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New AP Contract Cycle Starts

INP Pay Raise Of \$25,000 Is Recommended

CHICAGO—Pay raises totaling \$25,000 annually for 140 International News Photos employees under national Newspaper Guild contract were recommended in a report by the War Labor Board's Daily Newspaper Printing and Publishing Commission.

Under terms of the report, issued February 22, both the Guild and Hearst management were given 10 days to file comments prior to issuance of a directive order.

INS REPORT PENDING

The INP dispute, which was combined with an International News Service case, went to the WLB last August. The WLB agency's report had not been completed for INS.

At issue in the INP case were wage increases, union security, night differential, retroactivity and term of the new contract.

Guild and management were ordered to negotiate further on the night differential. The commission will make a final recommendation if no agreement is reached. The question of union security was left undecided pending a ruling by the National War Labor Board.

RETROACTIVE 11 MONTHS

Wage increases were made retroactive to March 27, 1943, expiration of the old agreement, with the new contract running to March 27, 1944. Minimums were increased in practically all classifications, with a general increase of \$2.50 less any increase that may result from higher minimums.

Negotiations were directed for the Guild by Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, and Thomas Murphy, New York local organizer.

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Guild Wins Poll At Film Papers

In a drive to organize the film and theatrical publication field, the New York Newspaper Guild won two National Labor Relations Board elections at Quigley Publications and Film Daily.

The Quigley election covered all editorial and commercial department employees of The Motion Picture Herald and the Motion Picture Daily. The vote was: For the Guild, 12; against the Guild, 16; void, 1; challenged, 1.

The Film Daily election covered editorial and commercial department employees of that publication. The vote was: For the Guild, 9; against, 5; void, 1.

The Guild, which already holds a contract with Billboard, then opened an organizing drive on Variety.

AP STAFF REAPS RETROACTIVE GUILD WAGES



Associated Press staffers in San Francisco, in this happy scene, are engaged in a writing assignment—endorsing checks for retroactive contract pay won by the Newspaper Guild. The extra cash ran into thousands of dollars in the bureau. From the left: Eldon Ottenheimer, Clyde Bartel, Sports Editor Russ Newland, City Editor Les Smith, E. F. Nelson, Dick Bergholz, Ed Widdis, Maurice Raiser, a Guild unit leader.

WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Press Ready to Plump for Barkley For President (But Stops in Time)

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—Last week was Barkley week at the Capital. For 48 hours it looked as if he could carry 90 percent of the press as a Presidential candidate.

But the boom is already subsiding. People are beginning to ask whether he really hates Roosevelt.

The Barkley build-up was a

magnificent story; one could almost hear an orchestra softly playing "Hearts and Flowers" as he delivered his speech of resignation, as his colleagues cheered, as the ritual of his reelection was completed.

TAXES WERE IGNORED

Nobody discussed the tax bill. Nobody remembered the stabilization program.

It was like a terrific divorce case: Barkley was on his way to Reno and all the local citizens who dislike FDR were happy to

see that Alben had finally parted with him.

They knew it would happen all the time. They knew he was too good a fellow to stick around the White House indefinitely.

Once upon a time the newspapers were fond of kicking "dear Alben" around, depicting him as a silly stooge for the President, ridiculing the manner in which FDR had forced his selection as majority leader.

Now all that was different. To—
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Admen Vote For Guild, 30-2, In Memphis

MEMPHIS.—Organization of the Scripps-Howard Memphis Publishing Company, publishing The Commercial Appeal and The Press-Scimitar, was almost completed when the Memphis Newspaper Guild won a National Labor Relations Board election covering advertising departments February 25.

The vote was: Guild, 30; Against, 2.

Addition of the display and national advertising departments to the Guild left only the circulation office staff yet unorganized on the paper. Circulation department distributors had been organized into an AFL union before birth of the Memphis Guild.

COPELAND AIDS DRIVE

Organization work in the advertising units started before last Christmas and was carried on mostly by members of the departments themselves, with the assistance of Guild President Craig Shuptrine, Robert Talley, Pete Swin and ANG Vice President W. A. Copeland, CIO regional director.

Stimulated by the organization efforts in the display and national advertising units, interest was rekindled in the classified ad department, already under Guild contract, and 17 new members were signed up, making that department an almost 100 per cent Guild affair.

ANG TOPS WAR BOND QUOTA



The batch of certificates being stowed away here brought the American Newspaper Guild's investment in war bonds to \$50,100, bought with national defense fund assessments paid by its members, who set a \$50,000 goal at the union's 1942 convention in Denver. Doing the stowing is ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers. The witness is Charles J. Newer of the Irving Trust Co. in New York City.

AP-ANG Fight Is Carried To Commission

Another collective bargaining cycle of the American Newspaper Guild opened this week when a contract case covering the big New York bureau of the Associated Press, standard-setting bellwether of the wire services, was placed in War Labor Board machinery.

The Guild-AP dispute, developed in negotiations that have dragged on since last August, was taken to the WLB's Daily Newspaper Printing and Publishing Commission in Chicago following a scheduled exchange of briefs February 29.

PAY AT ISSUE

At issue in the case, in which ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers and AP Unit Chairman Marion Hatch will speak for the Guild at an oral hearing in Chicago March 8, were such points as wages, union security and job security.

The new Guild-AP New York case was instituted before the WLB as AP management completed payments of many thousands of dollars in retroactive wages ordered by the WLB in other bureaus whose separate cases had been combined — and after the Chicago commission had recommended annual increases of \$25,000 for 140 employees of another wire service under Guild contract — International News Photos.

The New York AP contract dispute became one of the first major cases to be tested for the Guild under new procedures of the Chicago commission, which replaced a former advisory panel and was given final authority in both contract agreements and disputes, subject to national WLB appeals, but by-passing delaying actions by regional agencies of the WLB in inception and review of cases.

The ANG's Wire Service Committee was called into session March 5 at Guild headquarters at 63 Park Row, New York City, to—
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Guild Is Revived In Atlantic City

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—The Newspaper Guild has been revived in this resort center, where a charter local of the union existed briefly ten years ago.

The Guild was brought back to life at three newspapers as a unit of the Philadelphia-Camden local, which was authorized by the ANG's International Executive Board to extend its jurisdiction to Atlantic City.

RIORDAN AIDS

Directing organization of the unit were Arthur Riordan, Philadelphia-Camden president; Jules Schick of the Philadelphia Associated Press staff, former ANG vice president; Constance Myers, Philadelphia-Camden secretary, and Mary E. Smith, in charge of the local's office.

Staffs of all Atlantic City newspapers were organized in the new Guild unit. They are The Press-Union, World and Reporter.

CIO Asks War Department to Tell Soldiers Truth About Labor in War

The CIO has appealed for assistance from the War Department in establishing "regular channels" for giving the American soldier the true facts of organized labor's war record.

The appeal was made by Irving Abramson, chairman of the National CIO War Relief Committee in New York City, in a letter to Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson.

RECORD IS CITED

Abramson's letter, which declared that information now reaching the armed forces concerning labor's war effort is "contrary to established fact," said: "Reports have been spread throughout the land that the American soldier at the front is disturbed by the misinformation that millions of American workers on the home front are letting him down."

"If this is true, it constitutes a serious problem affecting the morale of our armed forces as well as the spirit and efficiency on the production line. "It is an un-American situation, dividing us into hostile camps when unity should be a 'must'."

FACTS NOT GIVEN

"It has become increasingly evident that information reaching our armed forces concerning the efforts of American workers is contrary to established fact."

"Strikes involving small numbers of workers are broadcast and printed in great detail, although official statistics prove labor's excellent record of working attendance to be better than 99 percent."

"The amplification of news regarding strikes to the almost total disregard for labor's major contributions to the war is neither fair to our fighting men nor to the American workers back home."

"In order that morale among our men and women in the armed services be maintained at the highest level, it is essential that they be given the truth and that they know that the American worker is not letting them down. "This can be achieved by making available to them the following important facts—"

"(1) That American labor has voluntarily given its no-strike pledge and has kept faith with that pledge. According to official figures from the United States Government, time lost in strikes has averaged less than six tenths of one percent. "Shipments have been coming off the ways months ahead of schedule."

"(2) Steel has been so over-produced as to require the shutting down of hearths throughout the country. The annual production of planes has reached 100,000, far in excess of the 65,000 annual goal set by our Commander-in-Chief."

"(3) A major percentage of blood banks is regularly supplied by organized labor, according to the labor division of the American Red Cross."

"(4) There are about one and a half million CIO members in our fighting forces."

"(5) Labor has contributed more than \$50,000,000 to war relief and the Red Cross."

"(6) About one and a half billion dollars in war bonds and stamps were purchased by American workers through payroll deductions in addition to their purchases of war bonds outside their jobs."

"(7) The American workers are not boastful of what they are doing. They are merely fulfilling a sacred responsibility in support of their country and their fighting men and they are proud of their record."

"(8) We would be grateful for your assistance in getting these facts to our fighting men and women."

"We are hopeful that we can secure your aid in establishing regular channels through which there can be developed a better understanding between the soldiers of production and the soldiers on the fighting front."

"AFL PUBLISHES SPANISH CLIPSHEET WASHINGTON (FP)—Following up its expressed policy of promoting inter-American labor solidarity, the AFL has begun publication of a Spanish-language news bulletin."

"Jerry Fling, Newspaper Guildsman and former editor of the Hotel and Club Voice, weekly paper of Local 6, Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance in New York City, described seeing soldiers 'come alive before my eyes' through the use of blood plasma."

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Why CIO Supports RED CROSS... No. 1



Contributed by National CIO War Relief Committee

Labor Leads in Blood Donations

Organized labor is the foremost contributor to America's blood bank, the National CIO War Relief Committee pointed out in New York City in urging union cooperation in this year's \$200,000 Red Cross campaign. The Army and Navy have requested 5,000,000 pints of civilian blood from the Red Cross for 1944.

CIO ISSUES 'BANNED' LEAFLET

The National CIO War Relief Committee announced it will mail copies of the pamphlet, "Races of Mankind," to all servicemen on its mailing lists stationed in the United States and that it will request permission from War and Navy Departments to send copies to armed forces overseas.

The announcement was made jointly at New York headquarters of the CIO agency by Chairman Irving Abramson and National Director Leo Perlis in reply to a recent action by the USO banning distribution of the pamphlet to USO centers.

"We believe this pamphlet is one of the best weapons in the hands of our soldiers. It certainly is one of the best answers to Hitler's Aryan creed."

"It emphasizes one of the fundamental principles for which our men and women in the armed forces are fighting."

The National CIO War Relief Committee is one of the largest contributors to USO activities through the National War Fund.

CIO Increases Its Services For Soldiers

Services of the CIO to its members in armed forces have been increased in programs developed by its national committee on information for servicemen, of which President Milton Murray of the American Newspaper Guild is a member.

CIO projects in the program were marked last week by distribution from Washington of the first issue of a special eight-page, pint-sized tabloid servicemen's edition of The CIO News.

PRODUCTION STARTS

At the same time the National CIO War Relief Committee, in New York City, began production of a new publication, 48 (for the 48 states), for servicemen, under the direction of Ben Goodkin.

Citing these publications and others published by CIO unions, the CIO's committee said:

"We urge intensive efforts by our unions to circulate all such literature, both through existing mailing lists of service members and through making it available to civilian members, so that they may include it in their letters to relatives and friends overseas."

"Special sections should be included in all union publications, containing CIO news of interest to servicemen, in such a form that the sections can be clipped out by union members and enclosed in their letters to friends and relatives in the armed forces."

"PROPAGANDA" STUDIED

The committee was named January 29 at a CIO Executive Board meeting following study of "the serious problem arising from anti-labor propaganda spread among American servicemen both at home and overseas."

In addition to CIO President Murray, committee members are Len De Caux, CIO News editor; Samuel Wolchok, president of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees; Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union; and L. S. Buckmaster of the United Rubber Workers.

The lightweight servicemen's edition of The CIO News, suitable for mailing as inserts in letters, is available to unions at CIO headquarters, 718 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D. C., in quantities of 100 for \$1.25; 500 for \$5; 1,000 for \$7.50.

SOLDIER PLEADS FOR BLOOD DONORS

A plea to members of his unit to "give and give again" to the Red Cross blood donor service was voiced in a V-mail letter from a soldier serving in an Army hospital in Italy.

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NEW YORK FILLS 500 RUSSIAN KITS

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Labor Press Editors to Join In Conference on War, Peace OUR DAILY BREAD

The third annual conference of the American Labor Press Association opens Saturday, March 4, at the Park Central Hotel in New York City with "World Unity and Security—Labor's Part in It" as the theme for two days of sessions.

Participating in the national conference, which will include a Sunday luncheon session at the Park Central, will be editors and staffs of accredited publications of CIO, AFL and railways unions, labor publicity, research and education directors and representatives of government.

MURRAY TO SPEAK

Principal listed speakers include President Milton Murray of the American Newspaper Guild, President Alexander F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, U. S. Senator Claude Pepper, Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York, and Maury Maverick of the War Production Board.

Forums and panels at the ALPA meetings March 4 and 5 will follow this agenda:

- (1) Labor and the War—At Home and Overseas.
- (2) Labor and the Peace—At Home and Overseas.
- (3) Labor and Community.
- (4) One World—Labor's Responsibility.
- (5) The Function of the Labor Editor in the Crisis of Traditional Civilization.

COMMITTEE NAMED

J. R. S. Hardman, editor of The Advance of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and president of the ALPA, appointed these editors to a general conference arrangements committee:

Elmer Beck, Kenosha Labor; Sam Colton, Labor Press Service of New Jersey; Robert L. Croden, United Rubber Worker; Max D. Danish, Justice; Len De Caux, CIO News; Maurice H. Forge, Transport Bulletin; Svend Godfredsen, Packinghouse Worker; Snow F. Grigby, Postal Alliance; Irving Kahane, Textile Dyer; Edward Levinson, United Auto Worker; J. C. Rich, Hat Worker; E. M. Schoffstall, Textile Labor; E. A. Stevenson, Train Dispatcher; Vincent Sweeney, Steel Labor; Thomas Wright, U. E. News; Phil E. Ziegler, Railway Clerk; Wilbur H. Baidinger, Guild Reporter.

Chicago Guild Opens Parleys With Defender

CHICAGO—Negotiations for a Newspaper Guild contract for editorial employees of The Chicago Defender, the nation's second largest Negro newspaper, will open March 6 as a result of an agreement reached between the Chicago Guild and the paper's management in the office of the regional director of the National Labor Relations Board.

In a previous agreement management stated that it would grant a Guild shop and would make the contract retroactive to Dec. 13, 1943.

However, when the Guild asked for negotiations on the basis of this previous agreement in January, management attempted to upset the recognition agreement by challenging the eligibility of five workers who earlier had been included in the bargaining unit of 16.

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—Cartoon by Herb Krackman, New York Guild, from Hat Worker "Chief, do you think we did right in taking the Marshall Islands from the Japs?"

NLRB Hearing Set For Chicago News

CHICAGO—A hearing to determine composition of the bargaining unit for editorial employees of The Chicago Daily News, published by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, has been set for March 9 by agreement between management and the Chicago Newspaper Guild.

Management has requested that all editorial workers except the editor, the managing editor and the woman's editor be included in the forthcoming National Labor Relations Board collective bargaining election.

The Guild asked for exclusion of the three, plus the exclusion of all departments heads such as city editor, news editor, foreign editor, assistant woman's editor, financial editor, sports editor, picture editor, state editor, heads of the art department, library, copy boy desk, copy desk, photographer's department, make-up desk and at least three confidential secretaries.

There are 155 editorial employees in the bargaining unit sought by the Guild.

The local Guild estimated that the collective bargaining election on the Daily News will be held in approximately two months.

Meanwhile, the News unit decided to accelerate its drive for the strongest possible representation by holding a series of weekly dinner meetings at Schlog's.

Pay is increased at Radio Station

MEMPHIS—Newspaper Guildsman at Radio Station WMPB will receive salary increases of between \$5 and \$7.50 a week under a contract renewal.

Salary classifications, heretofore unknown to the radio field in the South, were put into the Memphis Guild contract for the first time, with beginners in the announcing and engineering departments getting \$22.50 a week, ranging to \$50 after four years.

The chief engineer's minimum was set at \$60 a week.

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JET PROPULSION



—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

CIO ED NAMED

The New Jersey CIO News, monthly publication of the State Industrial Council, is edited by Newspaper Guildsman Kaufman, president of the Hudson County local. He is a veteran of the Guild's Bayonne Times strike.



Samuel Kaufman

\$15,000 Raise Is Negotiated

BOSTON—The Record-American unit of the Boston Newspaper Guild has approved a contract proposal negotiated with management providing wage increases of more than \$18,000 a year.

Raises of \$1 to \$5 a week were obtained for some 150 employees in the Guild's jurisdiction, which covers business offices.

Generally the increases were added to the last year of the step rates, but in many cases all step rates were lifted and some classifications had the experience ratings shortened from four to two years.

Guild negotiators were Amasa Howe of The Boston Globe, Boston president, and Thomas Travers and Gerald Harvey of The Boston Herald-Traveler. The unit's contract committee consisted of Abbott Hall, chairman, Charles Dodge and James Glennon.

Guild Leaders Protest WLB Stalls in Capital

(Continued from Page One) review developments and chart WLB course.

RULE STILL DELAYED

Meanwhile the Guild, which has repeatedly protested logjams in clearance of its contracts by the WLB, was obliged to mark time while the national board in Washington continued to ponder a long-awaited maintenance of membership decision.

Following instructions of the ANG's International Executive Board, ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks, Secretary-Treasurer Rodgers and Counsel Morris Isserman went to Washington to underscore the Guild's protests and to demand that the union's collective bargaining path be cleared.

They conferred there with government labor agency officials, principally William H. Davis, WLB chairman, and Jesse Freidin, WLB general counsel, in attempts to gain definite assurances of faster action in Guild cases, as well as enforcement of WLB directives.

But the maintenance case continued to hang in abeyance.

And a contract case involving The Denver Post, which stymied

all processes of 1943 and 1944 Guild collective bargaining by a behind-the-back appeal from a Sixth Regional War Labor Board directive, was tossed by the Chicago board to the WLB commission for reconsideration and recommendations.

Similarly, The Knoxville (Tenn.) Journal, a hold-out against Guild contracts since 1938, succeeded in warding off a regional board order by following the appeal route, leading into endless Washington by-paths.

Eubanks and ANG Vice President Kenneth B. Crouse were scheduled to represent the CIO and Guild March 6 in Chicago at the opening of a series of WLB commission sessions, with Hollywood, Allentown, Pa., and Jacksonville, Fla., contract cases among those on the agenda.

REPORTS ARE ISSUED

The commission last week had issued reports on New York Jewish Day and Central Press dispute cases in addition to the INF case, and had given final approval to voluntary agreements involving The Camden (N. J.) Courier-Post and St. Paul (Minn.) Dispatch and Pioneer Press.

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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.

"PROUD AND GLAD," THIS SOLDIER SAYS

CAMP KILMER, N. J.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I was figuring, after I read Lieutenant C. Fortson's letter to The Guild Reporter, on whether to let it go as another war neurosis when the last Reporter came and in it the fine and witty replies by Captain Guinness, Lieutenant Meltzer and Doug Bailey.

Anyway, I remember how back on The Times, Lieutenant Fortson was pretty much on the ball, always in good standing and quite concerned about low salaries, etc.

Maybe the Lieutenant sort of forgot about the world he will come back to when the shooting's over.

I'm one soldier among many who is proud and glad of the fight the Guild is putting up on the home front to keep living standards decent and fair.

That's part of the war effort, too.

Corporal SAM WEISSMAN,
New York Times Unit.

"KEEP PITCHING," SOLDIER TELLS ANG

CAMP SIBERT, ALA.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I'm glad to see that some of the members in the service have the guts to defend those compelled to stay at home. There seems to be a rather high-powered campaign on to make the soldiers believe that any man who's asking for higher wages in these days is a traitor; and too many soldiers are being taken in by it.

Guildsmen are generally, as a result of their profession, a little better informed than most soldiers; they should make use of their status to fight this attack.

The thing to emphasize is that the Guild now, as always, is working not only for the present but for the future; that it is pursuing not only a during-the-war, but a post-war plan; that it is actually working for the service-men now, so that they will not have to work so hard to obtain their rights when they return.

Far be it from me to give pointers to you; I, like the others, am somewhat cut off from your problems, my only contact being The Reporter.

Still, though my membership dates only from the beginning of last year, I have been working with Guildsmen since the Her-Ex walkout, and I think it important that you keep on fighting; so, I offer what advice I can from the very good observation post of a private in the rear ranks.

Keep pitching, please.
PRIVATE JAMES H. FLEMING,
Chicago Sun Unit.

QUESTION FROM THE FRONTS



—Cartoon by Bernard Berman, New York Guild, from ILGWU Justice

JOURNALISM STUDENTS NEED GUILD, HE SAYS

BUFFALO, N. Y.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I wonder if the Guild is doing all it should to present the true picture of management-labor relations to students in accredited schools of journalism.

I suppose that most established newspapermen today came up the hard way. But disregarding the fact that most college men at present are being taken by the other units have had, either in person or vicariously.

Undoubtedly there will be lots of angry letters, if I know Guildsmen at all from the ones I have met while in uniform—but probably it would be best to just say that our lieutenant is undoubtedly confused in his thinking and obviously a greenhorn as a member of the Guild. Perhaps because the New York Times unit is such a young unit as compared with other units of the Guild, our lieutenant simply hasn't had the trial by fire that members of some other units have had, either in person or vicariously.

Perhaps he never has had to worry personally about low wages and long hours, set against high prices and fears of insecurity or unemployment, or perhaps he simply has never known any newspapermen who have had such problems.

For all I know, the lieutenant may have had battle experience which has driven other thoughts from his mind and made him believe there are no problems at home. But other Guildsmen have seen battle and are stronger.

Others of us are still waiting our turn across, but have not lost faith. As far as I'm concerned, if I find a better contract at my newspaper when I return, I will be happy about it—for myself and for my friends—not angry.

Would the lieutenant have the Guild refuse to work for the safety and security of its members? Would he prefer also that it abandon attempts to provide job security and other benefits for those of us who return after the war and hope to take up again the work we know and are happy in?

Those are pure crocodile tears the lieutenant shed over the amount of scarce newspaper. The Guild Reporter uses in its semi-monthly editions. I honestly believe if there were twice as many Guildsmen and The Reporter had to use twice as much newspaper to reach them.

As I see it, we can't lose the battle at home and still win it away from home.

HYMAN CHESTER,
Rockford Guild.

Journalism Is Taught In Capital Guild School

WASHINGTON—Capital copy-girls and boys are studying journalism under Newspaper Guild auspices in classes conducted by Ed Vander Veen, Washington Post makeup editor and longtime Guild member.

The classes, begun in January, are held in a room provided by The Post and are open to employees of all Washington papers.

VETERANS ATTEND
Classes, which have numbered about 30, are not exclusively made up of copy-runners. Veteran reporters, as well as members of

FOR \$500 WAR BONDS: A HUG



—Photo by Kenneth A. Bandy, Denver Guild
Private John Payne, formerly of Hollywood, gives a token of appreciation from the armed forces to the Denver Newspaper Guild after it bought \$500 worth of war bonds at a rally at which he appeared, receiving the hug for the Guild is Lillian Lombardi, member of the local.

finds himself tossed out of the office with the words "You're fired" ringing in his ears.

JIM WESSEL,
PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA DECRIES "BALLYHOO FOR 'UNITY'"

PHILADELPHIA.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The Executive Committee of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild denounces the recent ballyhoo for "unity" in the American Newspaper Guild. We are opposed to "unity" with those who have demonstrated time and time again that their pledges of cooperation are honored only until the Communist line changes—which it does constantly.

We feel the recent "unity"

pledge in New York is the opening wedge for such approaches in every local throughout the Guild. Already, we have rejected one in Philadelphia-Camden; we urge other locals to do likewise.

The word "unity" has been made the laughing stock of the labor movement by the devil followers of the party line. It's about time everybody remember that the whole American Newspaper Guild defeated a phony "unity" drive in 1941 and another in 1943. We are prepared to oppose any further attempts to mislead Guild members throughout the country.

THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
NEWSPAPER GUILD OF
PHILADELPHIA & CAMDEN.

AMONG OURSELVES

Yeoman BOB WILLIAMS, former Albany Knickerbocker-News staffer, now stationed in South Pacific.

Private HYMAN W. LADEN, former Milwaukee Guild war activities chairman, wants it known he's in Marines, not Army, as reported in December 16, 1943, Guild Reporter.

Captain IRVING BENNETT, first Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph staffer inducted into Army, in

New Guinea now. . . GUNNER MUSSELMAN, former Guild secretary in Dayton, Ohio, entered Navy. . . FRANK PARRY, first president of new Scranton (Pa.) Guild, Army-bound. . . DONALD R. McCREA moved into Scranton presidency.

Three Guildsmen listed as speakers at New York convention of Coast Guard service editors: MILTON CANIFF, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"; BURNETT HOGARTH, "Tartan" illustrator; ED MCCARTHY, former New York Mirror feature writer, now editing Coast Guard's All Hands.

LAVERNE WILSON, past president of Dayton Guild, enlisted in Naval Reserve. . . WILLIAM BAIRD, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph picture editor and veteran Guildman, left for Army. . . PAUL VADNAIS, former Albany Times-Union staffer, writing from Army post in England.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette mail coming from Guildsmen REGIS KIRCHER, in India; BILL DEUTSCH, North Africa; BILL DIETZ, New Hebrides; TOMMY LATTA, North Atlantic. . . JOHN E. (DEACON) JONES, former Pittsburgh Guild postman, home on leave from Army.

Guest lecturers will include outstanding representatives of all departments that make up a paper—commercial, editorial and mechanical. Already scheduled to speak to the group is Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

HOW YOUR UNION DUES ARE SPENT

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD — STATEMENT OF CONDITION, JANUARY 31, 1944

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
CURRENT:		CURRENT:	
Cash in Bank	\$19,797.85	Due to Locals	\$ 353.83
Petty Cash	70.00	Withholding Taxes Payable	29.40
Advances and Loans Receivable	2,091.44	Payroll Taxes Payable	226.01
Exchanges	14.87	International Defense Fund	105.00
Deposits:		Committee of 600 Fund	101.75
American Airlines	\$425.00	C.I.O. Political Fund	218.25
Mail Permits	50.00	TOTAL CURRENT	\$ 1,028.24
	475.00		
Inventory—Buttons	45.00	LOANS PAYABLE:	
Cash in Bank—C.I.O. Political Fund	218.25	Long-Term Loans Payable to Labor Organizations	6,000.00
		National Defense Certificate	427.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$22,712.41	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 7,455.24
		SURPLUS	
		Surplus—November 1, 1943	\$16,040.98
		Less: Adjustments	401.98
		Excess of Expenses Over Income	\$15,639.00
		SURPLUS—JANUARY 31, 1944	\$11,617.17
		RESERVES:	
		For 1944 Convention	\$2,400.00
		For Officers' Severance Pay	1,040.00
		TOTAL RESERVES	3,440.00
		TOTAL SURPLUS AND RESERVES	15,257.17
		TOTAL SURPLUS, RESERVES AND LIABILITIES	\$22,712.41

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOV. 1, 1943, TO JAN. 31, 1944

INCOME:	ACTUAL	BUDGET Nov. Dec. 1943; Jan. 1944	BUDGET Feb. March, April, 1944
Per Capita	\$28,530.45		
Initiation Fees	1,461.00		
Reinstatement Fees	\$51.99		
Charter Fees	10.00		
Buttons	54.50		
Miscellaneous	13.90		
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,417.92		
EXPENSES:			
Per Capita to Congress of Industrial Organizations	\$1,242.65	\$1,800.00	\$1,500.00
Executive:			
Salaries—Officers	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,730.00
Salaries—Administrative Assistants	880.00		
Traveling—Officers	472.76	350.00	350.00
Total Executive	4,082.76	4,185.00	3,400.00
Organization:			
Salaries—International Representatives	\$3,417.00	\$5,022.00	\$5,122.00
Expenses—International Representatives	2,690.07	3,250.00	3,250.00
Other Organization Expenses	399.94	500.00	300.00
Total Organization	6,507.01	8,772.00	8,672.00
Research Department:			
Salary—Director	\$ 765.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 760.00
Salary—Administrative Assistant			520.00
Books and Periodicals	10.75	75.00	75.00
Traveling	19.60	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	33.77	75.00	75.00
Total Research	829.12	1,210.00	1,600.00
General:			
Salaries—Office Staff	\$3,830.50	\$4,238.00	\$4,512.50
Overtime	63.32	100.00	50.00
Rent	1,000.02	1,000.00	999.99
Electricity	48.26	300.00	200.00
Stationery and Printing—Office	1,004.88	600.00	300.00
Stationery and Printing—Cards and Forms	1,923.20	500.00	500.00
Telephone	589.48	350.00	350.00
Postage	269.81	350.00	350.00
Legal	514.40	450.00	450.00
Auditing	960.30	1,000.00	1,350.00
Moving Expenses	150.00	150.00	150.00
Payroll Taxes	436.68	600.00	600.00
Repairs and Maintenance	291.35	150.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	88.18	350.00	150.00
Furniture	228.85		
Total General	\$11,263.60	\$10,138.02	\$10,117.49
Net Cost Guild Reporter	5,472.42	5,990.00	\$5,110.00
Vacation and Severance Pay	1,131.20	1,500.00	1,500.00
I.R.R. Meeting Expenses—November	2,839.64	500.00	500.00
War Labor Board Expenses	399.06	1,500.00	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	17.10	75.00	75.00
Donations	268.79	500.00	500.00
Delegate and Committee Expenses			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$33,183.75	\$36,170.00	\$34,154.49
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME	\$2,765.83		
RESERVES:			
Reserve for 1944 Convention	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Reserve for Officers' Severance Pay	156.00	156.00	156.00
TOTAL RESERVES	\$1,056.00	\$1,056.00	\$1,056.00
EXCESS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME AFTER RESERVES	\$3,821.83		
TOTAL BUDGET		\$37,226.00	\$35,210.49

SCHEDULE 1—NET COST GUILD REPORTER

Salary—Editor	\$2,375.00	\$2,210.00	\$1,105.00
Printing	1,925.33	1,900.00	2,175.00
Mailing and Postage	860.00	850.00	850.00
Subscriptions	99.25	50.00	50.00
Pictures and Special Material	119.56	250.00	225.00
Engraving	139.03	200.00	175.00
Miscellaneous	18.30	75.00	75.00
Salary—Clerical		455.00	455.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,537.27	\$5,990.00	\$5,110.00
Less: Income	64.85		
Subscriptions			
NET COST OF GUILD REPORTER	\$5,472.42	\$5,990.00	

CHICAGO NEWS DOUBLES PROFITS

CHICAGO—The Chicago Daily News, Inc., which publishes The Chicago Daily News, more than doubled its net profit last year, earning more than a million dollars for the first time since 1937.

The company's net profit, after all charges, was \$1,810,000, against \$462,348 in 1942. Gross revenues rose to \$10,914,238 from \$9,450,319 in the previous year.

The company got into the excess profits tax brackets last year, handing over to Uncle Sam a total of \$1,012,000, of which and \$365,000 was for excess profit, \$647,000 was for income taxes and \$365,000 was for excess profits tax.

Dividends paid during the year totaled \$223,685 on the preferred stock and \$500,000 on the common stock. In 1942, preferred dividends were \$233,353 and no common dividends were distributed.

After all dividends were paid, there was a surplus for the year of \$286,318, which lifted earned surplus on December 31, 1943, to \$5,369,115.

CIO AIDE WED



MRS. MILTON MURRAY
Mrs. Murray, the former Bernice Welsh of Washington, was married to the president of the American Newspaper Guild in New York City February 21. A niece of John Brophy, now the CIO's national director of industrial union councils, she had been Brophy's secretary seven years.

ST. PAUL UNIT SETS A RECORD

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Perfect dues standing for four and a half years—from time of organization until now—is the record of one group of the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild which it offers as a challenge for any other local to match.

This group is the accounting section of the Dispatch-Pioneer Press unit, numbering variously from 34 to 42.

Every member, every time, has been reported in by the unit treasurer as paid in full—not a nickel lacking—for each month of dues report.

The record, beginning when the unit was organized in August, 1939, was maintained for two years without the spur of a Guild shop, which was not attained until June, 1941.

Employees have come and gone, the present turnover being heavy as in most newspapers, but dues payment never have faltered.

This section got off on the right foot because Beatrice Bryan, its first section chairman, wanted it that way and saw to it—with the help of a membership that already was trained to a high standard of efficiency in office duties and carried over the spirit into Guild activities.

The Rewrite Desk

The Communist Party has committed an ultimate indignity against the memory of Heywood Broun, founder of the American Newspaper Guild. It has red-baited Broun in *The Daily Worker*, which in another period referred to the Guild's first president as "a scabby rat."

Robert Minor, a procurer for the CP band of political prostitutes, said in *The Daily Worker* that "Broun raised with the Party the question of his joining it; he desired then to join the Catholic Church and the Communist Party simultaneously, but ended by joining the Church, and not joining the Party, although he remained its fast friend to his death."

This, in polite language, is a lie.

It was not long before he died that Broun wrote in his *New York World-Telegram* column: "The masquerade is over. The dominoes are dropped and it now becomes possible to look at the faces of the various ones who pretend to be devoted to the maintenance of democracy."

Broun looked at the faces and turned away in revulsion. He was talking about American Communists who then jeered, in concert with the Nazis, at the anguish of the women and children of Poland, who called President Roosevelt a warmongering Fascist, who sabotaged their country's defense by instigating strikes in arms plants at a desperate period of national emergency.

And to his death, according to testimony of his intimates, he loathed the sounds and the sight of them.

It is not strange, however, that the CP should now attempt to claim Broun as a patron saint of the Party. This sort of CP canonization has no limits in presumption and absurdity, reaching through "Abe" Lincoln and "Tom" Jefferson to Jesus Himself.

In its current metamorphosis as a propagator and defender of the capitalist faith the CP might well turn now, with its latest line and with its usual consistency, into Wall Street in search of a hero. J. P. Morgan the Elder, for instance.

Go to it, comrades. But let the decent dead rest.

The armed forces overseas continue to provide for the press at home stirring, heartening, morale-building tributes to the terrific job labor is doing in the war. Oddly enough, though, the editorial pages do not seem to overflow with this material—no doubt because space is tight, what with newsprint shortages and the patriotic urgencies of denouncing labor's 99.008 percent record of no strikes in wartime.

In the event that such exigencies prevented local papers from passing along the soldier opinion to the public, *The Stars and Stripes*, official Army daily in London, said in an editorial:

"The loyalty of American labor . . . seldom makes the headlines. . . .

"And while you GIs may all be proud of your record in training and battle, the men you left behind on the production line are equally proud. . . .

"Strikes have been the exception, not the rule, and workmen and women at home have broken every production record in their all-out effort to provide weapons of war on time to fill every need."

The Evening Press in Muncie, Ind., which first published a viciously libelous diatribe against labor ("Look Here, Mr. Striker") by Kenneth P. Walsh, later circulated widely, has asked *The Guild Reporter* to correct comment in this department February 15.

The Guild Reporter, quoting *PM*, said that Walsh, identified by the Muncie paper and others as a sailor in the U. S. Navy, actually was a non-union merchant seaman. The fact is that Walsh enlisted as a storekeeper in the Navy and now is assigned to a cargo ship. *The Guild Reporter* gladly makes the correction (as did *PM*) and apologizes to the writer of the diatribe for the error in his status.

At the same time, would *The Evening Press* in Muncie care to correct the inflammatory and disruptive distortions in Walsh's letter and apologize to labor and the public for publishing them? If it would, it might start by spreading the text of the *Stars and Stripes* editorial.

Newspaper publishers and all others who profess devotion to principles of free speech and the free press should be appalled and terribly alarmed by results of nationwide polls conducted by the National Opinion Research Center of the University of Denver.

The polls showed that only 63 percent of the people of the United States support the principle of free speech, even as a peacetime right, and that only 66 percent believed that the newspapers should have the right, even in peacetime, to criticize the form of government in Washington.

The free press, as a guardian of democracy, should be up in editorial arms, too, over a current attempt by Representative Martin Dies of the un-American committee to outrage another freedom—freedom to participate in democracy, as exercised by the CIO Political Action Committee, which Dies proposed to "investigate."

Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO committee, properly told Dies to go to hell by refusing to submit to him books and other material, which had been opened willingly and wide to the Department of Justice, and by challenging Dies' authority to engage in a fishing expedition "to defeat the legitimate political aspirations of millions of workers and their families."

PRINTER'S INK



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

Labor Draft Not Dead, Eubanks Says in Warning

"The labor draft bill is still a menace to American freedom," Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks of the American Newspaper Guild warned in a statement released for publication this week by the Workers Defense League, in which he is Free Labor Committee chairman.

At the same time, in New York City, Eubanks announced for the WDL that James G. Patton of Denver, president of the National Farmers Union, has been named honorary chairman of the committee and that Sal B. Hoffmann of Philadelphia, president of the AFL Upholsterers International Union, had been elected co-chairman.

THEY WAIT CHANCE

Eubanks said in his WDL statement that proponents of the Austin-Wadsworth "national service act" were "waiting for a military defeat or major strike to serve as the excuse for a whirlwind campaign to pass their labor draft bill."

The ANG executive vice president lauded George S. Schuyler, associate editor of the Pittsburgh Courier, for his work in fighting civilian draft proposals through the Negro weekly and through personal letters.

LABOR FIGHTS "PEACE" LAW

DENVER—Attorneys for the CIO, AFL and other labor groups have filed in the Colorado supreme court a 200-page brief supporting their appeal from a Denver district court decision upholding most of the 1943 so-called state "labor peace law."

Contest Opened By Magazine

BOSTON—A \$1,000 prize contest for the best article of 4,500 to 7,000 words on "Freedom of the Press in the United States?" has been announced by *The Atlantic Monthly*, with entries closing May 1 at the magazine's offices at 8 Arlington Street, Boston 16.

"The main purpose of the contest is to examine the functioning of newspapers in a democracy," the announcement said. "The competition is open to newspaper readers, who are the ultimate critics of the press, and to journalists of all ages and experience."

Judges will be Newspaper Guildsman Louis M. Lyons, curator of the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University and a Boston Globe reporter; Gerald W. Johnson, historian, and Edward Weeks, Atlantic Monthly editor.

CORRECTION

In one of the worst typographical errors on Guild Reporter record, ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks was quoted in the February 15 issue as reminding the union's International Executive Board, in connection with collective bargaining policy, that:

"We have got to realize that we are dealing with the toughest, greediest, most reactionary set of employees in the United States." For the record, the fifth word from the end of the quote was: "employers."

Fairless Blasts Labor by Radio

PITTSBURGH (FP)—In a nationwide broadcast, President Benjamin F. Fairless of the U. S. Steel Corporation, largest steel monopoly, shook business' big stick at organized labor.

Painting a black and greatly exaggerated picture of strikes in war industry, he warned unions to expect "labor legislation with teeth." Going further, he declared that the steel corporation still stubbornly opposes membership in a labor union as a condition of "the right to work."

The National War Labor Board's maintenance of membership directive, which U. S. Steel unwillingly bowed to in 1942, is "unnecessary, undesirable and subversive of the workers' individual freedom," Fairless asserted.

GUILDSMAN NAMED TO WELFARE POST

SAN FRANCISCO, (FP)—President George Wilson of the San Francisco CIO Council has been appointed by Mayor Roger Lapham to the San Francisco public welfare commission, succeeding Lawrence Palacios, AFL official. Wilson is third vice president of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild.

NEW FLAG FLIES IN DENVER HALL

DENVER—When the Post unit held its February meeting, members noticed the Stars and Stripes in Newspaper Guild headquarters, used jointly with two other CIO unions, looked drab and soiled.

Alexis McKinney, Post state-house reporter, who served a hitch in Uncle Sam's Navy in younger days, proposed a voluntary contribution for a new flag. Everybody chipped in for a handsome emblem.

AD RECORD BROKEN

DENVER—The volume of Denver Post classified ads continues to offer wartime amazement in the Rocky Mountain region. The Sunday edition February 20 contained 108½ columns, at 310 agate lines to the column.

This broke all records for The Post.

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