin Mayne, veteran Union reporter, a former Guild president and delegate to ANG conventions, will not sit on the executive board, withdrawing at his own request.

Cleveland Staff Is Completed

CLEVELAND—Harding Christ, Cleveland Press news editor, was named first vice president of the Cleveland Newspaper Guild in a referndum contest which followed unopposed election of Ray Turk as president.

Louise Bruner, Cleveland News columnist, was elected second vice president, and James Hartshorne, Plain Dealer reporter and retiring president, treasurer, in other contests.

These were named Guild delegates to the Cleveland Industrial Union Council from a field of six candidates:

Milton Lapine, ANG vice president and Press assistant sports editor; William M. Davy, local Guild executive secretary; Walter Lerch, Press assistant science editor; Chester Wozney, International News Photos soundphoto technician.

PHILADELPHIA NAMES CHAIRMEN OF UNITS

PHILADELPHIA—The following unit chairmen have been elected by units of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild:

Evening Bulletin, Harry Robert; Camden Courier-Post, George Nolan; Chester Times, Bartram Harvey; Inquirer, Katharine Mulvenan Martin; Record, Leeds Moberley; Norristown Times Herald, Dick Dean.

CRUDEN REELECTED AS FP CHAIRMAN

CHICAGO—Editor Robert L. Cruden of The United Rubber Worker in Akron, O., was reelected chairman of the board of Federated Press, labor news and picture service, at its twenty-fifth annual meeting in offices of the Chicago Newspaper Guild.

The newly-constituted executive board includes Editor Elmer Beck of The Kenosha (Wis.) Labor and Editor Wilbur H. Baldinger of The Guild Reporter, both reelected unopposed to terms expiring in 1947.

Forums Revived In New York

New York Newspaper Guild forums, once a very popular activity, are being revived.

First of the new series will be on "The Propaganda Front" and will be held March 2 at the New York Guild Club.

Invited to lead the discussion are OWI Overseas Director Robert Sherwood, Radio Commentator Johannes Steel and Columnist Walter Winchell.

Classes Planned By N. Y. Guild

Courses in newspaper work and the history of the labor movement will be started by the New York Newspaper Guild in March.

Newspaper classes will include introduction to editorial work, mainly for beginners; reporting, rewrite, editing and makeup, and copyreading, for both standard size and tabloid papers.

Labor history will be taught by Dr. Philip Foner, author and lecturer.

New York Picks Executive Board

Members of the New York Newspaper Guild's executive committee, named at a representative assembly meeting following election of local officers headed by John T. McManus, reelected president, are:

Robert Conway, Daily News; Marvel J. Cooke, People's Voice; John Crawford, Times; William Draiarsh, Jewish Journal; George Edson, Journal-American; Walter Engels, Daily News.

Joan Howard, Post; I. Kaufman, Brooklyn Eagle; William Kenney, International News Photos; John J. Manning, Standard & Poor's; Rachel G. Meisenhelder, Herald Tribune.

Saul Mills, Greater New York Industrial Union Council; Arthur Siebelist, Daily News; James Whittaker, Mirror; Ruth Zion, World-Telegram.

OFFICERS RENAMED BY SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, O.—John T. Brown and Orton G. Rust were reelected president and vice-president, respectively, at a meeting of the Springfield Newspaper Guild.

Frances Millard was elected secretary and Mrs. Mary Temple was named to succeed herself as treasurer.

—BONDS BATTER HITLER— —10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

Reamy Elected In Pittsburgh; Succeeds Bice

PITTSBURGH—Robert Reamy, charter member of the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild and past chairman of its Sun-Telegraph unit, is the newly-elected president of the local.

A graduate of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Reamy has been an artist with The Sun-Telegraph for the past 15 years.

REAMY

He succeeds Blair Bice, who was inducted into the Navy last month and is now stationed at the Great Lakes Training Center in Illinois.

Joseph Breig, Sun-Telegraph columnist, is the new first vice president; Florent Gibson of the Post-Gazette copydesk, second vice president, and Jack Hollister, Post-Gazette copyreader, third vice president.

Leo Finegold, purchasing agent of The Post-Gazette, continues in his long-held post of treasurer, with Helen M. Minear as secretary.

R. C. Shuptrine Is Reelected By Memphis

MEMPHIS—R. C. Shuptrine has been reelected president of the Memphis Newspaper Guild—the first third-term president of the Memphis Guild.

Other officers reelected are: Sam Kahn, Sunday editor of The Commercial Appeal, first vice president; Pete Swim, assistant city editor of the Press-Scimitar, second vice president; Ida Clemens, woman's editor of The Commercial Appeal, third vice president, and ANG Vice President W. A. (Red) Copeland, Memphis CIO director, treasurer.

SHUPTRINE

Mrs. Louise Brown of the Memphis Publishing Company business office was named recording secretary.

The annual election meeting was held in the Cadet Room of Hotel Peabody, with the wives, husbands and dates of Guild members attending.

President Shuptrine pointed out that the Memphis Guild now has more members and is in the best financial condition in its history.

ADAMS ELECTED IN BATTLE CREEK

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—Roy Adams, former member of the PM unit of the Newspaper Guild in New York, was elected 1944 president of the Battle Creek Guild.

Ross Coller was named vice president; Gerry Hanna, secretary-treasurer, and Marjorie Washburn, executive committee member.

ST. LOUIS REELECTS PLOWMAN

ST. LOUIS—William Plowman, Star-Times copy editor who was elected president of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild to fill an unexpired term last Autumn, was reelected to a full 1944 term in a mail poll.

Plowman was unopposed for the office, as were the other candidates —Margaret Nothdurft, Star-Times commercial, first vice president; John Sterbenz, Globe-Democrat commercial, second vice president; Ralph Johanning, Post-Dispatch commercial, secretary, and Paul Rix, Post-Dispatch editorial, treasurer.

Rix succeeded Ray Opel, also of The Post-Dispatch, who declined to run for reelection. All other 1944 officers were reelected.

Since Plowman took over the local presidency, the St. Louis Guild has made notable organizational gains, including formation of a wire service unit and establishment of a printed newspaper, issued monthly.

Political Action Is Essential—Now

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porters are said to be planning to attempt another vote in the House on the federal ballot bill passed by the Senate.

Pressure on members of the House is essential to influence the shift of 28 votes needed to pass the federal bill.

VOTES SHIFT

Many shifts have already taken place on the soldier vote question (the Philadelphia-Camden Guild reported receiving wires from both Pennsylvania Senators that they switched their votes in favor of servicemen), and more will occur if the wires are kept going.

Remember, the issue is not really how soldiers shall be allowed to vote—and it is not a division between those who profess they believe in the preservation of "states' rights" and those who favor a strong federal government. **The issue is whether soldiers will have an opportunity to vote at all.**

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It appears now that the big fight for subsidies to keep down the cost of food will occur on a vote to override the President's veto. The Senate voted to end subsidies on June 30. The House already had passed such a bill.

VETO EXPECTED

It will then be up to the President, whose position in favor of subsidies is well known.

With the CIO-AFL members of the President's Cost of Living Committee reporting that food prices already have risen 74.2 percent since January, 1941, instead of 40.2 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, no Guild local will want to be inactive in the fight to keep prices from going even higher.

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The major Guild government relations job now in preparation for the 1944 elections.

There will be a great deal more satisfaction, and potential gain, in working for the election of a liberal Congress that will enact new progressive measures, as well as retaining the old ones, than there is trying to restrain the present Congress from going off the reservation all the time.

The CIO Political Action Committee has some very concrete plans for the campaign. One of these calls for a drive to see that all eligible voters are registered.

PLAN IS READY

An elaborate program has been mapped out, under which each local's membership will be divided according to precincts and wards, and union committees will then be established to carry on registration campaigns in each voting district.

The purpose of the CIO Committee is not just to mobilize the union voters for November, 1944—but all voters.

In the Guild, the program may be simplified because the shop units are smaller, and the employes know each other. A registration committee on each paper, guided by a committee of the local, should be able to do the job.

It would be well if each unit committee considered the whole paper its field, rather than just the Guild membership. There is no reason why printers, pressmen, mailers, and all other mechanical employes, and unorganized "white collar" departments, should not have the importance of registration brought to their attention.

Many Guild locals will want to break down their membership lists according to precincts, wards, etc., so that Guild members in different districts may be brought into the work of the political action committees on a community-wide scale rather than just in the Guild.

Guild members can be useful in the campaign far beyond the proportion of their numbers.

LEADS SEATTLE

WILLARD ELSEY

Veteran of the Newspaper Guild's 1937-1938 Seattle Star strike, Elsey is the 1944 president of the Seattle Guild. He is a Star editor.

Seattle Urges $1 Payments For Politics

SEATTLE—A program to seek voluntary $1 assessments for the political action program of the Seattle Newspaper Guild was voted at a membership meeting.

The local's action followed a report by its industrial unit, which had previously obtained 80 percent participation when a petition was circulated at a unit meeting.

PETITIONS POSTED

Petitions were posted on bulletin boards at The Post-Intelligencer, Star and Times requesting voluntary donations by members.

Out of each $1 collected, 25 cents will be sent the ANG's political action fund.

The remaining 75 cents will be divided between the local's political action committee and the political welfare committee of the Washington State Industrial Union Council.

W. C. Crawford Named Capital Guild President

WASHINGTON — William F. Crawford of the staff of The Washington Times-Herald heads the Washington Newspaper Guild as 1944 president, succeeding Alfred Toombs.

A veteran capital Guildsman, Crawford started union activity in 1919, when he became a charter member of a News Writers Union local affiliated in Hartford, Conn., with the International Typographical Union. Three sons are in armed services.

TOOMBS IN NAVY

Toombs, formerly on the staff of The Evening Star, has been a free-lance writer for national magazines. He left his Guild post to enter the Navy with a lieutenant's commission.

Blair Bolles of The Evening Star was elected first vice president, and Robert H. Shackford, United Press, second vice president.

Dorothy Rockwell, correspondents' unit, was reelected secretary and Joe Van Denburg, Evening Star, was renamed financial secretary. Charles Chalkley, Post, was elected treasurer.

It Seems to Us...

Guild members in good standing may here discuss anything connected with the Guild, the labor movement, or the newspaper industry that interests them. Letters exceeding 350 words are subject to editing to reduce them to that length.

MARINE CAPTAIN FILES A REPORT

PHILADELPHIA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Congrats on your newsy sheet. I read every word and then pass it on to others, even though they are not newspaper guys. Your paper informs me that you folks back home have not quit in the fight to get better working conditions and more dough for the newspaper folks. I've been reading in your column "It Seems to Me" where Lieutenant C. Forstener of the New York Times unit is ashamed to retain his membership in the Guild. He has put up a squawk about you guys trying to get more money for our workers.

I have a sneaky idea that a first lieutenant in the Army, with a base pay of $166.67 plus allowances, is doing much better in pay than a reporter on The Times before the Newspaper Guild got raises for all newspaper men, throughout the profession, even though they were not members of the Guild. He speaks of the Armed Forces not getting increases. As a matter of fact today, a buck private gets fifty per month, or more. While I as a buck private in 1916 in the Mexican campaign got fifteen bucks a month, and as a top sergeant in World War I got $47 here and $63 over there.

I carry aspirins in my back pocket for guys who can't see far enough to know that a real soldier has his family's protection foremost in his mind. My main worry is that my family is able to buy the necessities of life, such as food, heat and to be able to pay their rent.

I am tickled to death to be in the service at this time of the country's need. I am also proud of being a member of a Guild that is alert to saving the home front so that guys like me have something worthwhile coming home to.

Ask the lieutenant who in the hell ever heard of workers getting war profits? I thought they got wages.

Keep up the good work and get more dough for members of our profession.

VIC GUINNESS,
Captain,
United States Marine Corps;
New York Mirror Unit.

"SOPHISTRY" CITED BY ARMY LIEUTENANT

AAF BASE,
DOUGLAS, GA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Lieutenant C. Forstener's letter (Guild Reporter, February 1) is so flagrant an example of sophistry that it should not remain unchallenged. He believes The Reporter's concern over "ever increasing war profits" is inconsistent with Guild efforts to bring about wage increases. According to Lieutenant Forstener's curious reasoning, wage increases are the result of war profits and the Guild should presumably be grateful for the latter.

That argument is fantastic. It is quite generally known that salary increases in the newspaper business are the result, not of profits, but of collective bargaining. The employer who raises wages because of increasing profits is a rare bird—a collector's item.

Lieutenant Forstener asserts that he is a taxpayer and protests "your fight for an increased burden in the way of salaries." Here again we are in the dark hinterland of logic, but it is evident that Forstener fears the $10,000 raise in San Jose is somehow going to cost him money. I should like to remind him that, as an Army man, he has $1,500 income tax exemption plus personal and family exemptions. The boys in San Jose are not so favored.

If Lieutenant Forsiener was ever a real Guildsman, it is a matter of some concern that he could, after a few years in uniform, drift so far from the principles of intelligent unionism.

Although he writes from Albany, N. Y., his intellectual existence in the Army has apparently been so sheltered that he hasn't heard of the steep price rise and the decline in the purchasing power of the dollar. (Recommended reading: Guild Reporter, February 1, 1944.)

Somewhere in the blue fog of officers' clubs, Lieutenant Forstener seems to have absorbed the fashionable thesis that the Noble Warriors are being stabbed in the back by Perfidious Workers. It is sad indeed to find a Guildsman spreading that legend.

LIEUTENANT
THEODORE F. MELTZER
St. Paul Pioneer Press Unit

COMPLAINING OFFICER GETS "OPEN LETTER"

ELIZABETH, N. J.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I have addressed this open letter to Lieutenant C. Forstener.

Dear sir—

As one of the thousands of Guild members for whom the home front, even under Guild protection, is not all beer and skittles, I should like to state a few facts.

It's unfortunate that the copy of The Reporter you chanced to see carried nothing about winning the war. It must have been different from the copy I received.

As a newspaperman, you should be inured to the bumptiousnes of head-writers and even our "Reporter" staff appears subject to this ddiction. You should know that any general "50 percent boost" is not allowable under the Little Steel Formula. Any 50 percent boosts receivec in any unit must be counted within the 15 percent payroll total increase permited under LSF. And, in view of this, when any eapable worker receives a 50 percent boost to reach the minimum of any contract, he has it coming to him. For every person getting a substantial rise within a group, there are plenty who come far from gaining the 15 percent boost individually to permit that limit for the group.

For further Reporter reading, I would commend to you the February 1 issue, especially the article about the true cost of living rise, as compared with the government estimate. Civilians know how difficult it is to get a wage increase approved by the WLB and there have been none in proportion to the rising costs of living.

No Guild member is profiteering from the war. Civilians have such things as withholding taxes and many others. They get no tax-free sustenance and rental allowances. They have deductions for war bonds, face frequent appeals—and respond to them—to purchase additional bonds. They do pretty well by the USO, Red Cross and other war relief agencies, according to the reports of what these groups do for service men.

In pressing for what in many sections isn't even an existence level in war time, the Guild is doing members like you a favor, too. Do you want to come back to the remuneration level of such jobs as were generally available before the Guild was organized? This is your fight, too, brother, just the same as you are bearing the burden of our fight in another field.

I'll swap my place on the home front with yours any day. As a matter of fact, I'd appreciate a chance to share your foxhole. I was turned back for a bad eye two years ago and am over age for the current draft, but was told I would be taken as a selectee, though I couldn't make the grade as a volunteer. And I wouldn't be a raw rookie either. How about a hand getting in?

DOUG BAILEY,
Daily Journal Unit.

SOLDIER OBJECTS TO CONWAY THESIS

LAREDO, Tex.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I am removed from the throbbing life of the Newspaper Guild, and like most of us in the services, I can see its vigor only through the pulsating columns of The Guild Reporter.

Seemingly, some of the heaviest throbbings come from the issue discussed by Bob Conway in his letter of January 15 opposing Guild assessments for political activity.

Conway hit the right note in declaring "the real issue is not one of opportunism . . . but one of basic principle. . . ." His contention, however, that union political assessments violate constitutional guarantees, seems like ill considered emotional haranguing. Such is the argument that has been inveighed against the closed shop by business interests.

There is a similarity between the ethical and political principle of the closed shop, and the proposal of union assessments in support of a common political end by members of a union. American labor has long contended that the closed shop is a legitimate child of democracy. The majority of workers amalgamated in a shop for a common end, even with a minority opposition, is a practice which is hardly reprehensible under a democratic institution.

Why Conway considers an assessment, with majority approval I presume, designed to serve the best interests of the Guild to be unconstitutional, does not seem in keeping with his long record as a labor leader. He terms the assessment as coercive. Is it any more coercive than a union asking members to pay dues, even when some members may object? I think not.

When we join an organization we contract ourselves to abide by the rules under which it is set up. If the Guild constitution does not object, it is within the scope of powers for Guild members to act in whatever democratic manner they see fit in order to strengthen the Guild.

I think the Guildsman from New York would have appeared more direct, and honest, if he had objected to the proposal on the grounds of union tactics and policy—leaving exalted constitutional interpretations to proper questions. He would have expressed his position less obscurely, and he would have earned more respect from detached observers such as I am.

EUGENE VICTOR,
New York Guild.

SYRACUSE THANKS KUPSTAS, DANIEL

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The members of the Syracuse Newspaper Guild, at their annual meeting, February 6, directed that an expression of thanks and appreciation for his aid and guidance in protracted contract negotiations with The Post-Standard be conveyed to Stanley Kupstas. The Syracuse Guild wishes Brother Kupstas health and good fortune in any future undertaking.

To those of us who literally "sweat it out" in negotiations through hot summer afternoons in 1943, Brother Kupstas' leadership and example constituted a valuable series of lessons in the technique of collective bargaining.

The Syracuse Guild also expressed its gratitude for assistance accorded by Urcel Daniel in negotiating its first contract in 1942 and in preparation of proposals for renewal of the contract.

PHILIP H. GUPTILL,
President,
Syracuse Newspaper Guild.

First Assignment Leads To Riches for Reporter

ALBANY, N. Y.—A promising career as a journalist died aborning when a $20-a-week cub succumbed to the lure of big money on his first newspaper assignment here.

Sent to get views of Albanians on a proposal to tear down steps of the state capitol, he was offered a $50-a-week job driving a truck by the first person he approached.

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Thus ended the Inquiring Reporter assignment.

OUR DAILY BREAD

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"On this beef to Washington, do you want the usual copies sent to the newspapers?"

Guild Opens Acme Parleys

American Newspaper Guild negotiations with Acme Newspictures for a new national contract were under way last week in New York City, where three bargaining sessions had been held, with agreement reached on retroactivity of the 1944 agreement to January 30, expiration date of the old contract.

Representing the union were Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization; Joseph Colangelo, ANG international representative in charge of wire services, and Thomas J. Murphy, New York Guild local organizer.

QUINCY PARLEYS START

QUINCY, Mass.—The Boston Newspaper Guild has opened initial contract negotiations for its new unit at The Quincy Patriot Ledger with ANG Vice President George A. Harris as principal spokesman.

Boston Grievance Formula Survives Publisher Tactic

BOSTON—Publisher Robert B. Choate of the Boston Herald-Traveler Corporation may be chuckling, but H-T newspaper Guildsmen are laughing out loud.

Publisher Choate, who apparently doesn't read the military experts, repeats his tactics too often.

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Publisher Choate wants the H-T unit of the Newspaper Guild of Boston to become a company union. So, he works like this:

1) **The Guild calls a grievance to his attention through representatives who are not H-T employes. Choate refuses to adjust the grievance.**

2) **Choate then "accidentally" meets the unit chairman, whoever he may be, in the plant, and suggests a settlement could be reached if it wasn't for so-and-so. So-and-so is always the non-H-T Guild representative.**

3) **A second conference is arranged at which the H-T unit chairman does some talking. Choate is gracious to the unit chairman, adjusts the grievance.**

Who wins? The Guild.

Who loses? Choate. But after eight years of Guild contracts he won't confess.

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Latest case was the discharge of Benjamin Koffman, circulation foreman whose actual work was distributing paper routes. Ben wasn't as agile as a 12-year-old, so his work became "continously unsatisfactory." Ben is 52.

Choate fired him. Ben was entitled to 12 weeks severance pay. Choate gave him six. The Guild squawked.

The usual proceedure was followed. At a second meeting with Choate, principles were agreed upon.

A third meeting wound up with Choate handing Amasa Howe, president of the Boston Guild and non-H-T employe, a check for $258.11 — Ben's six additional weeks of severance pay.

The formula had worked itself out again.

The Guild Goes to Press

BAY GUILDSMAN of the San Francisco-Oakland local ran a front page spread on labor's support of the administration's subsidy program. All Guildsmen were urged to continue pressure on their Senators and Representatives until the subsidy question is settled in the public interest.

17 (ALL WIRE POINTS IN) is running a series on "What The Guild Offers" to Associated Press staffers. Excerpt: **"The cheapest insurance you can buy is Guild membership. The Guild has not only been the means of boosting wages and working conditions . . . but is the sole guarantee that they will stay there."**

With ill-concealed astonishment, the Brooklyn Daily Eagle unit's EAGLE REPORTER announced the necessity of disciplining a sub-executive who since August, 1942, has been working six days—and sometimes seven—a week without putting in overtime pay claims. The man stated: **"I suppose you think I'm a damn fool."** No further comment was necessary.

Washington's GUILDSMAN came out with the grave news that Alfred Toombs, outgoing local president, had been going under an alias for years. His real name: **Alfred Gerald Lawrence-Toombs, Junior.** The disclosure caused extreme confusion in Washington ranks.

GUILD LETTER of the Philadelphia-Camden local blasted **Evening Bulletin management for applying to the War Labor Board for permission to grant 10 percent pay increases without a mention of the Guild's part in negotiations which have been going on for months on the subject.**

The New York Herald Tribune unit's NEW LEAD showed its preoccupation with contract negotiations by devoting all of four successive issues to news of negotiation developments.

New York's citywide GUILD-PAPER announced the first issue of Subway Circuit, a mimeo sheet for the more than 2,000 New York Guildsmen in armed service, has been mailed out. It deals only with the "homier things of the home town."

ALL THE NEWS (at The Chicago Daily News) ran this boxed comment on unions: "Sam Lesner, Daily News night club editor, robbed of $2.90 (Friday's paper). Nicholas Kozak, Daily News printer, robbed of $290.00 (Monday's paper). The printers have a union. Editorial employes do not—yet."

Because so many among its reading public expressed ignorance of the meaning of maintenance of membership, MAKE-OVER at The New York World-Telegram published a series of questions and answers on the subject. Sample question, indicating the hazy knowledge prevailing: **"If I reinstate myself now, will I be required to maintain my membership for life?"**

ON THE RECORD, new Boston Record-American unit paper, announced a contest to find a better name for the paper. The prize: $2 worth of war stamps straight out of the editor's pocket.

"Disgusted" a contributor to COPY at The New York Daily Mirror, complained about the "dirty and unhealthful editorial room." This situation gave rise in the next issue to the crack: **"George Washington swept here—and it hasn't been swept since."**

The Minnesota State CIO convention voted for a 10 cents per month tax on CIO members, part of which was to go toward defraying expenses for a new state CIO paper. The Twin Cities Guild decided to hold a referendum and Twin Cities' GUILD REPORTER printed a copy of the ballot, along with two pages of arguments for and against the added tax.

John Roy Carlson's "Under Cover" was plugged by San Francisco-Oakland's BAY GUILDSMAN via a double column review beginning: "Under Cover is important. Read it if you think eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Joe Donovan (in bad with the Guild because of Newark Ledger strike conduct) has made his initial payment on a $500 reinstatement penalty, announced EAGLE REPORTER in Brooklyn—and is anxious to become a Guild member in good standing "and a good one" as quickly as possible.

Justifiably proud of having succeeded in obtaining a fancy, new little girl's room on the second floor, H-T NEWS moved up to the third floor of the Boston Herald-Traveler building to campaign for the dispatch department and artists and photogs, who, it seems, have to share a single booth.

Overcome with sorrow was RACING GUILD REPORTER in New York at "free-riders" who have professed distaste over Guild-improved conditions. These "unaffiliated" are faced with "a new grief" since contract negotiations, now under way, promise even more Guild benefits, the shop paper said.

GUILD SHOP NEWS at Time, Inc., announced that on a suggestion of the Guild adjustment committee, management has agreed to hold a conference with the Guild on instituting a promotion-training program for employes who wish to transfer to better positions.

A Guild membership drive at The World-Telegram in New York is proceeding with great success, reported MAKEOVER—90 reinstatements and 39 new members, not including many who refused reinstatement, preferring to pay up back dues.

With 197 added good-standing membership rolls, GUILD NEWS LETTER reported that Guild membership at The New York Times was the highest on record.

ON THE RECORD's generous editor found a way of bribing correspondents at The Boston Record-American. "We never hope to become the Little Rock of literature," his editorial reads. "But for the best contributions we are willing to buy the beers."

INS GUILDSMAN, for International News Service, took inventory and found INS has 22 war correspondents in the field. This is driving cable rewritemen quietly mad, the paper said.

A letter from Bert Alves, somewhere in the South Pacific, to PS at PM, struck a sombre note. He had failed to discover any females who remotely resemble D. Lamour. In fact, there weren't any women on his particular island at all.

GUADALCANAL REPORT FILED

—Photo by John Albert, New York Guild

Doing the talking here, at a session of the New York Newspaper Guild servicemen's committee, is Sergeant Norman Miller, Marine combat correspondent on Guadalcanal. Evacuated from the battle-battered island after he was stricken by malaria, Sergeant Miller reported that his principal message from the fighting front to the home front is: "Write, write, write!" With him at the table is Emma Little, chairman of the committee, whose newest project is "Subway Circuit," a mimeographed newsletter for 2,000 Guild members in armed services.

HE SINGS FOR GUILD CANTEEN

—Photo by Alfred Puhn, New York Guild

Josh White of New York's Downtown Cafe Society has the floor here at the New York Newspaper Guild's canteen for men in armed forces.

Panel Approves Second Boost In Brooklyn

CHICAGO—The newspaper industry panel of the War Labor Board (now constituted as a full WLB commission) approved and sent to the Sixth Regional War Labor Board, for final action, provisions for a second pay increase in a Newspaper Guild-Brooklyn (N. Y.) Eagle contract.

Other voluntary Guild-management pacts approved by the WLB panel included those involving The Bronx (N. Y.) Home News and Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Independent.

In Guild-management dispute cases, these actions were reported:

Cleveland (Ohio) News. Panel approval given to settlement of dispute.

Indianapolis (Ind.) Star, Detroit (Mich.) News, Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer. Panel recommendations approved by Regional War Labor Board, with modification of war service clause in panel recommendation in Plain Dealer case.

Syracuse (N. Y.) Post-Standard. Panel recommendation approved, but war service clause remanded to panel for reconsideration.

Biddeford (Me.) Daily Journal. Panel report issued, sent to Regional War Labor Board for final action.

Newly-certified dispute cases involved The Indianapolis (Ind.) Times and Massillon (Ohio) Evening Independent.

TREASURY BALANCE BRINGS A BOAST

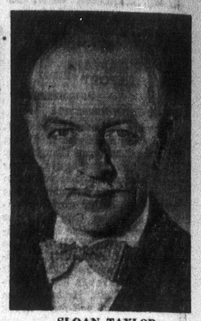
ALBANY, N. Y.—In these days of deficit financing and unbalanced budgets, the Tri-City Newspaper Guild points with pride to its fiscal condition.

The local started the new year with a treasury balance 5,000 percent higher than the figure on January 1, 1943.

TRI-CITY SEEKS PAY INCREASES

ALBANY, N. Y.—A general wage increase of 15 per cent was asked for editorial, commercial and maintenance department employes of Hearst's Albany Times-Union in Tri-City Newspaper Guild contract negotiations now in progress.

Sloan Taylor, Guild Veteran, Dies in N. Y.



SLOAN TAYLOR
One of first in Guild

Sloan "Cub" Taylor, 47, a charter member of the New York Newspaper Guild and for many years aviation editor of The New York Daily News, died February 11, in New York Hospital following a heart attack.

Last year he was president of the Aviation Writers Association.

A balloon officer in World War I, "Cub" took up heavier-than-air flying along with his brother, Swanee Taylor, radio announcer of aviation events, immediately following his discharge.

STARTED ON GRAPHIC

He barnstormed around the country until, in 1922, he began his newspaper career on The New York Graphic.

In 1927 he covered the trans-Atlantic flights of Lindbergh, Chamberlain and Levine for The New York Journal. From there he went to The Morning Telegraph and was, in succession, aviation editor, city editor and finally managing editor.

He joined the editorial staff of The News in 1930, and, three years later, was one of the first dozen to join "Heywood Broun's union."

Veteran Is Dead In Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS — Joseph McDermott, veteran Minneapolis newspaperman lately with The Star Journal, died in Veterans' Hospital after a long heart illness.

He was a lieutenant in the first World War, serving as an ambulance driver before the United States entered it.

For a long period he operated his own publicity agency. He became a Newspaper Guild member when he reentered newspaper work.

CIO War Relief Committee Backs $200,000,000 Red Cross Drive

A three-way working relationship which swings the full support of organized labor behind this year's $200,000,000 American Red Cross campaign has been established between CIO, AFL and the Red Cross.

In a statement calling for CIO cooperation, President Philip Murray said: "In this fourth year of war, the Red Cross faces the greatest task of its history. . . . We must do our utmost to see that the goal is made."

The CIO—an old campaigner now, with a record of $7,000,000 in past contributions to the Red Cross—aims at securing from its membership not only financial support for the March, 1944, drive, but also increased participation in year-round Red Cross activities.

A campaign premise of the National CIO War Relief Committee at New York City headquarters is that while CIO members can give their contribution most effectively through their own union war relief program, they support the Red Cross as citizens fighting a common war.

The armed forces will receive the major part of the proceeds of the campaign, which will pay the bills for blood plasma collection, recreation for sick and convalescent fighting men abroad, aid to prisoners of war and to returning servicemen, and the recruiting of nurses for the Army and Navy.

CIO campaign cooperation will stem from a national CIO-Red Cross director through the National CIO War Relief Committee area offices, labor representation in citywide industrial divisions of local Red Cross organizations, and, in shops, labor-management committees and shop stewards.

First Member of First Guild Unit Tells How—and Why—It Started

By JOHN B. GOSKI
Cleveland Guild

SILVER CITY, N. M.—When Editor Victor Morgan fired me from The Cleveland Press, back in January, 1917, because "I lacked the education necessary to go anywhere in the news game," he was right.

So I spent the next nine years earning my living in the worst open shops and factories of Cleveland, while I went to night school to get an "education."

In 1926 I acted as spokesman for the assembly workers of a Cleveland automobile plant where I was then employed and in which the conditions were so rotten I saw these workers go on the only spontaneous and unorganized strike I have ever witnessed in my life.

Strange to say, that strike was successful. The men were granted most of their demands.

HE'S FIRED AGAIN

The following day I was fired, which did not worry me seriously because I had already decided that it was time for me to go back to my first love—the newspaper "game."

(The January 1 Guild Reporter carried a story by Robert Bordner telling how Cleveland newspapermen, back in 1933, got together in the Cleveland Editorial Employes Association — the immediate forerunner of the American Newspaper Guild, in which Local 1 is in Cleveland. This story is a followup, written by the holder of Card 1 in ANG Local 1.—Ed.)

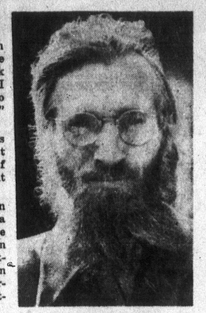
I went back to The Press. **Naturally, I brought back with me the rugged philosophy of labor organization.**

I thought, even then, that I could detect the sub-surface rumbling of a future organization like the CIO.

So that when Garland Ashcraft and Lloyd White of The Press, along with Jack Haas of The News, came to my apartment to tell me that they were planning the formation of a newspaperman's union, under the guarantees of NRA's 7-A clause, I told them I was with them to the limit, even though I still shared a prejudice that white collar workers lacked the guts to organize.

"PREJUDICE" IS LOST

(For me, that prejudice was dispelled during the famous though bitter Chicago Guild strike. There, I think, the Guild's white collar workers demonstrated their tenacious courage and strength. Even though that strike was partly lost, I felt that henceforth the American Newspaper Guild was here to stay.)



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After their visit, either on or off duty, things were never dull.

Night after night we met, always with a batch of new converts, in my apartment, in private dining rooms, in hotel rooms and in Murray's speakeasy. (By then, I guess, we needed a few drinks.)

"PROSPECTUS" PRODUCED

Some three hours before a Sunday meeting in a ballroom of the Hollenden Hotel—a big rally which brought us out of the speakeasy stage and into the open, and which brought all three staffs of the Cleveland newspapers together for the first time in history—we sneaked into the closed advertising department of The Press.

With a stencil we had already cut and on a mimeo machine we knew was there, we rolled off some 200 copies of the "prospectus" of the Editorial Employes' Association — briefly the first name of the Guild. Somewhere I still have a copy of that "prospectus."

That meeting has been reported and is now history. It came off with gratifying smoothness. And it was not without its oratorical high spots.

"—LET US UNITE—"

I remember Garland Ashcraft's peroration to his ringing challenge:

". . . So then, let us unite to establish the highest possible standards in our profession, in every respect, so that we can face each other in security and decency!"

After that meeting a gang of us went to my apartment, just around the corner from the hotel, and there, over a bottle of bad bootleg rye, we composed our first "draft Broun" telegram.

We chipped in two-bits apiece. (To pay for the telegram; nobody ever paid me for the rye.)

Temporarily — with all three staffs seemingly with us — the tension was off, and boys, that was really a hilarious gathering!

Then followed nights which turned my apartment temporarily into a shambles. I had a typewriter there and the boys began drafting by-laws and a constitution.

"PREAMBLE" PRODUCED

In my living room, as an example of the high-minded goal the boys were shooting at, they fairly fought with each other over the preamble to the constitution of the future Guild. They clamored for copies of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

There were found in a book I had on parliamentary law, and from those documents, plus much flowery and eulogistic wrangling, was born the first rough Guild constitution, and a set of by-laws.

It was interesting to watch the boys and girls react under pressure during those early days. I was amazed to discover that the best Guild material, for the most part, at first came from men whose wages were in the upper brackets.

(That fact, instead of reassuring publishers and management, because it certainly indicated that newspapermen were impelled by motives above and beyond those of economic gain, seemed to cut no ice in their opposition.)

"—FURTHER AMAZED—"

I was further amazed at the reluctance and timidity of the 60-

(John B. Goski writes from 714 West College Avenue, Silver City, N. M., "a goddam lonesome place," to suggest that "maybe some of the old gang, now spreads all over the country, might up and write to me."—Ed.)

some percent or more who were working for sub-standard wages.

And how many publishers in those early days really weakened their papers by intimidating and even firing some of their best men! **Men who were demonstrating their character and initiative by coming out forthrightly for the establishment of the Guild.**

One sturdy stalwart who was with us from the bitter beginning until the going became smoother was Elmer O. Fehlhaber of The Cleveland News.

After the establishment of the Guild, he became an organizer for another CIO union. He is now a private first class with a cannon complement of the 135th Infantry in a muddy, front-line ditch in Italy.

"—BOUND TO LEARN—"

During years on the production lines of Cleveland industry you are bound to learn some harsh facts and some short, hard words, and a direct way of thinking.

You learn to call a spade a spade—and perhaps tactics not best suited in organizing high-strung news men. I was perhaps a little short on diplomacy. Still I am making no apologies.

Who hasn't had the experience of attending meetings where really serious grievances are up for discussion? Who hasn't listened impatiently to the boondoggling debate which tosses the hot potato from man to man because everybody just hates to mention the word "strike!"—long after it is justified?

Or other occasions when severe censure of management-intimidation was strictly in order? Who hasn't witnessed the mock horror which stamps the faces of the timid when the very much justified but ugly charge is finally spoken?

A Guildsman introduces a resolution calling on publishers to stop slanting labor news, as was so flagrantly the case during the CIO organization of the big, basic, mass industries. The resolution is adopted.

Then some of the brothers censure the Guildsman for introducing such a resolution because they lack the courage to put the finger on the newspapers which have been guilty.

If speaking out on such occasions makes a guy an "obstreperous radical," then I am guilty as hell. Blame the training I got back on the production line during my days in Cleveland factories, where if you don't squawk loud and hard, you'll get smashed.

MPS TAKE CHARGE OF CITY ED

Two military policemen marched into the cityroom of The Albany (N. Y.) Times-Union, jerked Assistant City Editor Con Hefferman from his chair, and carried him away, as indicated here, to an office party on the eve of his induction into military service. The veteran Guildsman was given a $25 purse. (Better yet, he also collected four weeks' pay under military terms of the Tri-City Guild's contract.

IEB APPROVES 10-YEAR PINS

American Newspaper Guild service medals—lapel buttons and pins testifying to membership of ten years or more in the union—are to be issued.

The ANG's International Executive Board has authorized purchase of ten-year membership emblems, similar to present Guild buttons, but distinctive in design, for distribution to Guild locals at cost.

To encourage display of Guild pins—and to set an example for other members of the union—the IEB also agreed that any IEB member who appears at an IEB meeting without wearing a button shall be fined $1.

Flashbacks

(The American Newspaper Guild has passed its tenth birthday. These are historical notes picked from early files of The Guild Reporter and from other ANG sources, marking the planting of the Guild idea a decade ago and tracing its growth since. Contributions from Guild locals are solicited.—Ed.)

From The Guild Reporter, February 23, 1934:

"Better standards for the craft are coming. They've got to come . . . the spirit pulsates to the beat of the times. The American newspaperman will no longer be patted on the back and kicked in the pants—and like it." Tough words—and the Guild still means them.

"News Guild Wins First Major Battle For 5-Day Week" proclaimed a 1934 headline proudly. But commenting on President Roosevelt's request to all publishers of newspapers with more than 75,000 circulation in cities of 750,000 or more to institute a five-day 40-hour week for news staffs, another headline stressed: "Guild Insists On Square Deal For All Cities." Candidly, the story said: "The President's request represents a step—but only a step—toward a standard which should long ago have been instituted for a craft which so quickly wears out its members."

Even some publishers weren't too pleased with the newspaper code as set-up under the NRA. An editorial reprinted by The Guild Reporter from The New York Evening Post called it "a chiseling performance. . . . The President's request . . . is purely a request and not a part of the code." But the power behind the "request" was signified by the statement that "The Evening Post is glad to honor that request."

One of the by-products claimed for the new Guild movement ("Union With Guild On Pulitzer Issue") was "the establishment of closer relations between those who prepare the news and those who perform the other labors in getting the paper out." The existing unions in the mechanical departments of the newspapers recognized "in the Guild a force that would be of assistance to them in their efforts to improve the condition of newspaper employes." Even then, in unionism there was strength.

Publisher shut-out: Although on the 1934 agenda of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association was the item "The American Newspaper Guild and local Guilds," when the subject came up the chair abruptly cut off comment, giving as the reason "lack of time."

But to offset this, the Toledo Newspaper Guild's temporary chairman, R. P. Obermayer, in petitioning the national office for a charter, announced the forming local had met with no publisher opposition. **In fact, an editorial in The News-Bee praised the Guild plan.**

Among the locals: Tri-City requested a charter, and Akron boasted almost 100 percent membership among those eligible for joining. In the new Washington Guild membership jumped from nine to 106 in less than two weeks. (The proofreader for The Guild Reporter must have had a headache trying to keep up with the rising Guild membership figures; the headline said 126, but the story said 106. And in El Paso, a $1 fine was instituted for members absent without cause from monthly meetings.

Early faith in the benefits of the Guild was expressed in this paragraph from a letter to the national office: "Accept this as proxy to act for group of . . . newspaper men who are forming local organization. . . . We have a 44-hour week, but majority of salaries are under twenty-five."

Charter Guildsmen news: Harold Norman Denny resigned from chairmanship of the committee on ethics of the New York Newspaper Guild to accept appointment as chief correspondent of The New York Times in Moscow, succeeding Walter Duranty. . . . Joe Leonard, elected shop unit head at Albany Knickerbocker Times, becomes first woman Guild head. . . . Ralph Holmes is elected first president of the Detroit Guild.

The identity of the man responsible for the first cartoon used in The Guild Reporter (No. 1, Vol. 1; reproduced in the January 1, 1944, issue) was not disclosed, for reasons that were obvious ten years ago.

The cartoon showed a top-hatted publisher engaged in what has become a long-run act. He is crying: "Hands Off! We'll Preserve the Freedom of the Press!" At the same time he tightens a hand press in which a writhing figure ("The Staff") is caught.

The artist, it now may be revealed, was Will B. Johnstone, New York World-Telegram cartoonist who died this month.

The Rewrite Desk

Midpacifican, Army newspaper published by fighters for fighters on Central Pacific battle fronts, had a stinging rebuff for home-front publishers who "have begun a campaign against labor" in "certain periodicals reaching soldiers."

"Soldiers, generally, are concerned about this unfair carping," a lead editorial in *Midpacifican* said. "Most of them are working men . . .

"It is well to remember that the trade union movement is one of the first bulwarks against fascism . . . Organized labor . . . has put itself unstintingly behind the war effort. . . .

"Any time a labor dispute is reported, the published version, with few exceptions, is colored in favor of the employer . . . The soldier, who is a working man in khaki, asks that both sides be given an even break before going off half-cocked with misleading hate-producing articles."

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Home town papers please copy.

This divisive "hate-producing" offensive by publishers against the morale of the armed forces, which has drawn heavily for ammunition on letters and purported letters from servicemen about labor, drew a rebuke, too, from within the ranks of the publishers themselves—*The Record-American* in Mahanoy City, a Pennsylvania coal town.

The Record-American, noting that "Some youngsters who are members of the armed forces have taken to writing letters to the newspapers in which they condemn industrial strikes," said that they **"fail to go very deep into the matter but their letters are avidly seized as excellent propaganda by those who are the enemies of labor on the same home front."**

What really "should make soldiers indignant, even young soldiers," the editorial in *The Record-American* said, are such things as unsettled grievances of workers, "what the employers get out of the war boom," sabotage by Congress of "super-taxes on profits" and of the $25,000 salary ceiling, and the necessity for government war contract renegotiation to reclaim **"millions upon millions of dollars from unscrupulous men who are out to get all they can even though there is a war on."**

The Record-American, incidentally, is listed by *Editor & Publisher* as a Republican newspaper.

The press, in its labor-is-the-enemy campaign, has been giving lavish play in recent days to a savagely vicious anti-union letter addressed in epithets to "Mr. Striker," "Mr. CIO," "Mr. Labor Leader" and bearing the byline of "Kenneth (Irish) Walsh," identified by the press as a fighting, righteously wrathful **"sailor aboard a warship in the South Pacific."**

This philippic turned up first in *The Evening Press* in Muncie, Ind., the author's home town, and then, eagerly picked up by Scripps-Howard as NEA "feature news," was spread and splashed through such papers as *The World-Telegram* and *Herald Tribune* in New York, *The United States News* in Washington and *The Evening News* in Harrisburg, Pa.

Magazine distribution of the diatribe was started by *Coronet*, and a new union-wrecking organization in New York, the "National Citizens' Committee," used the letter as the punch part of a prospectus seeking funds for a **"program to obtain a just and reasonable union regulation."**

Helene Pleasants, checking the story for *PM* February 13, went to the nominal journalistic trouble of finding out who "Kenneth (Irish) Walsh" is. **His father said in Muncie that no, Walsh was not in the U. S. Navy; that no, he was not aboard any warship, and never had been; that he had been a non-union seaman on merchant ships, shipping out off-and-on since 1928 as a hobby between shore jobs.**

Senator Robert S. Reynolds, the North Carolina isolationist night-shirter whose chairmanshjp of the Senate Military Affairs Commitee is a paradox in a democratic system, has proposed, paradoxically, an excellent project. He wants to place *The Congressional Record* in all Army and Navy libraries.

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In this interesting publication servicemen could read, in verbatim form, proceedings in the Senate by which American statesmen, among them Senator Reynold, voted to prevent servicemen from exercising their democratic right to vote.

And the men in uniform could read about how Representative John Rankin of Mississippi, in a House speech, was cheered when he called Walter Winchell "a kike" for denouncing Rankin and his fellow poll-taxers for attempting to disfranchise the armed forces.

The Congressional Record should be a valuable reference work for soldiers who are learning, the hard way, what they are fighting for—and against.

Midwest newspapers, notably *The Chicago Sun*, *State Journal* and *Capital Times* in Madison, Wis., and *Journal* in Milwaukee, did a good job in exposing the so-called Gentile League, a Wisconsin fester, and obtaining an official investigation of its "subversive tendencies."

Notably missing from the press honor roll in the home-front fight was, of course, Colonel Robert R. McCormick's *Chicago Tribune*.

MESS CALL BY THE PRESS

—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

TARAWA HERO HAILS UNIONS.

MINNEAPOLIS — When Bob Burns at Hollywood put on the air Marine Lieutenant Eddie Albert, formerly of the films but back, wounded, from Tarawa, Albert said some appreciative words for the trade union men who produced the implements by which the battle was won.

A Minneapolis newspaper Guildsman heard the broadcast but did not catch the name of the lieutenant. He called it to the attention of the local's executive board, which sent a message through Burns to the Marine thanking him for his spirited words.

Burns forwarded the message and wrote back:

"From some of the talk we hear, you would think all of these planes, tanks and guns had been built by a few radio commentators."

Burns also revealed the lieutenant as Albert, who got his theatrical start in Minneapolis.

LEGIONNAIRES FIGHT ANTI-UNION FORCES

CHICAGO — (FP) — Fighting mad because many daily papers, radio commentators and periodicals "are poisoning the minds of our fighting men at the front" against unions, Chicago Union Labor Post 745 of the American Legion has pledged itself to conduct a guerrilla campaign against mind-poisoners.

"If ever a blow was delivered below the belt, this is it," declared the labor Legionnaires, mostly AFL. "Every labor man knows that the columns of the press are not open to us to defend ourselves."

REMBERT JAMES IS DECORATED

WASHINGTON — Rembert James, Associated Press war correspondent and veteran newspaper Guild member, has been awarded the Purple Heart by the navy.

The decoration, recommepded by Admiral William F. Halsey, was for wounds received on Bougainville November 7. James' home is in Waxahachie, Tex.

James once suggested that a Guild assessment be levied for the specific purpose of organizing all associated press bureaus throughout the United States.

Buffalo Hails Soldier Support

BUFFALO—Resolutions praising three members in the armed services for their continued support of the local were passed by the Buffalo Newspaper Guild.

Private A. P. Reed, Jr., now stationed at Fort Washington, Md., was thanked for supporting the Guild "in every way possible, including financial support that can only be a hardship to a soldier of his rank."

Sergeant William Lamble, stationed at the Marine Barracks, Iona Island, N. Y., and Lieutenant Milton Fineberg, in the Pacific, were thanked for their "continued support, including much-needed financial support."

—ON PAY DAY, BUY BONDS—
—BONDS BATTER HITLER—

Press Is Free From Danger, Wechsler Says

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ident backed up OWI in several demands for freer talk.

There have been times when, along with other correspondents, I have disagreed with the President's handling of news conferences or specific news issues.

But the notion that the administration has been engaged in a stealthy plot to throttle the press is strictly nonsense, and I hope that some forthright Republican editor will get up and say so.

If this administration were really bent upon taking over the newspaper industry and putting the opposition out of business, it was presented with a gaudy chance just three days before Pearl Harbor.

ENEMY WAS AIDED

That was the day when a chain of well-known American newspapers published secret American military information of clear value to the nations preparing for war against us.

Nothing was ever done about it.

There are still scores of little vermin-journals being circulated throughout the country, echoing the hoariest and goriest anti-Roosevelt tales fashioned by the Nazi propaganda mill.

No major move has been taken to put these sheets out of the way.

Where in all this will the Republicans find the evidence to support their lamentations?

THEY'LL KEEP ON

The answer is that they won't, but that they will keep saying the same thing anyway because it is always good for a polite round of applause at gatherings of the newspaper publishers.

But the publishers, as the Republicans ought to know by now, only cast one vote apiece; and in 1936 and 1940 alike their editorials seemed to convince few people except themselves.

As a working newspaperman, I hope the Republicans will not try to save my freedom. **The last time I heard that noise somebody was really trying to prove that a Guild shop meant tyranny.**

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