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Board Orders Poll on Politics

\$400,000 Split In WLB Orders

CHICAGO—Annual payroll increases of approximately \$400,000 will be shared by 2,500 employees of three New York newspapers under terms of directive orders issued by the Newspaper Commission of the War Labor Board in Newspaper Guild contract dispute cases which had been pending several months.

The papers are The World-Telegram, for which the Commission filed its directive with the Guild May 19, and the Daily News and Times, for which directives were filed May 11.

Much of the pay increases will be retroactive for more than a year at The World-Telegram, 11 months at The Daily News, and nine months at the Times.

RAISE IS GENERAL

The Commission ordered a general increase of \$4.50 a week on The News and The World-Telegram for all employees earning \$30 a week or more, up to \$5,000 a year, and 15 percent of their present salaries for those earning less than \$30, less any increases resulting from certain increases in minimums.

On The Times the general increase is \$2 for all those earning under \$5,000 a year, less any increases resulting from changes in minimums.

Because it noted a tendency for minimums in Guild contracts in

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New Guild Unit Is Organized In New Jersey

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—With 100 percent enrollment of Daily Record editorial employees as new members of the Newspaper Guild, a Daily Record unit of the union's Elizabeth local has been formed and a contract proposal is being drafted for submission to management.

There were 12 eligibles, and all were signed up in the Guild in a ten-day period. Organization efforts then were extended to other non-mechanical departments of the daily.

JAEGER ASSISTS

Fred Jaeger of New York, assigned by the American Newspaper Guild, and Charles E. Crissey, Franklin L. Umber and Charles F. Walker of the Elizabeth Guild's executive board, aided in the organization procedure.

Several unique demands for betterment of working conditions at the Record plant are included in the unit's contract proposal.

These temporary Long Branch unit officers have been named: Chairman, G. Earle Joline, reporter; vice chairman, Dorothy Doran Brainard, society editor; treasurer, Dorothy West, copy-desk chief; secretary, Marian Topham, copyreader.

EXPANSION SEEN

A possible by-product of the Long Branch activity is establishment of similar Guild units at neighboring Asbury Park and Red Bank.

The Asbury Park Evening Press found the Guild's organizational advance into the territory so newsworthy that the paper put a special story from Long Branch on page one under "Daily Record Staff Signs With Guild."

IEB's Statement On Political Poll

The International Executive Board has directed that an advisory poll of the membership be taken on the question: Should the convention of the American Newspaper Guild endorse a candidate for President of the United States?

Every member in good standing on ANG records as of June 1, as defined in the constitution, will be eligible to vote. This includes all members in the armed forces who have been issued dues exemption cards prior to June 1.

Postcard ballots will be mailed from ANG headquarters in New York to members in the armed forces as soon as they can be prepared in order to allow the maximum period for delivery and return. Ballots will be mailed to all other members in good standing not later than July 15; earlier where it is possible to complete dues payment records after receiving June 15 remittances from the locals.

Ballots will be returned to a locked post office box in Milwaukee and must be postmarked not later than midnight July 31. They will be counted August 7 by a special committee of the convention delegates. The results will be announced to the convention August 8.

Taking of this advisory poll is part of the political action and political education program of the American Newspaper Guild.

Members of the Guild are active in political campaigns throughout the nation in cooperation with the CIO Political Action Committee. Guild members have voluntarily contributed several thousand dollars to the regional and local branches of the CIO committee and forwarded to the ANG more than \$1,600 which has been given to the national committee. Political action will occupy an important spot on the agenda of the national convention in August.

By the time the ANG convention is held the nominees of both major parties will be known. Should the convention endorse a candidate for President?

Political endorsements have been proposed at previous conventions and debate always has been confused by argument over the propriety of using the name of the American Newspaper Guild in endorsement of any candidate without direct action by the membership. For the first time it is proposed to resolve this question by direct vote.

An affirmative majority on the question will be considered to give full approval for pledging the all-out support of the Guild to the election of the candidate who receives the convention endorsement.

A negative majority may be construed as notice from the membership that regardless of the merits of the respective candidates it is desired that the convention refrain from political endorsements.

The International Executive Board recognizes the divergent points of view within the membership on the question of political endorsements. It asks that the issue be decided in the democratic custom of the Guild—by a poll of the membership.

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AIMS STRAIGHT



Marine Private Emmet N. Britton, Jr., lines up his rifle sights, getting ready for action. A San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guildsman, he's been on staffs of The Oakland Post-Enquirer, San Francisco Chronicle and The San Jose Mercury-Herald, California.

Guild Conducts Wire Parley

CHICAGO—Delegates of American Newspaper Guild locals from coast to coast converged on Chicago May 13 for the union's first nationwide conference of wire service employees.

Early registration notifications indicated that at least 90 per cent of Guild locals with wire service members would be represented in the Hotel Sherman at the two-day, weekend conference, whose agenda called for increased coordination and collective bargaining.

Guild local representatives were listed by New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, St. Louis, Detroit, Twin Cities, San Francisco, Lima, O., and Chicago, which designated Leonard Shane, United Press unit chairman here, as chief conference host.

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WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Sewell Avery Gives All In His Wartime Effort

By JAMES A. WECHSLER

Washington Guild

WASHINGTON — Sewell Avery's place in history is safe. He will be remembered as the man who spent World War II fighting Franklin D. Roosevelt. He really gave his all.

There are pathetic as well as gruesome items in the saga of Avery's battle against the U.S. government. His scene with Attorney General Biddle, when the seizure of his Montgomery Ward plant took place, exhibited the true depth of human frustration.

"EPITHET" IS FOUND

Full of rage and resentment, Avery groped for an epithet which would adequately express his feelings. And finally he found it.

"You . . . You New Dealer!" he cried.

All the ancient bitterness of the hate-Roosevelt clubs, all the suppressed emotion of a decade of Tory despair, at last achieved true literary expression.

Those were the dirtiest, most descriptive words Avery could apply. It is a neat irony that the man at whom he hurled them is himself a member of one of America's oldest and most distinguished families.

The dramatic interludes in the Ward case, however, may be less important than the new evidence it furnished of the instincts and prejudices that dominate American organs of opinion.

"SOME MAY COMPLAIN—"

Some may complain that President Roosevelt's indictment of (Continued on Page Eight)

Guild to Vote On Endorsement Of a Candidate

Members of the American Newspaper Guild will be polled on whether they wish the union's eleventh annual convention in Milwaukee in August to endorse a candidate for President of the United States in the November election.

The advisory poll, conducted in July as a postcard mail referendum of the Guild's rank and file, will not establish official policy of the union and it will not be binding on the convention, but it will give Milwaukee delegates a broad expression of membership opinion.

The poll was ordered last week by the ANG's International Executive Board in New York City following long discussion and debate on questions of political action and how the Guild most effectively can implement its political programs in the crucial 1944 campaign year.

"CONFLICT" CITED

A statement by the IEB on the purposes of the poll reviewed past conflict within the union over political endorsements by the Guild, cited "divergent points of view within the membership," and asked that "the issue be decided in the democratic custom of the Guild—by a poll of the membership."

The IEB, in session May 7 and 8 in the Hotel New Yorker, reaffirmed its complete support of the objectives of the national CIO Political Action Committee, to which members of 33 Guild locals voluntarily contributed more than \$1,600 through the ANG's Government Relations Committee.

The Guild's governing body was agreed on the urgent need for Guild members, joined with the rest of the CIO and organized labor, to continue mobilization for the 1944 election campaigns.

There was disagreement within the IEB on whether the rank and file poll would accomplish its purposes of stimulating political discussion and activity within locals—in addition to giving rank and file members a voice on the subject of convention endorsement of a Presidential candidate, who, it was assumed, would be Franklin D. Roosevelt.

PROPOSED BY EUBANKS

The proposal for the poll was advanced by ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and supported in a 9-to-2 vote, with ANG President Milton Murray and Vice President George E. Hutchinson of West Coast Region 4 voting against it.

Eubanks said that the IEB and the convention "should be extremely careful" in taking actions "in the name of the Guild" which might "militate against" full rank and file participation in political action and other Guild programs.

"I, for one, do not want to take the responsibility of expressing the will of the majority of this union," Eubanks said, adding that the poll—"in effect, a straw ballot"—would provide a democratic expression of that will.

FUND IS NOTED

Eubanks pointed to results of the IEB's request for voluntary participation by Guild members (Continued on Page Two)

Poll Seeks Advice From Rank and File

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The total amount to be raised was relatively unimportant as compared with the benefits and advancement of political consciousness by getting people to make up their minds voluntarily to make a contribution to political action.

"I do not know of any time when 35 locals would come through as they did with funds for political action. The next step is to go back to the membership and give every member a chance

Fourth Term Is Urged By CIO Chief

CLEVELAND (FP)—An appeal for reelection of President Roosevelt "in the interest of national unity" was placed before the CIO United Steelworkers' convention here May 9 by CIO President Philip Murray.

Murray, who is also president of the Steelworkers, brought cheers from 2,500 delegates when he read them his draft-Roosevelt statement at the conclusion of his opening speech.

Recalling Roosevelt's "great statesmanship" in steering the nation through the crisis of the depression, Murray said:

"Today our nation is again passing through another major crisis, and with it all of the universe. Never has there been a time in our national history when the people needed leadership and unity as they do today."

"UNITY IS CITED"

"Unity among the people at home and unity among the United Nations are the foundation for an early and decisive defeat of the Axis forces, and for the establishment of a durable and just peace," he declared, adding that Roosevelt has "demonstrated the will, courage and statesmanship to forge the unshakable unity" needed for victory.

"It is therefore my earnest belief and firm conviction," Murray concluded, "that in the interest of national unity to bring speedy victory to our cause and to assure the realization for the people of the four freedoms, Franklin D. Roosevelt must be a candidate for reelection to the Presidency of the U. S. and that the overwhelming majority of the people of this nation, regardless of political affiliation, demand his reelection."

AGENDA: POINTS IN CIO POLITICAL ACTION



CIO President Philip Murray, who said last week that "Franklin D. Roosevelt must be a candidate for reelection," goes into conference here with members of the national CIO Political Action Committee. Seated from the left: Van A. Bittner, committee vice chairman; Murray; Sidney Hillman, chairman; Sherman A. Dalrymple. Standing: David J. McDonald, committee treasurer; Albert J. Fitzgerald.

Dissolution of National Auxiliary Is Recommended by Guild's Board

The IEB's recommendation for dissolution of the National Auxiliary of the American Newspaper Guild as a nationally constituted and recognized adjunct of the union has been recommended by the Guild's International Executive Board.

The IEB's recommendation for dissolution of the National Auxiliary (but for Guild support of Auxiliary units reconstituted locally) will be presented to the annual convention in Milwaukee in August.

VOTE IS 8-TO-2

The Auxiliary recommendation by the Guild's governing body was made in an 8-to-2 roll call vote at a session May 6 in New York City after the history, current operations and prospects of the WANG as an effective national aid to the union had been reviewed by the IEB.

A chief factor cited by members of the IEB who supported the move for dissolution of the national Auxiliary was what they said was the failure of the WANG to develop, after six years of existence, into a representative organization of women in families of Guild members.

A report by Mabel Pollock, executive secretary of the WANG, showed that as of March 15 there were 147 listed Auxiliary members.

IEB Grants Subsidy In Northeast Drive

An organizing subsidy has been authorized by the American Newspaper Guild for the union's New England District Council for a projected intensive membership campaign in the area.

The ANG's financial assistance was voted by its International Executive Board at a May 7 session at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City, contingent on employment by the New England Council of an executive secretary for a new fiscal year.

The officers, along with Harris, Joseph Coburn of Lynn, Mass., was elected council vice president; Abbott Hall of Boston, treasurer; and Harold Buiger of Portland, Me., secretary.

The officers, along with Harris, Edward Talborth of Portland and Gerald Haver of Boston, were designated members of the council's executive committee for the next year.

The council also voted to establish a contingency fund under control of the new executive committee and to adopt a sliding scale of per capita payments from New England locals, set each quarter, to offset any deficit in financial operations.

The Boston Guild, in the past, has provided an executive secretary who did virtually all of the New England District Council's administrative work, but due to lack of sufficient finances the Boston local was obliged to discontinue its services in order to continue its own local operations.

Other Guild representatives participating in the Boston session of the New England district organization included Anne Margos, Brockton, Mass.; Frank O'Donnell, Boston; Mrs. Dorothy Kern and Edith Thayer, Lewiston, Me.

ary members in the United States in good standing, compared with 225 Auxiliary members in May, 1943—and compared with a potential membership which presumably could balance and buttress a Guild membership of more than 21,000.

This fractional minority of the potential Auxiliary membership, it was argued by proponents of the IEB recommendation, could not be representative of, or policy spokesman for wives, mothers and sisters of Guild members as a nationally-constituted Women's Auxiliary of the American Newspaper Guild.

The IEB at the same time recommended that support of Guild locals be continued on a local basis for existing Auxiliary units in Seattle, New York, Denver, St. Louis and Harrisburg, and that establishment of other, locally-constituted Auxiliary organizations, should be encouraged by Guild locals.

The Auxiliary was first established as an ANG adjunct, at the Guild's 1938 convention in Toronto and was again constituted as an ANG adjunct at the union's 1939 San Francisco convention. It was primarily intended as an aid to the Guild in strike emergencies.

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The roll call vote on the IEB's recommendation for Auxiliary disbandment at Milwaukee followed a motion by ANG Vice President Milton J. Lapine of Cleveland, seconded by Vice President Kenneth B. Cruise of Twin Cities.

Lapine, Cruise, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks, Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, and Vice Presidents William J. Farson of Philadelphia, Floyd Healey of San Francisco-Oakland, George A. Harris of Boston and W. A. Copeland of Memphis voted for the recommendation.

President Milton Murray and Vice President George E. Hutchinson of Los Angeles voted against the recommendation for dissolution.

Vice presidents absent from the session were Gordon H. Cole of Washington, now overseas as a civilian information specialist attached to the Army and Walter Engels of New York, who was on U. S. Maritime Service duty.

MURRAY DISSENTS

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To Newsmen Who Know Dewey Best He's Not a Choice for Anything

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
New York Guild

Ask a New York or Albany newspaperman whose working press relations are the worst and he'll have a tough time deciding between Governor Thomas E. (Silent Tom) Dewey and Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia.

Since, however, LaGuardia isn't running for president, this dissection will devote itself to the rise and fall of Dewey's press relations and what the Washington press corps may anticipate if and when.

Among newspapermen who know and have covered Dewey, there are several points of agreement:

1) Dewey doesn't like newspapermen although he has surrounded himself with several top-notchers as his advisers.

2) Dewey hates to be asked on-the-record on any subject.

3) Dewey is unpopular with newspapermen.

4) Dewey continually seeks to get reporters to use his propaganda without attribution to himself or to "sources close to the governor" or "the governor's office," etc. If you use anything, it's an your own responsibility.

5) Dewey doesn't enjoy press conferences although during the legislative session they are easily arranged.

6) Dewey doesn't like the press agent's "SMART, AFFABLE" technical side of Dewey's press setup in Albany is by and large satisfactory, which is a tribute to James C. Hagerty, his press secretary and former New York Times Albany bureau staffman.

Hagerty, who got the appointment in January 1943, when Dewey took office, is a smart, affable press agent much admired by newspapermen. He knows his business and refuses to play favorites.

On at least two occasions that I know of personally, however, Dewey embarrassed him by trying to be his own press agent. But where Hagerty has a hand, the handouts come out on time.

There is ample forewarning about their probable importance, questions are answered with dispatch and satisfaction.

The amusing thing about Hagerty, who gets \$3,500 a year, is that his dislike for Dewey during the pre-gubernatorial days was well known.

At one time, Dewey accused Hagerty of misquoting an extemporaneous speech about Hamilton Fish, in which Dewey said "I am opposed to the Congressmen not for his views..." After nine days of silence, during which the speech was severely criticized by some Republican leaders, Dewey replied lamely that Hagerty had misquoted him.

DEWEY WANTED TO BE ALONE

On another occasion, in November 1942, Dewey invited the press to a luncheon at the Albany Hotel. The rest of the conference was devoted to a hectic and at times bitter discussion over the new rule.

Dewey rescinded his "uke"—a complete violation of an agreement reached between him and the correspondents months earlier—when he was asked whether the fact that he had ruled questions off-the-record was off-the-record, too.

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The reason the soldier's vote question came up is interesting in itself.

I had queried Dewey, through Hagerty, a day earlier whether he had any comment on the soldier's vote debate. No.

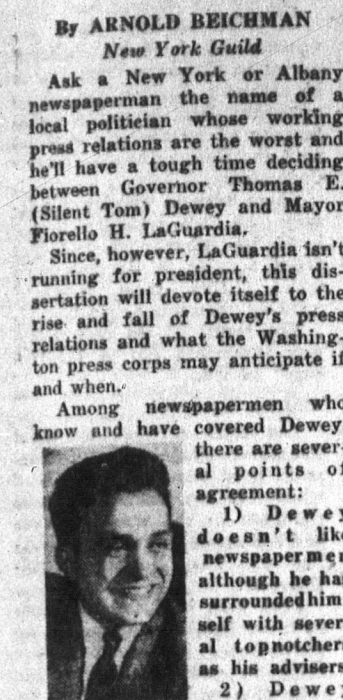
Had the governor ever said anything on the subject? No.

The next day, a telegram in which Dewey opposed the federal ballot was made public in Washington from the office of Senator Styles Bridges. The Albany reporters were left uncovered and their irritation was boundless.

Earlier, the correspondents got mad because of an exclusive interview Dewey gave to The Buffalo Evening News. The Christian Science Monitor and The Baltimore Sun on his Presidential aspirations.

There were, as usual, no direct quotes, except that Dewey purportedly said it would be "treason" to spurn a draft. Again, the

entire story comes months



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ago) that Dewey enunciated a new rule—questions "on off-the-record" subjects were automatically off-the-record.

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The reason the soldier's vote question came up is interesting in itself.

I had queried Dewey, through Hagerty, a day earlier whether he had any comment on the soldier's vote debate. No.

Had the governor ever said anything on the subject? No.

The next day, a telegram in which Dewey opposed the federal ballot was made public in Washington from the office of Senator Styles Bridges. The Albany reporters were left uncovered and their irritation was boundless.

Earlier, the correspondents got mad because of an exclusive interview Dewey gave to The Buffalo Evening News. The Christian Science Monitor and The Baltimore Sun on his Presidential aspirations.

There were, as usual, no direct quotes, except that Dewey purportedly said it would be "treason" to spurn a draft. Again, the

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6 EX-REPORTERS TOIL FOR DEWEY

ALBANY, N. Y.—Here's a list of former newspapermen who work directly out of Governor Thomas E. Dewey's office: James C. Hagerty, ex-New York Times.

Paul Lockwood, his executive secretary, ex-Brooklyn Eagle.

Elliot V. Bell, superintendent of banking, ex-New York Times editorial writer.

Hickman Powell, mysterious "consultant" to Dewey's budget director, ex-New York Herald-Tribune.

Louis Sherwin, Dewey's ghostwriter, now with Lowell Thomas, ex-New York Post.

Boston Raises Dues Scales In Referendum

BOSTON.—The membership of the Boston Newspaper Guild has adopted a higher dues scale by a vote of 294 for to 172 against in a referendum which brought out the highest vote in the history of the local.

A previous referendum for a higher dues scale had ended with a tie of 201 to 201.

SCALED TO \$3

Weapons of Words in Underground Wage War for the United Nations

By JEANNE TEDESCHKE

Guild Reporter Staff Assistant

Keynote of an exhibit of Europe's underground weapons of words now on display at Freedom House in New York City is set by a reproduction of a palm-sized leaflet from Czechoslovakia which sets forth "ten commandments" for resistance to Nazi invaders.

"Do not believe we stand alone in the world," reads the leaflet. "Do not believe that the Czech leaders have accepted the submission of our land to German rule. Do not believe what you read in the Czech newspapers or hear on the radio."

GATHERED BY INSTITUTE

The exhibit at 7 West 54th Street is presented by the American Labor Archive and Research Institute as its first public venture. It will continue through June 8.

Displayed are samples of underground press papers printed in Nazi-occupied countries of Norway, Denmark, Poland, Czechoslovakia, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Greece and Yugoslavia, along with photographs of guerrilla fighters and the work they do.

There are probably over 1,000 underground papers—more than 200 in Belgium alone—but only a small fraction from each country could be obtained for the exhibit.

Best represented are France, Belgium and Poland, where the underground press is exceptionally strong and where contact with allied countries is well set up.

Underground press publications in inland countries find it difficult to smuggle out material across their borders and consequently their resistance activities are less well-known.

BELGIAN PRESSES RUN

Belgium, which had a well-organized underground movement during the German occupation of the last war, was quick to establish her presses again.

Some of the Belgian papers are political, such as the Communist *Le Drapeau Rouge*. One is named after the famous Tyl Ulenpiegel, and one is entitled simply *The Churchill Gazette*.

In Poland the press is also extremely strong, as is the entire underground movement. The leaders are in constant touch with the Polish Government-in-Exile in London and the newspapers reflect an organized policy.

Since all schools and universities are closed to Polish children, the underground press attempts to carry on an educational program. Some of the papers are purely instructive. One, designed to teach aviation mechanics to boys, ran to 64 pages of type.

MARINE SERVICE IS HELD FOR GUILD DEAD

The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild paid homage to members lost in the war in a regulation military memorial service at the opening of a membership meeting. Here a U. S. Marine Corps color guard stands at attention while Navy Chaplain George V. Thompson, in the left background, speaks the memorial prayer. Standing with him is William Ryan, president of the Guild. The moving ceremony ended with taps sounded by a Marine bugler posted outside the room.



—Photo by Don Hester, San Francisco-Oakland Guild

Escape Period In Maintenance Is Spurred

BOSTON—Nobody took advantage of a 15-day "escape" period to withdraw from Boston Newspaper Guild membership after the local signed a maintenance of membership contract with the Boston Herald-Traveler Corporation.

There were no withdrawals despite the fact that the Boston local, by referendum, had just voted a raise in its dues scale which lifted some members' monthly payments as much as \$1. The result of the referendum was announced during the "escape" period.

TOTAL WAS 461

The total certified by Guild Treasurer Francis M. O'Donnell as in good standing was 461, of which 105 represented names of members in the armed services and 356 members currently working at The Boston Herald-Traveler.

Less than half a dozen members escaped being bound by the maintenance agreement by not being in good standing at the time of certification.

As each new member is signed up, or old member regains good standing, their names will be added to the list.

Pueblo Wins New Contract In Fast Time

PUEBLO, Colo.—Fourteen days after its initial meeting with management of the Star-Journal Publishing Corporation, the Pueblo Newspaper Guild had its second contract—considerably improved over its initial agreement won in 1943, when the local was organized.

An improvement in pay rates in all departments was agreed to by management, providing that the increase be approved by the War Labor Board.

DUES ARE ASSURED

Management accepted an effective dues check-off plan. The plan, in effect the past year, provides that the Guild unit treasurer takes charge of pay deductions before they are distributed to employees, and takes out Guild dues.

Management also accepted the unit's proposal for a clarification of the hours of work provisions, and the Guild succeeded in obtaining increased severance pay.

With Joe M. Neary, smooth-talking advertising salesman, leading arguments for the Guild, the contract committee was composed of Paul Benko, advertising department; William Barnwell, circulation department; Herbert Foster, telegraph editor; George Newton and Jack Craddock, representing Chiefman editorial workers, and Ed Orazem, president of the Pueblo local.

L. A. WAR TOLL RISES TO EIGHT

LOS ANGELES—Two more battlefront casualties have raised to eight the number of Los Angeles Newspaper Guild members killed or missing in action.

The latest, listed as missing, are Jack Rogers, 29, formerly of The Daily News, and Flight Officer Arthur E. Gourdeau of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Rogers disappeared when the tanker, on which he was a seaman, was torpedoed in Asiatic waters. Gourdeau, formerly with The Herald-Express, failed to return in his fighter plane from a sortie over Nuremberg, Germany.

CASUALTIES HIT TWIN CITIES

MINNEAPOLIS—First casualties of the war for the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild were reported within a few days of each other.

Lieutenant Carol Bon, called into armed service from the Minneapolis Tribune advertising department before the war began, was killed in action on the Anzio front in Italy several days after his arrival there.

He trained with a glider division but was believed to have been in infantry service when he met death. He leaves his wife, Larry Craig, formerly of the Star Journal market desk, was reported missing in action in the African theater. He was in the medical service of the Air Forces.

The Guild Goes to Press

10 YEARS OF THE GUILD: A HISTORY

BAY GUILDSMAN announced with pride that the San Francisco-Oakland local now is the second largest in the American Newspaper Guild, topped only by the New York local in numbers.

Philadelphia-Camden, long in second place, was nosed into third.

PS at PM published a special legislative issue which urged members to take action on price control act, repeal of the poll tax and to "Put Heat Under Dewey For An Honest GI Vote Law."

WIRE SERVICE NEWS was also pleased with the ANG's initial International News Service contract. "Best Overtime Provisions In Any Wire Service Pact" said the headline. The complete text of the contract was printed in a two-page spread.

TIDE GUILD NEWS of New York's Tide magazine unit was rechristened GUILD TIDINGS.

San Francisco-Oakland's BAY GUILDSMAN warned members: "Keep Voters From Polls Chief Hope of Reactionaries." It called for action to "throw all our weight behind the campaign of the CIO Political Action Committee."

"We are ready today," said 345 TICKER of New York's Standard & Poor unit "to prove that every person (in the circulation department) is in the Guild and not one free-loader in the bunch." That the newly organized department came into the Guild in a body seemed to be tacit indication to management that "maybe something was wrong in the circulation department."

Add new local Guild papers: MADISON GUILDSMAN, edited by Guild Secretary Eva Jolles of the Wisconsin Guild.

INS GUILDSMAN of New York's INS unit, referring to the recently signed ANG-INS contract, said in a note to the management: "We aim to do the best job of which we are capable... we are entering this agreement in good faith and determined to cooperate to the best of our ability."

A letter from "Employee" to "COPY" of the New York Daily Mirror unit deplored two skits about "our Soviet ally" at a recent Hearst minstrel show. "Despite the elaborate means taken to get this anti-Russia point across, there was little applause from the audience."

A streamer, "Get-Out-the-Vote Drive Is On," led off a special issue of GUILDSMAN in Los Angeles. The edition, largely devoted to political action, included news, cartoon and photograph coverage of the local's election campaign.

ALL THE NEWS put out a "leaflet" entitled "Overtime—The Law" which clarified the wage-hour law for members of the Chicago Daily News unit who had been ordered by management to put in no more overtime work. Management's move was coincidental with the Guild's effort to check up on policy in regard to compensation for overtime.

Newest unit paper to appear was AP DIAL, printed by and for members of Boston's AP unit.

PM's Managing Editor John Lewis asked PS to "help him get a cross-section of the mind of the men doing the fighting." Sample question: "What's your chief interest in the future?"

New York's citywide GUILDPAPER celebrated six months of operation of the Guild Capitan, which plays host to an average of 300 servicemen per week.

Benko Elected Pueblo Delegate

PUEBLO, Colo.—Paul (Smiley) Benko, classified advertising and credit manager of The Star-Journal and Chieftain, will represent Pueblo Local 174 at the eleventh annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild in Milwaukee, August 7 to 11.

The Pueblo Guild elected him in a special meeting, at which Hazel Smith, crack news reporter, was named alternate delegate. Organized in 1943, the Pueblo local is to be represented for the first time this year at a national Guild meeting.

Benko was one of the charter members and is serving his second year as vice president. He upped on the Guild's contract committee last year and is a negotiator involved now in debate with management for a new contract with his paper.

Porter Leaves Brockton Post

BROCKTON, Mass.—Carlton C. Porter, Brockton Newspaper Guild president and telegraph editor of The Brockton Daily Enterprise, has left to take a position as executive editor of Tide, national advertising trade newsmagazine, in New York.

Porter was a member of the Boston Herald news staff from 1937 until August of last year, when he returned to The Enterprise, where he first worked from 1927 to 1937 as a staff reporter.

Melvin W. Smith, vice president of the Brockton Guild, has been named as Porter's successor for the remainder of the year.

\$1,000 Collected For Politics

More than \$1,000 had been collected last week by the New York Newspaper Guild for political action as its drive for \$2,000 to be contributed to local and national CIO political action committees reached the halfway mark.

Leading the 47 local units, PM had collected 287 percent of its quota of 50 cents a member and other units were attempting to catch the leader. Another 10 units had passed the 100 percent mark.

Half of the \$1,000 collected had already been advanced to the ANG as part of the Guild's contribution to the national CIO Political Action Committee.

Another half had been advanced to the Greater New York Industrial Union Council for its political work. All additional money will be divided in the same manner.

LOS ANGELES PUTS OUT CAMPAIGN PAPER

SOLDIERS FLAY POULSON ON VOTE BILL
HEALY BACKS ROOSEVELT
WIN THE WAR PROGRAM
 Poulson trapped in phony vote coverup
 13th District Citizens' News
 A phony act

This is the unedited front page of an election campaign newspaper written, edited and illustrated by Los Angeles Newspaper Guild members under managerial direction of G. E. Williams, administrative officer of the local, as part of its political action program. "The papers," Williams reported, "are creating a sensation in Los Angeles political circles; praise is being heaped on the LANG from all quarters. LANG offices are rapidly taking on the appearance of campaign headquarters."

Pegler Dropped By Chicago News

The Chicago Daily News (circ. 412,148) said "Good-by, Mr. Pegler!" in a page one editorial statement by Editor Paul Scott Mowrer which reported that the paper was dropping the "Fair Enough" columnist because, among other reasons, he "has developed antipathies of such violence that he has allowed his feelings to overcome his reasoning powers."

Editor Mowrer's bylined statement ran beside the final Westbrook Pegler column carried by The Daily News. The column, appearing a day before the death of Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, publisher of the paper, attacked Knox.

Mowrer also said that "we shall be glad to release the column immediately to any other Chicago newspaper that cares to buy it."

The Guild Reporter, misinformed, commented in its May 1 issue that "The Daily News dropped Pegler, but continued to pay for him, thereby preventing any other Chicago paper (such as the hospitable Tribune) from picking him up."

The text of Mowrer's April 27 editorial statement, sub-headed "Editor of The Daily News Explains Why He Dropped Pegler's Column," follows:

We publish herewith the last column by Westbrook Pegler that will appear in The Daily News. We are discontinuing Mr. Pegler's column, syndicated from New York, in order to replace it by a column of our own, written in Chicago, for The Daily News, by Phil H. Hanna. We have so notified Mr. Pegler. In fact, Mr. Pegler's column for today is his reply to our notification.

Some people will read it with pleasure. Others may not. It is a matter of taste. At any rate, it serves notice on other purchasers of the Pegler column that if they ever, for any reason, wish to discontinue it, they must expect to be attacked and misrepresented by Mr. Pegler in other newspapers.

We have spoken highly of Mr. Pegler in the past. We believed in him. We were his co-sponsors. We have repeatedly applauded his exposures of crooks and racketeers. If his judgment equalled his courage, he would be a great newspaperman. It was when he began writing about things he obviously didn't know about that we began to lose confidence in his judgment.

A Common Fault

The fault is common enough. A man makes a success doing something he knows about. The success goes to his head, and presently he begins expressing himself with equal sureness on matters of which he is ignorant.

In the course of the various controversies in which he has engaged, Mr. Pegler has developed antipathies of such violence that he has allowed his feelings to overcome his reasoning powers. When the disease becomes chronic, it is serious.

Take, for example, the Pegler column today. Mr. Pegler recalls that The Daily News was formerly opposed to the New Deal. If he had gone to the trouble of informing himself, he would know that The Daily News is still opposed to the New Deal.

Country Comes First

He asserts that Col. Frank Knox, publisher of The Daily News on leave of absence as Secretary of the Navy, has "surrendered" to the New Deal. The fact is—and Pegler knows it—that Knox answered the call to take charge of our Navy only after long hesitation and searching of heart, as a patriot, putting country above partisanship in time of great national peril.

One of Pegler's pet antipathies is the newspaper PM published in New York by Marshall Field. Hating PM, Pegler apparently thinks The Daily News should have refused to lease space in The Daily News Building to Mr. Field for the newspaper he proposed to start in Chicago.

The rent, somebody told Mr. Pegler, is high, and without verifying this, he hastens to proclaim it. But what would he have said if somebody had told him the rent was low? Would that not have

made the case look even worse, in the jaundiced Peglerian eye?

Morning Paper Fight

Mr. Pegler complains that when he wrote, as he sometimes did, in praise of Mr. Field, and in praise of Mr. Field's rival, Col. R. R. McCormick, The Daily News omitted his column. This is true. I killed the columns myself. I did so because I did not think it proper for The Daily News to become involved, through Mr. Pegler, in a morning newspaper fight. If he had written one-sidedly in praise of Field and in blame of McCormick, my decision would have been the same.

In concluding, Mr. Pegler insinuates that under our contract with him, which runs into next November, we are preventing him from expressing his views in Chicago during the political campaign. The insinuation is typical of what we have come to dislike and distrust in Pegler. He knows, for he has been so informed, that we shall be glad to release the column immediately to any other Chicago newspaper that cares to buy it. If he is the honest, forthright, open-minded fellow he no doubt assumes himself to be, why did he not say that?

Good-by, Mr. Pegler.

D. Thompson Chides Pegler For Column

In an open letter ("Neither Personal Nor Confidential") to Westbrook Pegler, Dorothy Thompson commented tartly on a "Fair Enough" column which, she said, expressed "apprehension that maybe some people were talking too recklessly about their fellow citizens."

In her May 5 "On the Record" column, Miss Thompson said in part:

"I have yet to see you write in sensitive pain at bitter words hurled at labor union leaders, nor have I read of your fainting with horror at the invectives of the 'Christian Front' or at anti-Semitic tirades, or the baiting of American workers."

"Nor have I heard of your swooning at the typewriter over words that have issued from it under 'Fair Enough' about a lady, whose name is Eleanor Roosevelt..."

"All I want to ask is: Do you think what you have written about her is in the tone of a Christian gentleman?..."

NAZIS NAME DOGS

"Do you know that in one camp in America for German prisoners of war the young Nazis call the dogs about the place 'Franklin D.' and 'Eleanor'? How do you like that, Westbrook Pegler?..."

"But what makes them think they can get by with that, Mr. Pegler? Do you think what you have written might have helped?"

Harris Seeks State House Nominations

ARLINGTON, Mass. — Vice President George A. Harris of the American Newspaper Guild, long active in civic and political affairs here, is a candidate for representative in the General Court of Massachusetts.

He has filed for Democratic and Republican nominations for the General Court, which in the Massachusetts commonwealth corresponds to state legislatures elsewhere.

Harris, a charter member of the Young Republican Club of Arlington and a member of the Republican Town Committee in 1939 and 1940, is now serving his third three-year term as a town meeting member in Precinct 12, where he is precinct chairman.

HARRIS

Printers Strike After Walkouts By Publishers

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Because no pickets had been posted, Wilkes-Barre Newspaper Guild members, stereotypers and pressmen reported for work last week at Wilkes-Barre newspapers which had not published since afternoon editions of May 8 following a strike by printers.

International Vice President Charles Holland of the International Typographical Union was handling the situation.

HARD TO FIND

The strike came after the printers, like the Guild and the other unions, had difficulty finding the publishers to carry on negotiations for a new contract.

(Press reports on the strike advised the public that the printers walked out because of dissatisfaction with War Labor Board processes in a wage dispute.)

Two Wilkes-Barre dailies are published by the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. Under the corporate set-up, three former publishers formed a trust, but by-laws stipulate that nothing can be done without unanimous vote.

For three men, who spent the preceding years battling each other, this by-law requirement of unanimity is difficult.

AGE IS FACTOR

Further, two of the publishers are past 70 years of age.

While the unions, including the Guild, were trying to get into negotiations, one publisher, John A. Hourigan, Sr., took a month's vacation in Florida. Another, Colonel Ernest G. Smith, was in a hospital for an operation during most of the winter.

When Hourigan returned in mid-March, all three publishers were in town for a few days, then Colonel Smith left for a month's pleasure cruise on the Mississippi River. He returned to Wilkes-Barre, but only to let his wife off the train, for he continued to Washington for a convention.

And then, during the last week of April, all the publishers went to the American Newspaper Publishers' Association convention in New York.

During this time the Guild itself was having difficulty rounding out contract negotiations.

But through the efficient intervention of Federal Conciliator James A. Crockett the Guild was able to get an all-day session and cleaned up all outstanding complaints. The Guild contract is now awaiting signature.

But the Guild members, having gone through the same procedure of round - about negotiations, understood the printers' problems.

Avery Is a Hero To Most of Press

(Continued from Page One)

the press and radio for their handling of the dispute was too sweeping and generalized.

If his remarks are interpreted literally, that is probably true.

Not all newspapers are congenitally anti-labor. Not all of them rallied to Avery's side. Not all of them fashioned rationalizations for his sitdown strike. There were important and honorable exceptions.

What the President was depicting, it seems to me, was the prevailing tone and general impact of the coverage. Most newspapers have been unmistakably sympathetic to Avery, hostile to the War Labor Board.

The same journals that clamored for lynch-law against John L. Lewis, when he taught Avery how it's done, have pictured the Montgomery Ward chairman as the last valiant spokesman of constitutional government.

"HEIGHTS" REACHED

Powerful and influential and presumably responsible journals reached new heights of hysteria in damning the government's seizure. They announced that fascism was at hand. Democracy had been murdered in a mail-ordered house.

One columnist who customarily treats life lightly told his readers that he couldn't laugh any more. If the government took over Ward's, not even a 'columnist was safe, he lamented.

Well, the government took over, but I still meet the same columnist having a milkshake at the Press Club bar and neither of us are wearing shackles and nobody is telling us that we can't have our milkshakes.

And he is still writing columns.

Each time that the government has spanked a recalcitrant, hell-raising industrialist in this war I have read the same inflammatory headlines, the same viewing-with-alarm editorials, the same panic-stricken columnists.

Each time they told us that the

world as we knew it would end if Mr. Roosevelt got away with it. But the world didn't end. And we have survived more than two years of world-wide war with amazingly little restriction on our liberties.

Do they really mean it when they write those dark prophecies and those frenzied warnings?

I am sure Sewell Avery means what he says. He has constructed a nightmare world in which "New Dealers" are the dark, dangerous spirits abroad in the night. And when the war is over and his heirs ask him what he did to help win it he can proudly reply:

"I told the Commander-in-Chief to go to hell."

But publishers and editorial writers and columnists are supposed to be grown men.

They know that the whole structure of our wartime labor relations hinges on compliance with decisions of the War Labor Board. They know that successful resistance by one man is sure to be contagious.

They know all that, because they said so in the case of Mr. John L. Lewis.

WAR GOES ON

Now the union has won the National Labor Relations Board vote, the property has been returned to Avery and he must decide whether to carry on the fight for his lost anti-union cause.

He will probably keep on fighting; apparently he has no other wars on his mind.

At least Avery does not pretend to be disinterested, objective, above-the-battle.

But do the commentators really mean it when they say the republic is all washed up?

THREE MORE PAPERS BOW TO L.A. GUILD

LOS ANGELES—Managements of three more papers in Los Angeles have recognized the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild as bargaining agent for employees. They are The Sentinel, The Eagle and The War Worker.

THE GUILD REPORTER

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