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Conditional Surrender Is Offered By Times in Guild Security Case

Terms of a conditional surrender proposed by the nation's most important newspaper in the American Newspaper Guild's long-drawn fight for wartime union security were being studied this week.

The New York Times, a principal opponent of the Guild in a national War Labor Board maintenance of membership battle, which the ANG won decisively, offered to negotiate a qualified form of maintenance guarantee with the New York Guild.

The Times proposed that a Guild contract proviso be added in which the New York Guild would agree that the maintenance clause would be abrogated by any final court decision or "legislation" denying the WLB's authority to make its Guild case ruling.

COMMISSION MEETS

This partial and qualified break in a united front of a strong coalition of publishers on the Guild security front came as the union awaited action by the WLB's Newspaper Industry Commission formally implementing the WLB's maintenance decision.

The Commission, meeting March 27 and 28 in Chicago, was expected to hand down an order directing The Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot to negotiate a standard WLB membership maintenance clause with the Harrisburg Guild, setting a precedent and pattern for settlement of 30-odd other Guild-publisher disputes over the issue.

Counsel for The Patriot had threatened from the outset of its maintenance case a year ago that it would comply with no Guild security ordered by the WLB or the WLB's agencies. The Harrisburg case was the basis for the WLB's decision March 4.

This defiance of the government's wartime authority in labor disputes had been seen as a promise of continued and bitter war with the Guild over the issue, with the United States Supreme Court as the probable next battleground.

SITUATION UNCLEAR

The proposed retreat by The New York Times from the publishers' front left the lines of battle unclear, however, and there were indications in some publisher quarters that the threatened withdrawal of the big ally

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THE PATIENT SURVIVED



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

Detroit Applies Maintenance Rule

DETROIT—The Newspaper Guild's first maintenance of membership agreement to be won by War Labor Board order was in effect at The Detroit News last week, covering 45 employes in its maintenance department.

Along with it, News members, who have waited more than a year for their first Guild contract, received a $2 weekly general pay increase, retroactive to May 29, 1943.

BACK WAGES PAID

Each elevator operator, janitor or watchman included in the unit received in the neighborhood of $90 back pay, the amount varying because of overtime.

The contract, ordered effective as of last November 15, was signed by Guild President Ralph B. Novak and Secretary Marguerite Gahagan.

The 15-day "escape period" under the WLB's maintenance of membership provision went off without incident.

NOBODY "ESCAPES"

C. D. Brewer, News counsel, insisted upon mimeographing the standard WLB notice of the "escape" provision and passing it out to the employes. **Instead of "escaping," three more employes joined the Guild after reading the notice.**

On the date of the "escape" period's expiration, Guild Executive Secretary Paul Weber certified to the WLB, as members in good standing, 45 of a possible 47 persons in the unit.

DECISION UNCONTESTED

The decision of the WLB Newspaper Panel granting the Guild maintenance of membership, the pay raises and other disputed clauses, went into effect after News management decided not to appeal the union security clause.

In addition to the new wage minimums, job security, war clause, holiday premium pay and other benefits, the contract provides for severance pay of one week for each six months, or fraction, of service, up to 26 weeks' pay.

WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Winchell Is a Danger— He Covers Fascist Fronts

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—Once upon a time a lot of Congressmen, like ordinary citizens, used to read Walter Winchell with profound interest and reverence.

That was because they wanted to find out whether any of their good friends or constituents had given birth to illegitimate children or whether some anonymous cutie was playing footie with some distinguished character, maybe even a member of Congress.

HE WAS NO MENACE

In those gaudy days Winchell had a big local following and, although some of the boys may have read him furtively while their wives were in the kitchen, they never deemed him dangerous or worthy of public comment.

He was their seeing-eye columnist and they got a big kick out of what he saw.

It went on like that for a long time until suddenly, almost while nobody was looking, Walter Winchell ceased being interested in local rackets and scandal alone.

He decided that the biggest, most scandalous racket of all time was an outfit called Fascism, an international cartel composed of various wings of Murder, Inc.

THEN HE GOT MAD

Not only did Winchell decide that this international gang was a major menace to the civilization that believed in every man's right

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Guild Wins 2 Elections

The American Newspaper Guild's wartime organizing advance continued last week, marked by overwhelming victories for the union in collective bargaining elections conducted by the National Labor Relations Board. In Grand Rapids, Mich., Press employes voted 18 to 8 for the new Grand Rapids Guild. In Atlantic City, N. J., Press-Union employes voted 19 to 0 for the Philadelphia-Camden Guild.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Editorial employes of The Press-Union voted unanimously for the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild as their collective bargaining agent.

The count for the Guild in the National Labor Relations Board poll, taken at insistence of management of Atlantic City's biggest newspaper enterprise, was 19 to 0, with every eligible employe castin, a vote.

The Press-Union publishes a morning, afternoon and Sunday paper in Atlantic City, where one of the original locals of the American Newspaper Guild was established 10 years ago but suspended within two years after many members transferred from the shore resort area.

SCHICK AIDS DRIVE

Revival of the Guild at The Press-Union and at The World and Reporter into a joint unit of the Philadelphia-Camden local was accomplished in an organizing campaign led by Jules Schick, former ANG vice president, and President Arthur Riordan, Secretary Constance J. Myers and Office Manager Mary E. Smith of Philadelphia-Camden.

Officers of the Atlantic City Guild unit are Warren Brown, Press-Union chairman; Jack Boucher, World, and Joseph Walker, Press-Union, vice chairmen; Ralph Sloss, Reporter, secretary, and Allyn Jones, Press-Union, treasurer.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The newly-chartered Grand Rapids Newspaper Guild, youngest local in the union, won a National Labor Relations Board election at The Press by a vote of better than two to one.

Editorial employes of The Press, evening paper and principal publication of Booth Newspapers, Inc., voted 18 to 8 for the Guild as their collective bargaining agent, with all eligibles participating in the balloting March 22.

RIPLEY DIRECTS

The Grand Rapids Guild aided in its organization by ANG International Representative Steve Ripley, at once moved to present Press management with contract proposals.

Already under contract with the local, chartered last December, is The Grand Rapids Herald, which had agreed to recognize the Guild through a membership card check.

Organization of the Press editorial staff was completed early in February when a majority of the eligible workers had signed Guild applications, but notification to management was delayed until all details in connection with the Herald contract were cleaned up.

In the meantime, Ripley and a group of members continued talking with Press prospects and by March 5 the majority had been strengthened and the Herald's Form 10 was on the way to the War Labor Board.

Lee M. Woodruff, editor of The Press, had NLRB election petition blanks ready to be filled in after a second conference with the Guild had resulted in an agreement as to exclusions and eligible voters.

Woodruff was amiable and friendly throughout the pre-election negotiations.

HE MAKES "GESTURE"

Apparently, however, he felt that some gesture of resistance was necessary and on March 17, five days before the election, he mailed a general letter to the editorial staff members.

In two single-spaced pages Woodruff carefully pointed out the election's importance, explained that The Press would take no action to prevent any workers joining the Guild, nor penalize any who did join. **By putting that in writing, he relieved the fears of some of the wavering prospects.**

Woodruff also presented some rather devious figures for the years 1932 and 1933 to demonstrate how the welfare of the employes was always uppermost in the minds of the publishers.

"PROMISE" IS GIVEN

He included a stock promise that "Tthe Press under no circumstances will sign a closed shop agreement for its editorial staff, nor have a part in forcing anybody into the union."

Negotiation of the Press contract will begin almost six months after the first meeting of editorial employes at which Ray Kuhn of the Saginaw Valley Guild answered questions about the organization.

CIO Has Made No Selection For President

By URCEL DANIEL
Secretary,
Government Relations Committee
American Newspaper Guild

WASHINGTON—Now that the CIO's 1944 election campaign is getting into full swing, and now that there is much discussion over whether the CIO Political Action Committee is a "fourth term" committee, it is time again to study "Labor's Political Aims," as outlined by CIO President Philip Murray.

Murray's plan, as detailed in this pamphlet, is to have the CIO make no decision on candidates until after the Republican and Democratic national conventions and until the CIO has had a national conference of its own to decide on a set of principles and can see how these are received by the two parties.

"COMMITTED TO NO MAN"

"We are, for the present, committed to no man or political party," he wrote.

Of President Roosevelt, Murray had this to say:

"Labor appreciates that President Roosevelt has traditionally been a friend of the workers, and it realizes that he is now deeply engrossed in the vast problems of global war, sometimes to the ex-

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Member's Name Is Borne by Ship

BALTIMORE—The memory of Newspaper Guildsman Robert Ellis Lewis, American Red Cross agent who was killed in a plane crash at Port Moresby, New Guinea, was honored here by launching of a Liberty Ship bearing his name.

The vessel, 305th Liberty ship to be built at the Bethlehem-Fairchild Shipyard, was christened by Mrs. Robert L. Lewis, mother of Lewis, who was a rewrite-man on The Philadelphia Inquirer before joining the Red Cross.



LEWIS

The launching of the ship was in conjunction with opening of the yard's Red Cross drive. Addresses were made by Red Cross officials.

Lewis, born in Athens, O., September 27, 1914, was educated at George School, Westtown, Pa., and Haverford College.

He served The Inquirer for five years before joining the Red Cross in December, 1941.

He was stationed at Cairo as a staff writer for the information service, then was given charge of Red Cross publications in the Middle East.

In August, 1943, Lewis was transferred to Sydney as director of information for the Southwest Pacific Area. It was while on this assignment that he was killed. General Douglas MacArthur issued a special message praising Lewis after his death last November 26.

GUILDSMEN ATTEND

The launching was attended by several Philadelphia-Camden Guild members, including William Mensing, former representative assembly member from The Inquirer, and Samson Berry, Jr., former chairman of the Record unit, both close personal friends of Lewis.

Lewis' father and other members of his family attended with Mrs. Lewis.

The keel of the S.S. Robert Ellis Lewis was laid February 2, with a construction schedule of 34 days.

Four other war-launched ships bear the names of members of the American Newspaper Guild.

On January 25 the Edward H. Crockett, named for a Guildsman and Associated Press war correspondent who went down with a torpedoed British naval vessel in the Mediterranean, was launched at Liberty Ship Yards of the New England Shipbuilding Corporation at South Portland, Me.



CROCKETT

Crockett, 31, was assigned to the British fleet by the AP in April, 1942, succeeding Larry Allen, AP staffer who was captured by Nazis in a British raid on Tobruk.

Crockett drowned February 5, 1943, in the Mediterranean sinking. The body was recovered by another ship for burial at sea with honors.

Surviving Crockett are his widow, Sally, who christened the Liberty Ship at South Portland, and two children, 7 and 3.

On January 22 the U.S.S. O'Toole, first destroyer escort named for Ensign John Albert O'Toole, first Boston Guildsman killed in action, was launched at the Boston Navy Yard.

Last December the Carl Thusgaard, Liberty Ship bearing the name of an Acme photographer killed in a flight over New Guinea, went down the ways at Baltimore. His widow, Madelaine, has joined the Guild and gone to work for Acme in New York City.

Last Labor Day the Heywood Broun, Liberty Ship named for the late founder of the ANG, was launched at Baltimore.

S.S. BROUN CREW ENFORCES RULES

The SS Heywood Broun, named for the late founder of the American Newspaper Guild, is manned by a CIO crew whose shipboard union rules would have brought chuckles from the Guild's first president.

The Pilot, National Maritime Union organ which features regular reports of proceedings of NMU meetings aboard ships, carried a report from the Broun that:

"Action will be taken against members not attending meetings if they are off watch."

And action was taken, according to minutes of subsequent proceedings:

"Ship's delegate Smith reported that the 3rd cook and a tripcard 2nd cook refused to attend meetings.

"The crew voted that the 3rd cook be denied membership in the union, and that the case of the 2nd cook who claimed to have lost his book and to be retiring from the sea after the voyage be turned over to the shore patrolman."

Guild Plans Employment For Disabled Veterans

LIMA, O. — Maintenance of membership, a 30-day reopening wage provision, and a clause pledging mutual cooperation in reemployment of disabled war veterans were among improvements contained in a new contract signed by representatives of The Lima News and the Lima Newspaper Guild.

Following four sessions of negotiations in which post-war probabilities were discussed, the contract was completed with a minimum of arbitration.

The maintenance of membership clause requires all members to remain in good standing during the life of the agreement. Any employes dismissed for failure to maintain good standing sacrifice severance, death and sick benefits.

VETERANS PROTECTED

In the contract's national emergency clause the Guild and Lima News management agreed to "mutually pledge themselves to the reemployment of any veteran who because of disability cannot resume his former position."

Spokesmen of both sides were in accord in considering the necessary planning for such possibilities and expressed a desire to work together to complete arrangements for such situations.

Because previously agreed salary increases were still under consideration by the tortoise-paced War Labor Board, wage negotiations were waived, and agreement made allowing the Guild to reopen the wage section on 30 days' notice.

The contract was signed by Wayne Current, president, and Frank Klein, negotiation committee chairman, for the Guild, and W. G. Galvin, publisher, and R. F. Corcoran, business manager, for The Lima News.

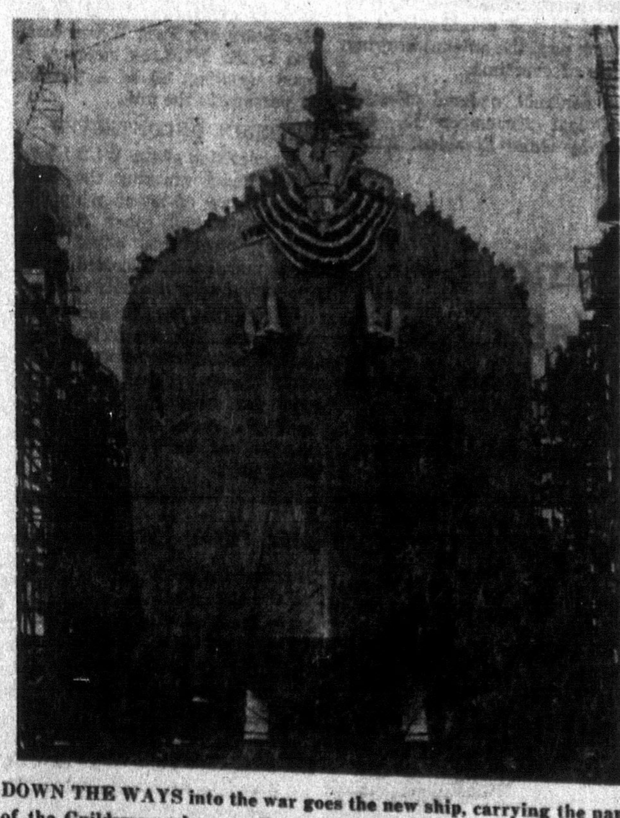
SS LEWIS LAUNCHED



THE MOTHER of Newspaper Guildsman Robert Ellis Lewis gets ready to christen a Liberty Ship named for her son. Joseph Blumenfeld of the CIO's Marine and Shipbuilding Workers advises her on the procedure.



STRAIGHT AND TRUE the bottle swings, watched by J. M. Willis of the Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyard at Baltimore. Lewis, a former Philadelphia Inquirer reporter, died in a plane crash at Port Moresby.



DOWN THE WAYS into the war goes the new ship, carrying the name of the Guildsman who was director of information for the American Red Cross in the Southwest Pacific when he was killed last November.

Draft Shakes Up Guild's Staff In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS—William Plowman, president of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild, and John Sterbenz, second vice president, have announced their resignations because of a change in their draft status to 1-A.

Unopposed for election to succeed Plowman is Howard Piening, Post-Dispatch advertising salesman and chairman of the local's representative assembly. Warren Jackman, of the Globe-Democrat classified advertising department, has been nominated to succeed Sterbenz.

AWAITS NOTICE

Plowman, Star-Times copy editor, recently was reelected local president for the coming year, after having been elected to serve out an unexpired term last year. He is now awaiting his induction notice.

Sterbenz, of the Globe-Democrat circulation department, is an original commercial department member of the local and has been second vice president for two terms. He reported to the Jefferson Barracks induction station two weeks ago and was accepted for the Army.

Plowman is the second president of the St. Louis Guild to be inducted into military service while holding office. Ray Kringer, former Star-Times copy editor, went into the Army last spring, and now is a sergeant stationed in India.

Guild Lines Up For Red Cross

DENVER—"Every Guildsman on the Red Cross March honor roll!" was a slogan for the Denver Newspaper Guild, announced at a citywide meeting by Harley J. Murray, Post reporter and liaison man for the Guild and the Denver chapter of the Red Cross.

"We scored 100 percent in the War Chest drive last Fall, and we want to do it again," he said. "For the War Chest alone, the CIO in Denver contributed $48,000. The Guild contributed a handsome share. Now we want to repeat."

Murray is checking Guild ranks at The Post to make Red Cross contributions sure. Ruby Young is handling the work at The Rocky Mountain News.

New York Cites A Blood Donor

The best record for New York Newspaper Guild members on blood donations was claimed by the local for Martha Millet of its labor press unit.

She recently gave her tenth pint of blood. Her first contribution was in November, 1941.

Miss Millet does rewrite for The Pilot, published by the CIO National Maritime Union.

LIMA PRESIDENT BOUND FOR ARMY

LIMA, Ohio—Wayne Current, president of the Lima Newspaper Guild, passed his pre-induction physical examination at Toledo and became subject to 24-hour call for Army service after April 8.

Current, married and the father of a daughter, served two terms as vice president and was elected president of the Guild local at its last election.

PREVIEW NETS $700

A pre-preview benefit of the new Danny Kaye movie, "Up in Arms," netted the New York Newspaper Guild around $700, which will probably be divided equally between the local's canteen and the servicemen's committees.

—BONDS BATTER HITLER—
—10 PERCENT ON PAYDAY—

White Collar 'League' Rears Head

By JEANNE TEDESCHE
Guild Reporter Staff Assistant

The ad ($400 worth of it) in The Herald Tribune said that "We—who belong to the 'White Collar Group' must *unite* or remain helpless, voiceless, ignored."

So I trotted down to 70 Pine Street, which the ad said was the home of the Organizing Committee for the League to Protect the White Collar Group, to look into the project.

Maybe, I figured, this was the answer to the maidenly prayers of The Times and its sisters of the press. Their editorial hearts had been bleeding for poor unorganized white-collared working girls and boys who needed something (non-union) to save them from an economic fate worse than death under New Deal bureaucracy.

MR. ROUTH FOUND ON THE PREMISES

Robert Routh was listed by the ad as the chairman of the OCLPWCG and, sure enough, I found him, in Room 820 at 70 Pine Street, a big building known in New York for its lawyers and stock exchange members.

The building directory listed neither the OCLPWCG nor Mr. Routh for 820, but he was there, all right, when I opened the door and addressed myself to a slight, blond man at the desk.

Mr. Routh (for it was he, and eager, too) welcomed me hospitably.

"I," I said, "am interested in your organization. But I'd like to know what your plans are and what you intend to do."

Mr. Routh, who vaguely identified himself as an advertising and publicity man, had the answers.

"We," he said, "are interested in organizing the entire white collar group throughout the United States. And that means the whole middle class. We have been sat upon long enough."

Splendid!

"LABORING CLASS" GETS "TOO MUCH"

"The government's been giving too much," Mr. Routh proceeded, "to the laboring class. And why? Because they're organized. After all, they're not the majority. We are. If we ever expect to get anything, we must get rid of these minority pressure groups."

(*"We do not invite those who want a labor union,"* the Herald Tribune ad had said. *"We do not believe . . . in minorities in a Democracy, organizing for economic protection from one another because they soon become advantage seeking monopolies."*)

Mr. Routh was developing his thesis.

"Because the minority groups have been getting their own way, it's our wives and children who have to go to free clinics now. Employers are willing (*correct*) to raise our salaries (*correct*) but because labor (*correct*) pushed through the Little Steel formula (*correct*) they can't do it (*correct*)."

I wanted to hear more along this line. Mr. Routh had it to give out.

"JOIN THE CIO" AT YOUR PERIL

"We're not interested," he carried on, "in forming a union. After all, if you want to join a union you can join the CIO. They'll get you a raise in salary, but you'll never be able to go any higher than they say.

"The white collar worker is well educated. He wants to get places. You probably want to get a $40 or $50 a week job some day, and in the unions, you'll get $1 an hour and then have to be content to stay there the rest of your life.

"Well, that's all right for the laboring classes, but not for us. We're an ambitious group."

Reeling slightly in my chair, I asked Mr. Routh where he was going to go from there.

POLITICS REARS A READY HEAD

"We've got to be politically-minded," he said. "We've got to be so strong we can take our demands to the candidates and say 'If you don't give us what we want, we won't support you.' We've got to stop the government giving so much power to minority groups."

Mr. Routh's voice had become querulous and high, and his blue eyes, as the saying goes, were flashing.

(*"United we will be more powerful than all the minority groups together,"* the Herald Tribune ad had said. *"Our voice will be heard far above the clamor of the self-seeking minorities."*)

"So," I said, "you think the government's been going too much in the wrong direction, is that it?"

"Yes, and we have to put a stop to it," he said. "We must break the minority pressure group control."

THE AD BROUGHT A BIG RESPONSE

Mr. Routh put a period to his discourse at this point, and, getting ready to get out, I asked if he had any literature on the cause. No, and no letterheads yet, either, but the response to the Herald Tribune ad had been gratifyingly large.

Thousands of letters received, he said, and some reading matter was expected to be obtainable shortly.

I stumbled out.

But I went back again to 70 Pine Street a couple of days later, chiefly to make sure I had heard things right. **I had.**

Mr. Routh greeted me guardedly this time, however, when I said I still had some questions on my mind.

"Do you represent The Daily Worker?" he said, coldly.

Who, me? I did not, I said, hotly.

From this point of understanding I attempted some direct examination:

"Your ad says 'Please don't send money or check with application . . . We (are) a group of 'White Collar' workers . . . not a 'Big Shot' among us.' But where does the money come for 15 inches of two-column advertising space in these days of advertising rationing?"

MR. ROUTH EVADES A BIG QUESTION

"Why," Mr. Routh said, "haven't you ever known people who are so convinced about an idea they are willing to contribute money for it?"

Well, yes, I had, indeed.

But how, now, about the "politically minded" organization he had had in mind on my first visit? Was I to be told how to vote, if I joined up with him?

"Of course not," he said. "This isn't a political party. We just want to be strong enough to be able to impeach him if we have to."

"You mean, you have enough to impeach him now?" I said.

"No, but we could get it."

Mr. Routh's voice was going up again.

I tacked sharply:

"You say you're the chairman of the Organizing Committee. Who's the committee?"

"Now," Mr. Routh said, with a small laugh, "after all. When an organization is in the formative stage, such as ours, you don't go bantering names about. When we're completely organized, then you'll find out who the committee is.

"But we can't let you know now. Some of these men have jobs. They might be fired if their bosses found out they were forming such a committee. If you belonged to a union, you couldn't be fired, but ours is no such organization."

"BEST BRAINS" CITED, BUT NOT BY MR. ROUTH

I pulled out the Herald Tribune ad again and read:

"'Some of the best brains in the country are waiting for your reaction.' Who are the 'best brains'?"

Mr. Routh was displaying annoyance. **He pointed a shaking finger at me.**

"Let me tell you something," he told me. "You represent a group of people who will never join with us. You're too suspicious. You have to accept some things on faith, and you're not willing to do that. Only thieves have to have contracts.

"Look at some of these letters I've received. They don't ask any questions. They're just willing to take us on faith."

He showed me a letter from a meat cutter in Vermont, from four lawyers in Newark, from a secretary.

"See. All they say is 'I am interested. Send me an application.' No questions at all."

CHANNING POLLOCK IS THE CLINCHER

Then Mr. Routh produced a letter from the eminently respectable Channing Pollock, the retired playwright and ardent spokesman for free enterprise—as advanced by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Mr. Pollock, it appeared from his letter, had gladly accepted membership in the Organizing Committee for the League to Protect the White Collar Group from the menace of trade unionism.

"Would he consent," Mr. Routh demanded, "if he thought there was anything wrong?"

I guess he wouldn't.

We—who belong to the

"WHITE COLLAR GROUP"

Must UNITE—or remain helpless, voiceless, ignored

* * *

As you well know, leading government officials admit that the economic position of our "White Collar" workers is desperate; yet, we cannot get relief because, as Wm. H. Davis, Chairman of the WLB puts it, we have no organization to speak for us. In other words, our representatives tell us, our only hope is to get together so that we can exert pressure upon those who are our representatives.

It is a dangerous state of affairs when we, the majority of the nation's workers—25 to 30,000,000 little business men, doctors, dentists, secretaries, stenographers, lawyers, engineers, ac- [...]

will not be pacified with pre-election promises this time. Because we shall be strong and determined. Then we can meet the inflated cost of living, feed our families, pay our taxes and maintain a standard of life to which our efforts and industry entitle us.

• *UNITED*, we will protect our future existence—retain our independence and forestall the attempts of any organized minority to dominate us, economically, spiritually or politically. We will no longer be the elephant ridden by the little boy.

• *UNITED*, our strength will enable us to [...]

[...] welfare.

• *UNITED*, we will be more powerful than all the minority groups together. Our voice will be heard far above the clamor of the self-seeking minorities. Because we are the majority of the nation's people.

• *UNITED*, we shall demand laws for immediate economic relief and rehabilitation. We [...]

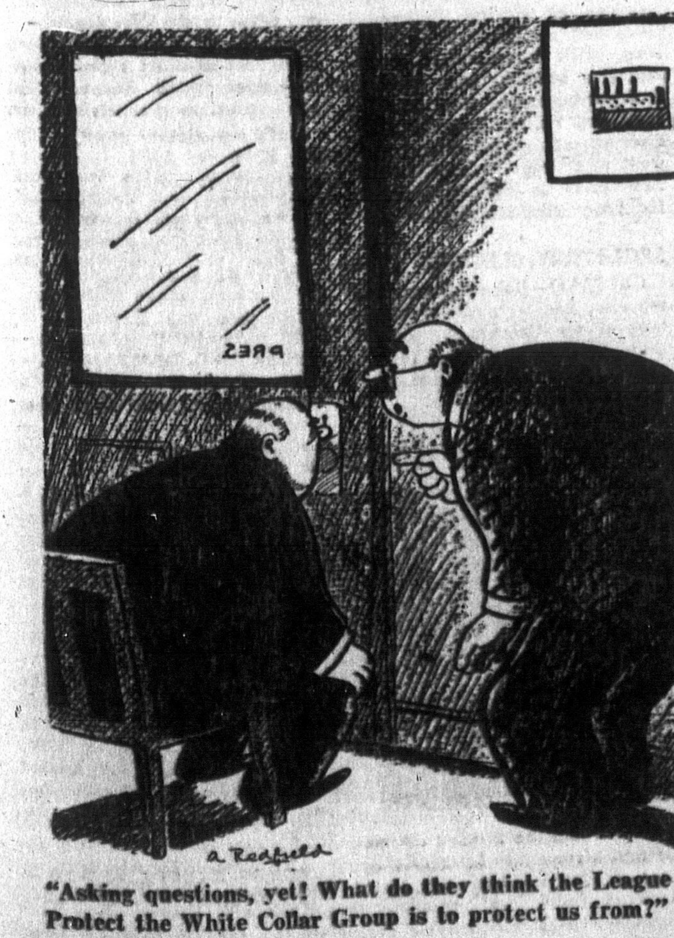
[...] you can be of volunteer service. PLEASE DON'T SEND MONEY OR CHECKS WITH APPLICATION. We shall request your dues if we decide that we have sufficient applications to proceed with the organization. Even then you will be under no obligation to join.

Apply immediately so that we shall know what to do within the next two days. Remember this is your answer to the question—"Do you want to Unite?" You have nothing to lose but everything to gain.

Organizing Committee for the League to Protect the White Collar Group
ROBERT ROUTH, *Chairman*
Room 820—70 Pine Street, New York, N. Y.

This manifesto, calling on "25 to 30,000,000" white collar workers to join together (without benefit of trade unionism) to insure their economic welfare, appeared in The New York Herald Tribune. One of the objectives of the "Organizing Committee," it appeared in an interview with the chairman, is to impeach President Roosevelt.

OUR DAILY BREAD



"Asking questions, yet! What do they think the League to Protect the White Collar Group is to protect us from?"

Harris Wins Raises For Town Employes

ARLINGTON, Mass. — Town employes here can be grateful for the training given by the American Newspaper Guild to its leaders in negotiating wage increases.

Specifically, they can be grateful to George A. Harris, ANG international vice president for the Guild's New England's Region 1, and a resident, taxpayer and town meeting member—elected by this community of 40,000 to a post corresponding to alderman and councilman in cities.

ALL GET RAISES

Harris, at Arlington's annual town meting, attended by more than 1,000 citizens, put through a measure giving 612 town employes a pay raise of about $3.80 a week each — totaling about $122,800 this year, affecting all town employes from department heads to payroll newcomers.

The ANG vice president and town meeting member negotiated the raise in a two-hour battle of words by offering (and winning) a substitute motion against a "no permanent raise" motion. He won by a vote of 124 to 65.

Not satisfied that his full battle had been won, Harris then offered another substitute motion for a $112 bonus for the town's employes and wound up with $100 in quarterly payments to each employe this year. The amount was for an additional $68,768. Total cash involved: $191,568.

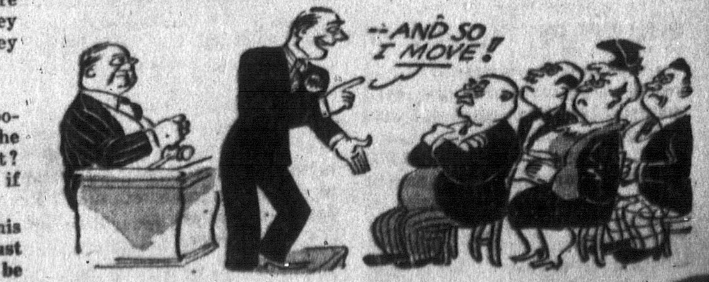
1ST IN GENERATION

Each previous year Arlington, one of the country's wealthier towns, had voted down any permanent general increases in its employes' basic wage rates.

In fact, Harris pointed out, there had been no general pay increase for employes for a generation.

The Boston Herald, reporting the Harris victory in the Arlington town meeting, said that the wage increases for town employes would add $2.18 to the community's tax rate.

"Not true," said Harris, speaking as a town meeting member who knew his finances.



Guild Signs Up All Newspapers In Cleveland

CLEVELAND — When Editor Paul Bellamy signed a Newspaper Guild contract on behalf of The Cleveland Plain Dealer, his action marked culmination of a two-year campaign to establish the Guild at The Plain Dealer and brought yearly pay increases estimated at more than $75,000 for editorial and telephone employes of the paper.

Signing of the contract also made Cleveland a 100 percent Guild city for its daily newspapers and concluded negotiations that brought real bargaining gains to employes of The Cleveland Press and The Cleveland News as well.

GUILD WINS, 1-2-3

The Plain Dealer Guild campaign, which began early in 1942 with a membership drive that started from scratch, was marked with formation of a Plain Dealer unit in June, 1942, winning of a National Labor Relations Board election in February, 1943; certification of disputed contract demands to the National War Labor Board in July, 1943, and a WLB directive order in February, 1944, granting the Cleveland Newspaper Guild practically everything that had been in dispute.

The Plain Dealer case resulted (among contract advances) in a WLB directive for inclusion of payment of dismissal benefit upon death and payment of a night differential on a major morning paper under an initial contract.

As a result of collective bargaining the three Cleveland dailies now pay a top minimum to reporters of $60 after the fourth year and are paying higher minimums in many other classifications.

Dismissal pay and death benefit payments have been boosted from 26 weeks to 30 weeks.

COL IS EASED

A general pay increase of 9 percent at The Press and News and of 15 percent (on weekly wages under $40) or $6 a week (on wages over $40) at The Plain Dealer helped to ease the heavier cost-of-living burden.

Retroactive pay checks for as much as $450 for a 30-week period were received by Plain Dealer employes. Weekly pay increases ran as high as 50 percent as the result of application of minimums plus the night differential.

The Plain Dealer had repeatedly claimed before the NWLB that the paper had been paying "the highest wages of any newspaper in Cleveland and among the highest in the country."

Pact Is Readied At Chicago Sun

CHICAGO—Proposals for a revised Chicago Newspaper Guild contract for editorial employes of The Chicago Sun, published by Marshall Field, are being drawn by a committee of Sun Guild members.

The contract, the first on Chicago's two-year-old morning newspaper, expires June 1 and the Guild expects to initiate negotiations for a new agreement early in April.

The contract committee, named by Dan Smyth, Sun unit chairman, is headed by Justin McCarthy, rewriteman, and has on it one member from each department within the editorial department.

CLEVELAND CAPTURES AN ORGANIZING GOAL



The picture was posed but the expressions weren't. Beaming approval are Cleveland Newspaper Guildsmen who had just won their first contract with The Cleveland Plain Dealer after a long campaign which made Guild representation citywide. Seated, from the left: Ted Verpe, unit chairman; James Hartshorne, local treasurer, holding the initial pact; William M. Davy, local executive secretary; Ray Turk, local president. In the gallery, from the left: Plain Dealer Unit Members Larry Hawkins, Ken Colvin, Jack LaVriha, Hervey McMillan and John Blair. A notable Guild absentee from the scene was Milton J. Lapine, ANG vice president who worked all the way from unit organization through negotiations. He was unable to be there.

Chicago News Fights Guild In 7-Day NLRB Hearings

CHICAGO—One more obstacle in a Newspaper Guild drive to organiz the editorial department of the Chicago Daily News has been passed following seven days of National Labor Relations Board hearings preliminary to a collective bargaining election.

Seeking recognition for the editorial department, the Guild was notified by News management that it wanted an NLRB election—and that it insisted that all executives be included in the bargaining unit at the paper, whose publisher is Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

EXCLUSIONS DISPUTED

The Guild sought to exclude executives with the power to hire, fire or grant raises, or to make effective recommendations, along with confidential secretaries and employes of the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service, who are on a separate payroll.

In dispute were 19 positions in addition to the foreign services.

Feature of the hearings, which produced 1,000 pages of testimony, was a protracted appearance by Paul Scott Mowrer, News editor, who, among other things, refused to concede that The Tribune and The Sun functioned similarly to The News in gathering and editing news, that these papers also had a city editor and other such executives, as well as reporters.

Mowrer said he never had worked on any other paper and didn't know how other papers operated in comparison with The News.

"EXECUTIVES," ALL

In arguing that all employes—including executives, should have a vote in an NLRB election, Mowrer argued all employes, including office boys, were executives. All had executive responsibilities, he stated.

Other executives, however, in their testimony were able to draw a line on who had executive powers and who didn't.

Although News management, through its attorney, stipulated three executives, including Mowrer, were executives and hence not entitled to a ballot in the NLRB election, Mowrer testified he still felt he should be in the unit.

Hearings were protracted by Mowrer's obvious efforts to avoid answering questions on cross-examination.

To obtain an open answer to a question, it was necessary for Morris Isserman, ANG counsel, to follow with seven or eight questions on the same topic which paved the way for the original question and an open answer.

QUOTE PLAGUES HIM

Mowrer closed his direct examination with a statement that he opposed a "line of demarcation" in the editorial department, arguing such a line would be drawn if some employes were recognized as executives.

In the cross-examination, checking on duties of executives in question, Mowrer protested the phrase, "line of demarcation."

"It's your phrase—you introduced it and we merely are seeking the facts," Isserman replied.

"It's my phrase, but you're using it against me," Mowrer countered.

To establish that various executives were in the role of supervisors, or hired and fired or gave raises, or made effective recommendations on such matters, the Guild called 18 witnesses. Management had eight witnesses, one of whom was on the stand two days.

Invariably, on cross-examination Guild witnesses strengthened the Guild's case through questions put by the management attorney.

CAUCUS FAILS

During the hearing, when it was becoming more obvious that the Guild's contentions had been upheld time after time by NLRB decisions, an off the record session was held in an effort to reach agreement on the bargaining unit. No agreement could be reached, however.

Following the protracted hearing, which drew spectators from various sections of the NLRB staff, management's attorney sought an additional delay in filing of briefs, and asked for an oral hearing in Washington.

Isserman was assisted in the hearings by Horton Trautman, News unit chairman; John Weilburg, ANG international representative who has been heading Guild organization work in Chicago, and Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, who went to Chicago to continue the News drive, as Weilburg is slated for Army induction soon.

SECRETARY ELECTED

CHICAGO—Dolores Brust, Sun reporter, has been elected secretary of the Chicago Newspaper Guild. She succeeds Robert Holley, of the News unit, who has gone into the Army.

Chicago Negotiates Gains at Times

CHICAGO—Newspaper Guild negotiations for a much improved contract have been concluded with The Chicago Times.

After nine conferences and 1,000 pages of transcript, management and the Chicago Guild agreed on all clauses with the exception of maintenance of membership and division of a cost of living pay increase and its application to contract minimums.

Guild and Times negotiators agreed to submit accepted sections of the contract to the Newspaper Commission of the War Labor Board for immediate approval, and the three disputed points will go to it for a decision.

Syracuse Pact Is Sent Back To Commission

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Back to the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission for a decision went job security and severance pay issues after Post-Standard management and the Syracuse Newspaper Guild agreed they couldn't agree in a 30-day period following verdicts on several other issues in dispute.

The arguments were on the Guild's 1943-44 contract, which expires June 19.

"COMPETENCE" AT ISSUE

Guild spokesmen proposed again that discharges on "incompetence" grounds be made subject to appeal before a joint standing committee and possible arbitration, in event of disagreement.

Management insisted on maintening arbitrary rights on "competence."

When severance pay came up, management said that, too, might as well go back to the panel, and the Guildsmen endorsed this.

INP Back Pay Runs to $500 In New Pact

Retroactive pay increases totaling more than $500 for some employes resulted from signing of a new national American Newspaper Guild contract with management of Hearst's International News Photos last week in New York City.

Just prior to signing of the agreement, representing $25,000 in raises for 140 INP employes, union and management agreed on a 5 percent night wage differential in a provision which the War Labor Board had ordered to be negotiated.

NEW HIGHS SET

Increased Guild pay minimums under the new contract set new highs of $65 a week for photo printers and $75 for deskmen on wire and feature services.

The minimums were raised in a range of $1.50 for office boys to $10 for photographers and photo printers.

A general increase of $2.50 was provided for all employes whose wages were not lifted that much by the new minimums.

Negotiations for the contract opened in March, 1943, and stretched through conciliation processes to the Newspaper Industry Panel of the WLB, which finally reported its recommendations February 22. Still unsettled was a question of union security.

Guild negotiators included Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization; Joseph Colangelo, ANG director for wire services, and Thomas J. Murphy, New York Guild local organizer.

Following March 22 signing of the contract, whose stated expiration date was March 27, the ANG proceeded to initiate negotiations for a 1944-1945 agreement. Meanwhile terms of the 1943-1944 pact continued in effect.

ANG-INP ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT SIGNED



Pay increases of $25,000 for 140 employes who take, process and distribute pictures for International News Photos are being underwritten here. From the left, at the signing of a new contract between the American Newspaper Guild and the Hearst service, are Joseph Colangelo, ANG director for wire services; E. M. Gundy, assistant to the president of King Features Syndicate; Ward Green, King Features vice president; Thomas J. Murphy, New York Guild local organizer, and William J. Kenney, New York INP Guild chairman. The pact brought new high wire service pay minimums ranging to $75 a week.

Times Offers Armistice Plan

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might be weakening general management resistance.

Pending action in its case by the Chicago Commission, The Patriot in Harrisburg offered no clue as to its course now.

In New York, Time, Inc., publisher of Time, Life and Fortune, had announced it would appeal from a New York Regional War Labor Board maintenance ruling in an earlier but related Guild case. But the appeal was not immediately taken, and Time, Inc., apparently was watching developments at The Times for a further cue.

The Times proposal of conditional surrender to the Guild, as outlined to New York local officers by Louis M. Loeb, management counsel, said that it would agree to write a qualified guarantee of union security into the Guild's contract if language of the contract specifically cited the WLB's decision and explained that "the primary function of all at this time is to forward the war effort with a minimum of internal strife."

"—A WAR MEASURE—"

Language of the Guild contract preamble drafted by Loeb, which he asked the New York Guild to sign, also included a stipulation that management and union agreed that The Times consented to membership maintenance only "as a war measure and without prejudice to its position after the war."

The Times, in offering to underwrite provisions of the WLB maintenance formula, providing a 15-day "escape" contract clause and requiring Guild members, thereafter, to remain in good Guild standing, insisted that this extra proviso be tacked on the proposed agreement:

"In the event that it shall be judicially determined by a decision which has become final or in the event of the enactment of legislation, that it is unlawful for the National War Labor Board to require the inclusion of maintenance of membership provisions in a contract between a news publisher and an affiliated local of the American Newspaper Guild, then from and after the date of such decision or legislation the . . . (maintenance of membership section of the contract) shall become inoperative, unless such a decision is based upon facts not applicable to the situation in The Times.

"In the event the issue should be in dispute, it may be submitted for determination by an arbitrater . . . The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties."

POLICY IS CITED

The American Newspaper Guild's long-standing collective bargaining policy is that a Guild-management working contract is a contract between Guild and management and that its provisions should not be contingent upon any third-party factors, including court and legislative actions.

In effect, the proposals by The Times admitted that it had lost its fight against the Guild before the War Labor Board but insisted on face-saving hedging which cushioned and weakened the Guild's WLB-approved security position.

In writing the WLB's decision, Chairman William H. Davis (sustained eight-to-four, with industry members of the Board dissenting) rejected publisher arguments that Guild maintenance of membership had something to do with "freedom of the press."

Davis directed that Guild maintenance clauses could be written into contracts in line with fixed WLB policy.

He recommended that the clauses should implement ANG constitutional guarantees against any union action against any member because of anything he writes for publication. **No other qualifications were listed in the WLB decision.**

Four Directives In Disputes Are Issued

CHICAGO — The War Labor Board's special Daily Newspaper Commission has issued new directive orders in four dispute cases between Newspaper Guild locals and managements and approved four more voluntary agreements.

Directives were made in disputes involving managements of Central Press, International News Photos, Los Angeles Herald-Express and New York Jewish Day.

Approved were voluntary contracts with The Bay City (Mich.) Times, Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel, St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press and New York Jewish Journal.

At the same time the Commission approved Guild-management "merit" pay raises at The Brooklyn Eagle, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner, Oakland Post-Enquirer and Cleveland Press.

Voluntary agreements newly-certified to the Commission involved The Daily Worker in New York and Madison (Wis.) Capital Times. Newly-certified dispute cases involved The Albany Knickerbocker News, Newark Call, and Philadelphia Bulletin.

San Jose Spreads $8,000 in Raises

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Back pay increases totaling $8,000 were found by San Jose Newspaper Guildsmen in their pay envelopes last week.

Increases ranging from $10 to $30 a month under a San Jose Guild contract were retroactive to August 16, 1943, at The Mercury Herald Evening News.

The $8,000 figure included all accumulated overtime under the new scale and increased mileage allowance.

Those getting the raises have contributed one week's increase to the San Jose Guild's treasury.

Sick Leave Case Won by Guild

Arbitrary conduct by New York Daily News department heads in awarding or withholding sick leave benefits was forbidden in a unanimous decision by a five-man arbitration board headed by Professor Herman A. Gray.

In the first News-New York Newspaper Guild arbitration case, Rita Dunn, accounting department, was paid the full amount of her claim, $72.50.

THE SCUTTLES by Ajay



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"Hearst editors apparently subscribe to the theory that once you put your paper to bed, you've got to lie in it."

The Guild's Own Bookshelf

The Columnists—A Surgical Survey. By Charles Fisher. New York: Howell, Soskin & Company, Inc. 317 pp. $2.50.

By ARTHUR RIORDAN
Philadelphia-Camden Guild

Charlie Fisher is a brave guy. A columnist himself, he has the audacity to take the practictioners of the trade apart and show what makes them tick.

I urge all Guildsmen, as working newspapermen, to grab a copy of his book fast.

Charlie Fisher, a charter member of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild, writes a daily column for J. David Stern's Philadelphia Record and appears also in The St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

In "The Columnists—A Surgical Survey," Dr. Fisher swings his lancet with great gusto and doesn't use an anesthetic. He swings right and left at the "Brains Page" — from Pegler to Winchell and from Pearson to Pyle.



FISHER

The first few words of the book, published March 27, give the payoff on what is to come:

"On any given day, some 25,000,000 Americans reverently fold back their newspapers to the Brains Page and gasp in unison over the diverting, although conceivably apocryphal, report that Miss Millicent Rogers sleeps in a night dress lined with chinchilla fur.

"Ten million other citizens of the Republic seek more portentous disclosures: They turn to another columnist and discover the State Department is a dull and uninformed establishment, with only a rudimetnary knowledge of what is going on in Europe.

THEY GET EVERYTHING

"Other groups . . . learn the national administration still persists in blind and wayward muddling, just as they suspected all along. Or that the labor movement is composed entirely of thieves and scoundrels. Or what Premier Stalin really thinks when he selects a magazine, excuses himself, and retires for a time into the privacy so rarely accorded the Great.

"Some readers attend upon the military experts, who make heroic surveys of the field from unarmored swivel chairs and offer advice to the armed forces of the earth.

"Some study the gravely omniscient essayists, seeking to share their privy knowledge of unwritten treaties or the ideological ferments which will wrack the Republic of Borriboolaghia six months hence.

"Some consult the writers upon political affairs, eager to know the result of remote elections for which no candidates have yet been selected. Some are content merely to be re-assured in their belief the world is going to Hell.

THE COLUMNISTS "OBLIGE"

"Whatever the yearning of millions of readers, the columnists of America will oblige. . . ."

Remarking upon the change in tone of newspapers since the turn of the century, Fisher recalls historical precedents for the existence of the raft of columnists we have these days.

He points out that only a handful of newspapers now have personal distinction—"small sparse islands in a gray sea." The greater portion of the American press he finds "admirably useful and impeccably dull," though it is "past argument the finest press in the world."

They are, he says, "a little more profitable than a chain of delicatessen stores, a little less dignified than a bank."

With these preliminaries, Fisher gets down to business—with irreverent vengeance.

PEGLER IS DISSECTED

Take the Pegler chapter, headed "Pegler and Venom." Fisher quotes Jim Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer, who pointed out that he himself was no union treasury-looter, no Commie, and that there were thousands of labor leaders like him—and asked why Pegler never seemed to have given him or them any attention.

Pegler, in dwelling lovingly on the Bioff-Scalise scandal, "used the case to damn all labor and to suggest that the 12,000,000 American trade union members were in the hands of racketeers." Pegler claims to have turned up 100 offenders. Fisher says "the one hundred beguile him more than the 12,000,000."

Though Pegler contends he "is the friend of the unfettered worker . . . there is no indication . . . that he has ever assailed business or industry."

Fisher examines Pegler's attacks on Eleanor Roosevelt and the Guild. He remarks that the kindly Mrs. Roosevelt is puzzled by the venom in Pegler's treatment of her. "I thought he liked me," she has said.

PEGLER VS. GUILD

Pegler, Fisher says, "persisted . . . in discusing the Guild as if each member sang the Internationale before each assignment," though "the huge bulk of Guild membership was strongly anti-Communist, as Pegler must have been aware from his knowledge of the newspaper field."

Fisher reports that the Guild has fought back "enthusiastically, and on the same plane Pegler established, but without his skill." He remarks sadly that in battling Pegler the Guild has, in The Guild Reporter, "used such juvenile tactics as setting the initials of his name in lower case."

Part of Fisher's verdict on Pegler is: "He has very adroitly avoided the danger of taking an honorable stand in defense of anything except Snow White . . . The name of his column is 'Fair Enough.'"

Here are some thumbnails from other chapters in the book:

"Lippmann, Ex-Liberal" — ". . . after a lifetime devoted to discussion of reform, he has been unable to see anything save flaws in the reforms which the New Deal has attempted or achieved."

"Winchell Likes Privacy." In this long chapter, Fisher really has a swell time. You'll read it through without pausing for breath.

"Sullivan and Osteopaths" — "The Republican fortunes of any given moment are to be found precisely in the height, rigidity and general glossiness of Mark Sullivan's collars."

"Ax-Man Kent" — Fisher sums up this "fastidious" critic with this analogy: "In the unhappy event that a tidal wave should sweep far inland and, let us say, exterminate the village of Ong's Hat, N. J., Mr. Kent would almost certainly point out next day that such a thing would not have happened had Mr. Roosevelt concentrated on domestic affairs instead of the war."

"Pearson and Allen Go-Round" —Fisher says the "Merry-Go-Round" has wandered over so much territory since its institution in 1932 that it would be impossible to show its 'up and downs. But there were such extremes as a borne-out prediction that England and France would not support Czechoslovakia at Munich and a disastrous forecast that Russia couldn't hold out against Germany for a month.

"Quick, Like Sam Grafton" — ". . . no more than a boy, as columnists go, but already the possessor of a ponderous self-certainty which makes Walter Lippmann look like a flibbertygibbet."

"Lawrence, Mallon, Lindley"—The first two "share the chapter because they resemble each other closely." Lindley is "grouped with them by way of contrast."

"Ernie of the Warm Heart"—"By the Big Thinker standard, he is no columnist at all." But Fisher quotes a friend of Pyle's: "Ernie didn't lose his simplicity when the big things came up."

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For Heywood Broun, Fisher has a short but loving tribute. "Because he is dead, he can be mentioned only briefly here. It is a pity. He was a great-hearted writer."

A NAZI TRUCK IS CONVERTED



Somewhere in Italy this captured German truck has been converted into a mobile printing plant by the Allies for publication of newspapers and pamphlets which are fired in propaganda shells into enemy lines. Operating the plant are these soldiers. From the left: Sergeant Vincent P. Milzarski, Jersey City, N. J.; Julius Kudrowitz, Bronx, N. Y., and Maurice Hirt, a Frenchman from Tunis who once worked on the staff of the French newspaper, Impermio Rapide.

Guilds Raise $1,358 Fund For Politics

Twenty-seven locals of the American Newspaper Guild last week had contributed $1,358.99 for support of political action by the CIO through the Guild's Government Relations Committee. Contributions, some of them representing partial payments, were:

LOCAL	PAYMENT MADE
Akron	$ 10.00
Atlanta	15.00
Dayton	10.00
Denver	25.00
Detroit	131.40
Elizabeth	11.75
Indianapolis	32.50
Lima	15.00
Los Angeles	165.00
Memphis	25.00
Milwaukee	40.00
New York	500.00
Northwestern Indiana	16.00
Philadelphia-Camden	1.75
Pittsburgh	90.00
Portland, Ore.	9.50
Pueblo	15.00
Rockford	10.00
Sacramento	15.00
St. Louis	100.00
Salem	4.00
San Francisco	91.09
Scranton	10.00
Sioux City	11.00
Terre Haute	5.00
Toledo	15.00
Wilkes-Barre	2.50
Total	$1,358.99

Guildsmen Draft A City Charter

LIMA, O.—Two Lima Newspaper Guildsmen have been appointed by President William Ferguson of the Lima city council to help draft a new city charter which will be submitted to a vote in November.

They are Frank J. Klein and Tom Cooper. Klein has been active in civic affairs in his community of 70,000 and Cooper is city hall reporter for The Lima News.

W. L. Young, director of public affairs for the Allen County Industrial Union Council, hailed the appointment as "a signal honor for the CIO and an outward recognition of the importance of the organization in the life of the community."

NEW YORK RA URGES 4th TERM

By a vote of 54 to 4, the New York Newspaper Guild's representative assembly called on President Roosevelt to run for a fourth term.

In accordance with the motion, introduced by Rose Green of The Brooklyn Eagle, the action will be brought before the next general membership meeting "for confirmation."

GUILD SPURS REGISTRATION



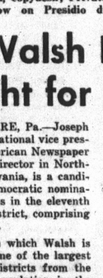
—Photo by Sid Tate, San Francisco-Oakland Guild

A Newspaper Guild Government Relations Committee project is under way here in the editorial room of The San Francisco Chronicle. Taking names is Lee Tear of the Web Pressmen's Union, one of a corps of CIO and AFL members appointed deputy registrars for upcoming elections. Guild members being qualified to vote are (in normal order) Elizabeth Wilson, copydesk; Private Ed Radenzal, former Chronicle copydeskman now on Presidio duty; Jane Maggard, Chronicle.

Joe Walsh Is Entered In Fight for Congress

WILKES-BARRE, Pa.—Joseph M. Walsh, international vice president of the American Newspaper Guild and CIO director in Northeastern Pennsylvania, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the eleventh Pennsylvania district, comprising Luzerne County.

The county in which Walsh is a candidate is one of the largest Congressional districts from the standpoint of population in the country, having approximately 350,000 residents.



WALSH

Opposed to him for the nomination is Attorney Daniel Flood, who was the Democratic nominee in a special and the last general election, but lost both times to the incumbent, Attorney Thomas B. Miller, by comparatively small margins.

Supported by rank and file labor votes and with personal popularity built through 20 years of association as a newspaperman, Walsh is conceded to have a fairly good chance to capture the nomination, although he will be opposed by the domtnating Democratic organization, which has slated Flood as its candidate.

Although Luzerne County is predominantly Republican in registration, it has been carried by President Roosevelt every time he has run.

Register! Vote! Is CIO Slogan

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clusion of urgent domestic issues.

"But it notes with regret that some of the wartime agencies, created under this administration, have a pronounced anti-labor bias.

"And we note further that some of these agencies are so inefficient, bungling, and overlapping in their functions as to hurt the public interest and retard the prosecution of the war."

Murray declared that the CIO Political Action Committee, now headed by Sidney Hillman, will remain as a permanent organization after the 1944 elections, to serve as "a mighty force devoted to keeping the great majority of Americans vigilant and alert in guarding their proper political interests."

COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

This pamphlet is of general interest and suitable for distribution to all Newspaper Guild members. It may be purchased for $1.50 for 100 copies, $6 for 500 copies, from the national CIO headquarters, 718 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

Murray's statement emphasized the importance of registration as the first step in the political campaign, and the Political Action Committee's first pamphlet, "Every Worker a Voter," tells how to go about accomplishing this on a broad scale.

Essence of the plan is to have the membership of each union local devided in an index card file according to Congressional district, precinct, and ward. Then there should be contacts with each individual to see whether he has registered to vote.

Checking against registration rolls kept by election officials is suggested, so that unions will have an absolutely accurate record.

REGISTRATION STRESSED

One step which the pamphlet advises is this:

"Popularize the idea of registration in your shop in every possible way. Prepare posters. Prepare local leaflets. Make registration a part of the regular order of business of each shop and local meeting.

"Wear 'I have registered' buttons and ask others who do not wear them whether they have registered as yet, and if not, ask them not to delay it."

It should be emphasized that the Government Relations Committee of the American Newspaper Guild does not wish to dictate any person's party affiliation —nor does it intend to follow blindly any endorsement by any other group.

If—and that is a very broad if —the ANG ever decided to endorse any candidate, that would only be as a result of a convention recommendation — and even then it would not be binding on any member who wanted to vote some other way.

"—NO CONFUSION—"

This is stressed so that there may be no confusion, on the one hand, between the principle of intelligent and active participation in political action and the guidance the CIO Committee can give in practical matters, such as the conduct of a registration campaign, and—on the other hand, the desires of Guild members to have the Guild make its own decisions.

A newspaper, Political Action News, is being published by the CIO Political Action Committee to report on activities and plans in various parts of the country.

Capital Characters Are Alarmed By Winchell's Line—Wechsler

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to read about his neighbor's sex life; he decided that this was the time to draw a line and tell the Fascist mob not to cross it.

He got very mad. He hit hard. He named names.

He was as indiscreet in calling a Fascist faker just that as he had been in letting the town know the parenthood of the kid that nobody wanted.

Nothing happened at first because Winchell's early attacks were directed at foreigners and some of their more obvious friends here, and Winchell didn't start going after the bigshots right away.

DOUBLETALK DROPPED

But finally, when he began to feel sure of himself, he dropped all the diplomatic doubletalk. He saw that the two-bit fuehrers were being pampered and petted and kept by the hoity-toity fellows in relatively high office.

So he decided to shoot the works.

When he made that decision it was inevitable that he should fire a few nasty notes at very elegant characters, including some members of Congress who were holding hands with the members of the pro-Fascist front.

They were embarrassed. They were confused. They were indignant.

They no longer thought Winchell was funny or wise. They went out to get him.

AND SO IT STARTED

That, children, is the start of the latest Congressional witch-hunt, aimed by Martin Dies and Company to drive a free-spoken commentator from the air and to bar forthright criticism of Congress from the radio channels.

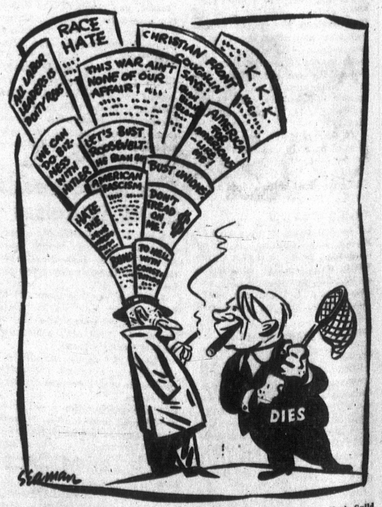
Do I hear hundreds of publishers rising up to defend freedom, to challenge this new assault on our liberties, to demand that Walter Winchell get an even break on the radio?

I do not.

But Winchell's fight for democracy on the air waves will be remembered long after Winchell's expose of Mrs. Smith's illegitimate baby has been forgotten.

For he had the guts to stand up and say it.

Unfortunately, not many publishers were ready to give him a great big hand.



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

"Seen anything around here, Jack?"

New Scranton Guild Joins State Council

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — The newly-chartered Scranton Newspaper Guild sent a large delegation here to back up an application for admission to the union's Pennsylvania District Council at its March meeting.

By unanimous vote the application was approved and the delegates from Scranton were seated.

A survey of Guild organizational possibilities in Pennsylvania was presented by Arthur Riordan, president of Philadelphia-Camden Guild and chairman of the council's organization committee, which was named by Council President Karl F. Weber of the Lehigh Valley Guild to explore available fields.

Plans were discussed and several suggestions were approved to permit the council to swing into organizational work at once.

The delegates also voted to urge Pennsylvania locals to set up special committees designed to see to it, under the Guild's national Government Relations Committee program, that Guild members are registered to vote in the elections in their communities.

Importance of casting a ballot in the coming elections was stressed.

Denver Unit Votes Thanks to News

DENVER — The Rocky Mountain News unit of the Denver Newspaper Guild voted unanimous thanks to News management for extra-contractual consideration for a loyal Guild member.

Mary O'Connor, long a PBX operator at The News, finally had to leave her work after a siege of illness which began last April and led to a serious operation. Until her retirement in March The News paid her wages in full. On her departure she was paid her severance pay in full.

"All of us are deeply grateful to the Guild for making this help for Mary O'Connor possible," said Elsie Ward, senior News PBX operator, at the News unit meeting.

Guildsmen Sweep Field of Prizes In New York Camera Competition

Newspaper Guildsmen swept prize fields in the ninth annual exhibit of the Press Photographers Association of New York in the city's Museum of Science and Industry.

Guildsmen took the three major awards in the spot news division of the competition in which prizes were presented in nationally-broadcast ceremonies by Governor Thomas E. Dewey March 24.

Pat Candido, Daily News, won the first spot prize; Murray L. Becker, Associated Press, second, and Seymour O. Wallerstein, Daily News, third.

Honorable mentions in the spot news class went to ANG Vice President Walter Engels, Daily News, and Guildsmen Joseph Costa, Daily News; Jules Geller, Brooklyn Eagle, and George Reidy, Journal-American.

Other Guildsmen in the prize list included:

Sports—Harry Harris, AP, second; John G. Hemmer, Daily News; Mathew Zimmermen, AP, honorable mention.

Features—Arthur Sasse, International News Photos, first in entire classification, first in general and war groups; Irving Haberman, PM, second, general; Becker, first, children group.

Pictorial—Haberman, first; Bill Stahl, Daily Mirror, second; Becker, third; Haberman, honorable mention.

Portrait and Personality—Haberman, first; John De Baise, PM.

FIRE PIX WINS FIRST PRIZE



Newspaper Guildsman Warren Patriquin, Boston Herald photographer, poses, with pride, with the Edwin Ramsdell trophy and the picture which won it in the annual contest of the Press Photographers Association of Boston. His camera caught a fabled but seldom-photographed situation—firemen rescuing a girl. It was the best news shot of the year. Guildsmen Ernest MacLean, Herald; Anthony Cabral, Traveler, and Herbert Stier, Traveler, won honorable mention.

Denver Elects Guild Delegates To Councils

DENVER—The Denver Newspaper Guild completed its roster of 1944 officers at a citywide meeting by electing delegates to two major councils on which it has representation.

Martin Sprague of The Rocky Mountain News and Phil Kerby of The Denver Post were chosen as Guild delegates to the Denver Council of Newspaper Unions, an effective liaison group formed through Guild initiative three years ago.

Graham Dolan, editor of the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' weekly newspaper, The Union, and Harley J. Murray of the Post staff were elected delegates to the Denver CIO Council. Lawrence E. Keenan of The News and Morris Wright of The Union were chosen alternates.

War Skims Off Scranton Leaders

SCRANTON, Pa.—The armed services are sweeping up top leaders of the Scranton Newspaper Guild.

Frank Parry, president, was taken into the service soon after the local completed its first working agreement in March.

Then Donald McCrea, vice president originally but successor to Parry, was taken into the Navy.

Then George Clark, secretary-treasurer, was accepted for service in the Navy.

3 New York Organizers Face Draft

Faced with Army induction of three full time organizers, through selective service, the New York Newspaper Guild has organized its first school for organizers.

At the initial session, attended by 12 pupils, the local Guild staff conducted a conference on pending problems, negotiations and organizational activities.

Chief subject was the implications of the maintenance of membership decision recently handed down by the War Labor Board.

Local Guild Organizer John F. Ryan passed his physical examination and is scheduled to leave for Army service in April.

Local Organizers Peter Duberg and H. Richard Seller are in the 1-A draft classification.

AMONG OURSELVES



HAROLD KLESSIG, Milwaukee Sentinel reporter assigned to Marine Corps recruiting office, enlisted himself . . . PAUL ARTHUR, Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Record sportswriter and Guild executive boardman, accepted for Army . . . First Lieutenant PHIL MAHAR, former Albany (N. Y.) Knickerbocker-News reporter, stationed with bomber squadron in England.

ROBERTA BRINK, former newspaperwoman in Washington, Philadelphia and other points, now a private in Women's Army Corps at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. . . . Add Marines: Guildsmen EMMETT BRITTON, San Francisco Chronicle, and CHARLEY MULCARY, San Francisco Call-Bulletin.

Navy commission for CHARLES TEMPLE, Indianapolis Star . . . Sergeant RICHARD A. BROWNE, former Newsweek and Guild Reporter cartoonist, won plaudits for cartoon strips for Third Air Force in Florida on venereal disease dangers . . . PERRY C. HILL, JR., former Milwaukee Guild president, advanced to lieutenant senior grade in the Navy.

Into Navy: VERNON SHERGALIS, Wilkes-Barre Guildsman . . . KEN McLAUGHLIN and FRANK GORDON, San Francisco-Oakland Guildsmen, given overseas assignments by Office of War Information . . . Into Army: PAUL JAYNES, Indianapolis Star rewriteman.

Domestic relations notes: ELEANOR ELIZABETH CRONIN married Staff Sergeant THOMAS PATRICK HORAN, Los Angeles Guildsman . . . BILL FLYNN, San Francisco Chronicler, married JEAN LYONS, who had rewrite desk next to his . . . LENORE ABEL, Denver Rocky Mountain News, married KIRK KLEIN, former adman . . . Daughter (ILONA JANE) for Sergeant BEN SCHNEIDER, former New York World-Telegram staffer.

MICHAEL DESMOND, Detroit Free Press staffer following release from captaincy in Allied Military Government, returned to home grounds at Columbus, O. . . . Guildsman TOMMY SHULMAN, Boston Record-American, directing anniversary radio show for Daily Record Newsboys Club . . . BETTY SCHULTZE, former Cleveland Guild member, joined Detroit Free Press staff.

H. B. Bennison, Guild Veteran, Dies in Boston

BOSTON—Harold B. Bennison, veteran Newspaper Guildsman and a Boston Traveler staff reporter for more than 25 years, died at the Newton Hospital March 17.

During his career Bennison covered some of New England's biggest news stories of the past quarter century and received wide acclaim the past three winters for his series on the fuel situation.

COVERS SACCO-VANZETTI

Big stories he covered included the S-51 disaster, the sinking of the Squalus, the Sacco-Vanzetti case and the Millen-Faber trial. Recently he had been The Traveler's political writer.

A member of the bar, Bennison also engaged in public lecturing, legal work and teaching in addition to his newspaper duties.

With the AUXILIARY

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

Testimonial Paid Frances Smith

Frances Smith, outgoing president, has been one of the mainstays of the Denver Auxiliary since its organization. Franny was still new to Denver when the Auxiliary was organized and she became active in organizational work.

There has never been a time that she has not been an officer or member of one of the Auxiliary committees and her attendance record at meetings is perfect. She was elected first secretary and then president for two terms.

She was Denver convention president and steered her membership —ony six strong—through the maze of plans, work and financial difficulties of that year, ending up with a very successful convention and a $100 boost to the local Guild.

She was a volunteer member of the ration board and Aux representative at a score of community defense and war work committees. Right now she's Aux representative on the city CIO Council, busy with USO, and leader of a Brownie group for her daughter Penny.

L.A. Holds a Luncheon

Los Angeles' Aux held a luncheon meeting March 16 at which other Auxiliaries were guests. The theme of the meeting, "Women of the World," was carried out by Aux Member Stephanie Oliver, who spoke on "Women in Occupied Countries" (particularly Greece, she being Greek), Betty Voight, a Korean, who spoke on "Women of the Orient," Alice Cohee, a DAR, who spoke on "Women in the U. S."

After lunch, the guests were taken on a tour of the CIO building, where the luncheon was held, and introduced to CIO officials.

Salute to Harrisburg

Even though its population is less than 100,000, Harrisburg boasts one of the strongest Guild Auxiliaries. With the complete backing of its local, the Aux has helped organize the Wilkes-Barre wives, is now working on Reading and Allentown.

When a labor USO was started, the Aux helped to organize other Auxiliaries to back it up. The Guild Aux will take one night a month at the canteen, providing food and entertainment for the 24-hour shift.

Newly elected officers are: Peg Funk, president; Dorothy Moore, vice president; Arolyn Mirkil, scretary; Elva Luttringer, treasurer.

Denver Has an Election

Mrs. Elvon Howe and Mrs. Harley Murray represent the Denver Auxiliary at a recently formed Foster Home Committee of Social Agencies.

The local has 13 members, all in good standing. Newly elected officers are: Esther MacLean, president; Virginia Bundy, secretary; Esther MacKinney, treasurer.

News of New York

Esther Nelson, one of the oldest and most active New York Auxiliary members, is with her soldier husband at a construction project in the Northwest, doing her stint as a nurse at Barracks 3A, Room 12, Hanford, Wash.

At the last meeting Sergeant Trudy Whitman, former president of the Aux, read a letter from husband Hamilton Whitman, now in England, in which he told of an English newspaperman who asked what the word "Aux," which he had seen in The Guild Reporter, meant. Ham convinced his listeners that there should be one in England too.

The New York Aux is working Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Prisoners of War packaging center of the Red Cross, to fill kits for soldiers interned in enemy camps; rolling bandages at Red Cross headquarters; running a White Elephant party for the benefit of the Red Cross; and is going down in a body April 1 to give blood.

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

Guild Girl Takes General In Photographic Custody

INDIANAPOLIS—They're calling Guildswoman Helen Ruegamer the "bring-'em-back-alive-gal" at The Indianapolis Times.

Reporter Ruegamer was assigned for an interview with and pictures of Brigadier General Oscar Cauldwell of the Marines during a visit here.

The cameraman didn't show. Ruegamer called the city desk and was told that he had been held up on another detail.

"Don't worry, I'll bring the general in to the office," she said.

Un-awed by stars and rank, Miss Ruegamer marched into the office a short time later with the brigadier general in tow to have his picture made.



GARY REELECTS

GARY—Charles S. Smith and Mary Lou Wardley were reelected chairman and comptroller of the Gary Post-Tribune unit of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild.

N. Y. GUILD IS HOST TO ANG PRESIDENT

It was "Milton Murray Night" at the New York Newspaper Guild Club March 25.

Guests of honor were Milton Murray, president of the American Newspaper Guild, and his bride.

The Rewrite Desk

Newspaper Guildsman Victor Riesel did a good job of journalistic work in a *New York Post* news beat on how Father Charles E. Coughlin was crawling out of a hole of silence into which he slid when *Social Justice*, the Axis mouthpiece, was banned from the mails.

Riesel heard the Detroit priest, in a Lenten "sermon" at the Shrine of the Little Flower, tell 1,000 attentive devotees such things as that **"it matters not what military force wins this war,"** that it's **"not right"** to **"see a conflict between democracy and totalitarianism"** in the war.

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This sort of subversive sermonizing did not, however, cause any noticeable stir in the Department of Justice. Nor did it provoke any news notice or editorial alarm in the Detroit newspapers—*Free Press, News* or *Times*.

The New York Times, which might have been expected to do better, as a matter of news enterprise, waited four days, then ran a Detroit dateline "special" on the last page of a 44-page issue, permitting Coughlin to say of his "sermon" that his **"subject-matter is the same as that being delivered from every Catholic pulpit during Lent"**—and to dismiss the story by Riesel (an anti-Communist if there ever was one) as something that somehow was tied up with the Communists' *Daily Worker*, which, Coughlin said, "does not disturb me any more."

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This, apparently, was "thirty" on the story, at least so far as the general press was concerned. **But there were two slightly interesting adds.**

In his next Lenten "sermon" Coughlin shocked his Royal Oak faithful by venturing an uncomplimentary thing or two about Hitler and a complimentary thing or two about the Russian war effort.

And Coughlin, if he needed tactical help in smearing Riesel, might have found an eager ally in *The Daily Worker*. On March 24 *The Daily Worker*, continuing a long series of essays on Riesel, said that he gets his news copy from a "cesspool." (In the same "cesspool," incidentally, *The Daily Worker* put James A. Wechsler, *PM* national editor and *Guild Reporter* columnist. *Move over, please.—Ed*)

You don't have to remind *The Chicago Tribune* that there is a war going on.

"NEW DEAL NOW CORRUPTS FBI, HOFFMAN SAYS," said a top page one head in a recent *Tribune* edition. "Free Speech Ban Drive Bared." The runover ("SMEAR DIRECTORS") was tastefully surrounded by related dispatches from the fighting fronts:

"RADIO SMEARERS FACE U. S. PROBE, DIES ANNOUNCES. Stations Urged to Halt Broadcast of Lies." "NEW DEAL, RED PLOT CHARGED BY MRS. DILLING. 'U. S. Has No Case,' She Tells Prosecutor." "WRITER BARES REDS' AIM FOR VAST CONQUEST."

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A book reviewer for *The Chicago Tribune* inadventently said once that *Sabotage!* showed **"how many men of good will and in high places unwittingly are used by the Nazis."**

This terrible slip has now been fixed. A Washington dateline story in *The Tribune* has corrected it to read that *Sabotage!* is **"a smear of Rep. Dies."**

Westbrook Pegler was subjected to a sober analysis in an editorial column ("Pegler Skips It") by Edward J. Meeman, *Memphis Press-Scimitar* editor, which was reprinted by *The San Francisco News* but not by enough other papers.

One conservative conclusion drawn by Meeman was that: **"The old sins of industry against labor are not a familiar matter to the readers of Pegler's column because he habitually skips them."**

The CIO's *United Automobile Worker* (circ. 1,000,000) said "Hats off!" to John P. Lewis, managing editor of *PM*, which "has done more for democracy, progress and labor than any other five (or ten) daily papers combined," adding that "it would be a good idea to subscribe," that no UAW member "could possibly make a better investment."

A Commission of Inquiry on the Freedom of the Press, established under a financial grant from Time, Inc., to conduct a two-year investigation to determine how the Bill of Rights is working out in the United States, held its first sessions last week in New York City.

The free press was barred from the two-day sessions, which were conducted in "strictest privacy" by President Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago, Commission chairman.

Newsprint curtailment and rationing item: Daily newspaper circulation in the United States reached an all-time high of 46,706,904 last year, according to N. W. Ayer & Sons in *Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals*.

This national press run represented a daily gain of 2,214,068 over the 1942 daily figure, despite mergers and discontinuances which reduced the number of dailies in 1943 from 1,894 to 1,859.

Overseas note: *The Journalist*, official organ of the Australian Journalists' Association, reported that the union had thought up a new contract demand—a "dress allowance" of 10 pounds "as a general rule for social staffs" whose members are required to blend with surroundings at weddings and similar high functions.

The publishers, *The Journalist* added, sternly opposed this.

BOSS IS SPARED FROM FREEDOMS

CINCINNATI — A Cincinnati lawyer reports this one.

He was called to a nearby city to assist a newly-formed union in preparing a contract to be presented to management of a river shipyard.

Scanning the draft which the union had written, he found a clause requiring the management to "observe the Four Freedoms."

Although one earnest group within the union put up a battle to retain the clause, all hands ultimately agreed, realistically, that the Atlantic Charter could be dropped as a contract demand.

LABOR PAPER STARTS

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (FP) — Newest Illinois labor paper is The Bloomington Labor News, edited by Robert H. Perkins, formerly on the staff of The Chicago Federation News.

BOOKWORM



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

DIVIDENDS PAID ON GUILD CARD

SAN FRANCISCO—Belonging to the Newspaper Guild, Marylyn Buch avers, pays dividends right off the bat.

A new member of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, she lost her purse after she had cashed a San Francisco News pay check.

Lost with the purse and the money were other valuables, and there was no mark of identification with any of them—except her Guild card.

Purse, money, valuables and union card were returned to her intact.

PAC APPOINTS DEMO PUBLISHER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (FP) — W. A. Holloway, former farmer, banker, and now half owner of The Harrisonville Missourian, weekly Democratic paper, has been appointed director of the Kansas-Missouri region of the CIO Political Action Committee.

Grade Labeling, AP Suit, Guild Are Decried by Dear as Dangers

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. — Journalism students at Rutgers University have been warned that when they go out into the world they should be wary of such evils as grade labeling, the government's anti-trust suit against the Associated Press, and the American Newspaper Guild.

The warnings were sounded at a convocation of students and faculty of the Rutgers School of Journalism by Walter M. Dear, past president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association and present publisher member of the Newspaper Commission of the War Labor Board in Chicago.

"DANGERS" ARE TOPPED

Dear, who also is general manager of The Jersey Journal, topped his catalogue of dangers to the American way of life by telling the students:

"The danger, as we see it, is that no man can serve two masters; that if he is beholden to the Newspaper Guild he cannot do an honest job for his employer."

"Collective bargaining in principle is all right," Dear declared. "Collective bargaining for mechanical help or labor has a measuring standard.

"But, there never was and never will be a good reporter who proceeds on the proposition of writing on a reformist style. . . .

"—OUTSIDE HELP—"

"As students moving into the newspaper profession, your work is going to be your standard of holding a job and . . . you don't need any outside help to hold your job."

The occasion for Dear's speech was presentation on March 23 of the annual Jersey Journal Rutgers essay award at the journalism school.

The award was $25. The winner was Matilda Mendelson. The subject of her essay was: **"The Contributions of Newspaper Advertising to the War Effort."**

PULLMAN, 'HURT,' ASKS MILLION

CHICAGO (FP)—There's nothing small about organized labor today.

Pullman, the sleeping car monopoly, underscored that by filing a million dollar suit against the Pullman local of the CIO United Steelworkers.

Pullman declared its feelings were hurt when The Keel, Local 2928's paper, declared that the company was being too modest in describing its war profits.

Pullman took full pages in Chicago newspapers to tell people about its small profits. The Keel spoofed Pullman by publishing other figures and adding that the paper the ads were printed on could have been better used to provide towels and other paper supplies in the company's washrooms.

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