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Ballots Issued To Servicemen In Politics Poll

More than 3,600 postcard ballots in the American Newspaper Guild's advisory poll on endorsement of a Presidential candidate were being mailed this week from the union's New York City headquarters to members in the armed services.

"Should the 1944 convention of the American Newspaper Guild endorse a candidate for President of the United States?" was the question on the return cards, which will be counted at the opening of the eleventh annual convention August 7 in Milwaukee.

The ballots were sent to listed addresses of all Guild members in military service who were in good dues standing when they were inducted and who, by Guild rules, are dues-exempt members in good standing while in service.

DEADLINE SET

Ballots to all other Guild members in good standing as of June 1 will be mailed to them from ANG headquarters not later than July 15, following receipt of June 15 dues remittances from locals.

All of the ballots, which must be postmarked not later than midnight, July 31, bear a return address in a locked postoffice box in Milwaukee.

The advisory political poll was ordered by the ANG's International Executive Board at its May meeting in New York City. Results will not be binding on the 1944 convention, but will be expected to guide delegates there.

The IEB, in ordering the poll, said that it "recognizes the divergent points of view within the membership on the subject of political endorsements" and asked that "the issue be settled in the democratic custom of the Guild—by a poll of the membership."

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

THE HEADLINE WAS INCORRECT

LIMA, Ohio — Pfc. James R. Cramer, Lima Newspaper Guildsman serving with a military police outfit at Anzio, Italy, found news from home anything but correct.

Reading his month-late copy of The Lima News as lethal missiles flew overhead, he took time out to write the following, signed by himself and a fellow soldier:

"Today we received a copy of the March 3 paper and wish to emphatically state that we strongly disagree with the headline of that date:

"Germans Abandon Beachhead Drive."



P. 1 GIRL WEDS P. 1 FLIER



—Photo by Paul Schmick, Washington Guild

Jane Cromer, Washington Times-Herald school editor, Conover model, and the Washington Newspaper Guild's "Miss Front Page of 1943," poses with Captain Edgar J. Wynn of the Army Air Transport Command after their church wedding in the Capital. Captain Wynn, veteran of Canadian and British air forces, flew Eleanor Roosevelt, another Guild member, back from England last year. He is the author of "Bombers Across," a book published this month.

WASHINGTON ROUNDUP

Capital Byliners Lose Their Prime News Status

By JAMES A. WECHSLER

Washington Guild

WASHINGTON — As the moment of invasion nears, the business of Washington correspondence loses most of its lustre.

Once the conquest of Hitler's Europe begins, nothing written under this city's datelines for many weeks thereafter will mean much. And even the most pretentious pundits in our midst seem aware that their words will soon cease to be historic.

"LAST PHRASES" SET

So there is a kind of frantic attempt now to set down famous last phrases, to give local matters their true and transcending significance before the inexorable deadline set by the Allied armies.

After the invasion starts there will of course be Washington dispatches, there will be earnest efforts to get "angles" here that will coincide with the communique from abroad.

There will occasionally be real news out of the Capital. But most of what we write will have a remote and artificial flavor.

It is like trying to cover the biggest story of our time by long distance telephone or from a wire service report. It simply does not work.

The Press Club caucuses will continue, the Washington journalists will assemble solemnly to weight each development, to analyze each trend, to impart to the rushing stream of history our

own dewdrops of acquired knowledge.

"ECHOES" WILL SOUND

No managing editor in his right mind, however, will look to this city for the real story of the fateful interval ahead of us. We will produce the comments and the commentaries, the "long view" and the precious perspective, the local reactions and the fragmentary echoes.

There will, for example, undoubtedly be a few distinguished Congressional figures who will act as Monday mourning quarterbacks protesting all military strategy decreed abroad.

We will give you their wild wisdom and their profound petu-

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'Security' Rule Is Extended

In its second maintenance of membership order for editorial employees under Newspaper Guild contract, the Daily Newspaper Commission of the War Labor Board has directed that its standard version of union security be applied at The Hollywood Citizen-News.

The directive by the WLB Commission in Chicago also provided that a preferential hiring clause be incorporated in the California paper's contract with the Los Angeles Guild.

Deadline Is Set For Entries In Broun Award

Entries in the American Newspaper Guild's annual Heywood Broun Memorial Award competition will close June 30.

Presidents of locals of the union were urged last week in letters from ANG President Milton Murray:

"Please get at the job at once and select the best representation of the work of members of your local."

The Broun Award will go to the newspaperman or woman who "does the best job in the Broun spirit" between July 1, 1943, and June 1, 1944. With it goes a \$250 war bond as a prize.

The 1944 winner, to be chosen by an ANG committee of three headed by Murray, will be announced at the Guild's eleventh convention, which opens August 7 in Milwaukee. Entries, to be addressed at ANG headquarters in New York City, must be postmarked not later than June 30.

Last year the Broun Award went to Milton J. Lapine, William M. Davy, I. L. Kenen and E. George Green of Cleveland for a series of advertisements on absenteeism in The Cleveland Union Leader, CIO publication there.

In 1942, Dillard Stokes of Washington, now in the Army, won the Broun prize for a series of Washington Post stories on Nazi propaganda infiltration in the United States—an expose that led into the seditious conspiracy case now being tried in Washington.

In 1941, Tom O'Connor of New York won the Broun citation for a PM series on working conditions in the coal mines.

ANG Progress Charted In 1st Wire Conference

CHICAGO—The first national wire service conference in the history of the American Newspaper Guild resulted in mutual interchange of ideas and information to provide a basis for rapid progress for the union in wire service organization and contracts.

For the first time, representatives of all the major wire services from all parts of the country, ranging from Boston to San Francisco, gathered around a table and presented for general consideration viewpoints of the many Guild units and locals.

15 CENTERS JOINED

Among the cities represented, in addition to Boston and San Francisco, were Washington, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Lima, O., Minneapolis, Philadelphia and Indianapolis—and Columbus, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles by proxy. Representatives of the Associated Press, United Press, Inter-

national News Service and Photos and Acme took part in discussions which centered about organization, where definite objectives were stated and outlined, and contracts and bargaining.

Those attending represented

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Action by the Commission in the Hollywood case followed application of its first Guild maintenance of membership editorial department order, at the Gannett Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle in Rochester, N. Y.

RECORD IS SET

In Rochester, while the Guild local there negotiated with management to incorporate the WLB's form of union security into a formal contract clause, good dues standing membership rose to the highest level on local records.

In Hollywood, despite the WLB Commission's directive, the Guild's fight on the security issue apparently was not at an end. Management threatened to appeal the verdict, although it admitted that it did not expect that the ruling would be changed.

"The directive in ordering both maintenance and preferential hiring is equivalent to an order for a closed shop and therefore incompatible with press freedom," said H. G. Palmer, Citizen-News publisher, in comment reminiscent of that made by publishers in national WLB hearings in Washington which led in March to a broad order authorizing maintenance of membership in Guild contracts.

Meanwhile Vice Chairman F. S. Deibler of the WLB Commission notified the Harrisburg (Pa.) Guild and management of The Harrisburg Patriot to get ready for another showdown on the maintenance issue, which was primarily raised by the paper in the Washington case last Fall.

"The Commission," Deibler wrote on May 22, "directs the parties to submit to the Commission within 20 days . . . briefs to show cause why the terms and conditions of the contract of 1942-1943 as subsequently modified by the parties should not be extended pending negotiations for a new contract and why the terms of said agreement should not be supplemented by a maintenance provision."

MINIMUMS UPPED

The Hollywood Citizen-News directive by the WLB in the Guild-management dispute case approved pay provisions which in effect increased contract minimums \$6.75 a week by boosting wages \$3.30 a week and incorporating a \$15 a month bonus in weekly wage payments on a pro rata basis. Minimums under the order ranged to \$51.75 for editorial workers.

Edgar L. Morris of The Springfield (O.) News, industry member of the Commission, entered the usual publisher dissent from the maintenance order in the California case, averring that it demonstrated "a ruthless and unguarded effort to coerce the employer."

WLB Commission orders in a long-standing dispute involving the Denver Guild and The Denver Post and in another one involving the Twin Cities Guild and Minneapolis papers were expected momentarily from Chicago.

The Denver case had reached

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Cleveland Guild Presents Awards For Best Performances in Papers

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland Newspaper Guild gained new prestige with the largest crowd in its history attending the local's annual Awards Luncheon at the Hotel Allerton.

Military officials of high rank, civic leaders, prominent public officials, the editors of the three Cleveland dailies and their guests packed the huge ballroom of the hotel to see the best newspaper performances of 1943 in the city recognized by the Guild.

PEARSON SPEAKS

Demand for tickets was so great that sales were cut off days before the event by the seating limitations of the ballroom. The more than 700 who did attend heard Newspaper Guildman Drew Pearson, Washington columnist and radio commentator, give his views on current international problems, the war and the peace to come.

Pearson told the Guild's audience that while we are managing the war well we are not far enough ahead in our plans for a peace that will last longer than 20 to 25 years.

It was the fifth annual Awards Luncheon of the Cleveland Guild which has year by year become a more important civic event—looked forward to not only by the working newspapermen of the city but also by the three dailies and the general public as well.

There are few Cleveland civic affairs that surpassed the 1944 Guild event in attendance or popular attention.

The three newspapers carried well-played stories on the May 11 affair, on the winners of the awards and on the luncheon meeting itself.

AWARDS PRESENTED

Ray Turk, president of the Cleveland Guild, presided at the luncheon and presented the Guild's awards to the men and women whose work was judged the best of its kind in the local field.

N. R. Howard, editor of the Cleveland News, introduced the long list of guests at the speaker's table, including ("The lion shall lay down with the lamb"), the editors of the other papers, Louis B. Seltzer of The Press and Paul Bellamy of The Plain Dealer, along with Milton Murray, president of the American Newspaper Guild; Bill Davy, local Guild executive secretary; Milton J. Lapine, ANG international vice president, and Mrs. Murray.

"PERFORMANCE" STRESSED

In a brief talk, Murray stressed the emphasis placed by the Guild on a good performance on the job and cited it as a mutual benefit to both publisher and working newspaperman.

A list of the awards winners follows:

BEST NEWS REPORTING: Severino P. Severino, Cleveland News. Honorable mention: Walter Lerch, Press; Clayton Fritchey, Press.

BEST FEATURE STORY: Paul Lilley and Joe Collier, Press (joint award); Honorable men-



NOTABLES at the Cleveland Newspaper Guild's 1944 Awards Luncheon included, from the left: Nathaniel R. Howard, News editor; John W. Raper, Press columnist; Louis B. Seltzer, Press editor; Ray Turk, Cleveland Guild president; Paul Bellamy, Plain Dealer editor; Frank J. Lausche, Cleveland mayor; Drew Pearson, Washington columnist; Milton Murray, American Newspaper Guild president; William M. Davy, Cleveland Guild executive secretary; Milton J. Lapine, ANG vice president. Pearson was the chief guest.



GUESTS of the Cleveland Guild at its annual event, honoring winners of Guild awards for best press performances of the year, jammed the big ballroom of the Hotel Allerton. This shot shows a few of them.

tion: Lawrence Hawkins, Plain Dealer; Harry Christiansen, News.

BEST NEWS PRESENTATION: William W. Rappaport, Plain Dealer; Honorable Mention: E. George Greene, King Features; Donald J. Dunham, Press.

BEST COLUMN: Ray Turk (Leaf Mapleton), News. Honorable Mention: Claire MacMurray, Plain Dealer; George Swift, Catholic Universe Bulletin.

BEST PHOTOGRAPH: Byron Fikine, Press. Honorable Mention: Perry Cragg, News; James Thomas, Press.

BEST CARTOON: John R. McGee, News. Honorable Mention: Durman Smith, Newspaper Enterprise Association; Jesse Cargill, King Features.

BEST DEPARTMENTAL WORKS: Cleveland Press society pages, combined work of Clutis Winfrey, Clotilda Ball, James Herron, Fred Alexander and Press Staff photographers; Honorable Mention: Cornelia Hadgell (Polly Parsons), News; George Scarbo, N. E. A.

OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE: James K. Chandler, Press. Honorable Mention: Milton J. Lapine, E. George Greene, William Davy and I. L. Kenen, Cleveland Union Leader; Charles Schneider, Press.

MURRAY LAUDS GUILD EVENTS

President Milton Murray of the American Newspaper Guild made this comment 4th week in New York City after attending two recent community events sponsored by locals of the union:

"In recent travels I had the pleasure of attending the annual Awards Luncheon of the Cleveland Newspaper Guild. I also attended the tenth anniversary dinner of the Lehigh Valley Guild.

"Both these events, and particularly the Cleveland awards plan, seem to me excellent ideas for consideration by other locals.

"A guiding principle of the Guild is the improvement of journalistic standards. Cleveland, by singling out and publicly honoring exceptional newspaper work, affords inspiration to self-improvement. (Some publishers have a hollowed practice of seldom bestowing a pat on the back for fear it will lead to a demand for monetary reward. Despite this, there is still a warm glow in producing a good job and having someone tell you so.)

"More further important in both affairs was the mingling of general public with members of labor organizations. Possibly some of them were amazed to learn that CIO members have neither hooves nor horns."

N. Y. Schedules 'Page 1' Party

The "Page One of 1944," ninth annual entertainment and dance of the New York Newspaper Guild will be held June 10 in the grand ballroom of the Commodore Hotel.

A feature of the event will be presentation of "Page One Award" to outstanding personalities of the stage, screen, radio and sports. Hannah Baker of PM is chairman.

Proceeds will go to the Newspaper Guild and CIO war chests which support the Red Cross, USO, United Nations war agencies, the Guild Canteen and its Servicemen's Committee.

Portland Holds Political Party

PORTLAND, Ore.—To acquaint members of the working press with CIO candidates and directors of the CIO Political Action Committee, a party was held in the Hestman Hotel.

Among guests was Palmer Hoyt, publisher of The Oregonian, who spent the evening in animated conversation with Stanley Earl, state secretary of the CIO.

John B. McKenna, Portland Newspaper Guild president and president of the Portland Industrial Union Council, was chief guest.

CINCINNATI MARKS 10th ANNIVERSARY

CINCINNATI—The Cincinnati Newspaper Guild will observe its tenth anniversary with a party at the Zoo early in June.

The dairy bar at the Zoo clubhouse will be converted for other refreshments.

PRICE GOES UP

DENVER—The Scripps-Howard Rocky Mountain News has raised its weekday street price to 5 cents from 3 cents.

Lehigh Valley Celebrates A Decade of Guild Life

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the presentation of the local's charter by the late Heywood Brown, first president of the American Newspaper Guild, the Lehigh Valley Newspaper Guild held a public dinner attended by more than 200 persons.

Milton Murray, ANG president, called on to speak immediately after a talk by Managing Editor David A. Miller, one of the publishers of the Call-Chronicle Newspapers which employ local Guild members, echoed Miller's remarks that he hoped the time would come when publishers and employees could meet harmoniously.

Murray expressed a hope for solid understanding between the AFL and CIO and discussed labor's part in politics.

Politics had been mentioned by the publisher in referring to the



This was a speaker's table lineup at a dinner celebrating the tenth anniversary of the Lehigh Valley Newspaper Guild in Allentown, Pa. From the left: Ben Roth, 33-year-old Guildman and Evening Chronicle columnist; Nelson Weiser, local Guild president; Charles Johnson Post, U. S. Conciliation Service consultant; Roger Butterfield, senior life editor; Marine Sergeant Al Schmid, blinded hero of Guadalcanal; Charles W. Ettinger, Morning Call columnist; and Dowley Clark, domestic news bureau chief of the OWI.

Labor Stars in Election Rehearsals

By WILBUR H. BALDINGER

Editor, The Guild Reporter

Labor and liberal forces in the United States last week were rounding out early rehearsals for their crucial November election showdown—and the performances, with the CIO Political Action Committee in actor-manager parts, were amazingly good.

The Political Action Committee made its bows modestly, noting respectful press notices in the editorial columns of conservative newspapers and listening with appreciation to anguished howls from tory claque.

Such characters as Dies, Starnes and Costello already had been displaced on the 1944 political program. There were now actors on the stage, speaking fresh and vigorous lines, and the New Deal drama, long since marked for curtains, was going strong again.

REACTION IS ROUTED IN PRIMARY TESTS

In primary tests from Florida to Oregon, proponents of progressive governments routed reaction, bringing consternation into cloakrooms on the right wing of Congress, confounding the editorial writers who had snugly written epiphanies for the New Deal.

The press did not regard the PAC as having been cast in anything like a hero's role, but from The New York Times down the newspapers were obliged to observe (many with alarm) that the CIO was demonstrating strength and effectiveness which had not been anticipated in its campaign to mobilize the people at the polls.

In Congress, Representative Clare Hoffman, the Michigan Republican, and John Rankin, the Mississippi Democrat, groped blindly for adequate words to express their rage at casualties inflicted in their ranks of reaction.



CLARE E. HOFFMAN
He cried in anguish

Guild Shares Bows In California Vote

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Newspaper Guild this week was taking its share of CIO-AFL railroad brotherhood bows for having pushed labor endorsed political candidates to the top in California's primary election.

Each of the nine candidates endorsed by organized labor in Los Angeles county for the House of Representatives won the nomination of his own party, while one incumbent Representative Cecil R. King—captured both the Democratic and Republican nominations, under California's peculiar primary election law which allows crossfiling of candidates.

Participation by members of the LANG ranged from campaign newspaper publishing to grass roots doorbell ringing. Success of labor's political action in the county extended to state assembly district contests.

Representative John M. Costello, the California Democrat, who was beaten in a primary test by Hal Styles, a radio commentator who favors the New Deal. All other California Democrats running for reelection, many of them sturdy New Dealers, won their contests.

These were among the dramatic defeats suffered by reactionaries who were marked down on the CIO Political Action Com-

mittee's ledger for accountings at the polls.

The running story of the significant primary elections and of labor's triumphs in them properly starts with Martin Dies, who ran away from wrath he could see overtaking him.

Pleading a sore throat (which did not seem to interfere with "lecture" engagements at \$1,000 a throw), Dies handily withdrew from a last fight for reelection to Congress from a Texas district where, after 14 years of Dies blight, the CIO moved in.

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The Guild's Own Bookshelf

THE BIG BOSSES. By Charles Van Devander. New York: Howell, Soskin. 318 pp. \$2.50. By ARNOLD BEICHMAN New York Guild

A fellow was once telling his friends how the Democratic and Republican in some town had offered to buy his vote on election day. The Democrat offered \$5 and the GOPer, \$9.

"Who'd you vote for?" asked the friend.

"The Democrats, of course," was the reply.

"How come if the Republicans offered more dough?"

"Oh," the fellow answered, "the Democrats were less corrupt."

What you get out of this ex-

GUILD THESIS IS RATED TOPS

DENVER—The Denver Newspaper Guild was a subject for a Grade-A theme for a "labor problems" course at the University of Denver.

Ruth Dirks of Tyndall, S. D., a sophomore journalism and sociology student, picked the Guild for her term paper and obtained needed data from officers of the Guild.

Her grade was tops.

STUDENTS ORGANIZE

More than 60 Newspaper Guild associate members—students at major colleges in the New York area, journalism students, and staff members of college papers—met in the New York Guild Club and organized a new unit.

OVERSEAS AIDE



DOROTHY C. WALKER

A New York World-Telegram reporter and member of its Newspaper Guild unit before she joined the Red Cross, Miss Walker has arrived in England as a staff assistant. She once wrote book reviews and features for the now-defunct Literary Digest magazine.

AD TYPE SHAVED

DENVER—The Denver Post is saving white paper in classified ad columns by reducing the usual 6 1/4-point agate slug to 5 1/4-point. It is estimated this shaving saves about three columns in the average 14 full pages of such ads, eight columns to the page, which have been common in The Post each Sunday.

pert "rewrite" job is that neither party has any premium on honesty or freedom from the political machine. For every Hague or Fendegast, there is a Joe Grundy or a Len Small.

"OLD TRADITION"

It is an old tradition in New York, where you garner votes from up-state bucolics by assailing Tammany, that in those same heavily Republican up-state counties the voting registration lists are in reality necrologies.

What Van Devander says is that both parties are machine-based but that by and large—the doctrine of the lesser evil up-coming—more liberal men and women have come out of the Democratic than the Republican ranks.

From Tammany—Al Smith, Senator Wagner; from Boss Hague—Mrs. Mary T. Norton; from Boss Kelly of Chicago—Adolph J. Sabath.

"NUCLEI" FURNISHED

In Congress, the bossed delegations from Brooklyn, the Bronx, Tammany Hall (at times), Chicago and New Jersey," writes Van Devander, "have been strong nuclei of support for the foreign and domestic policies of the administration."

He makes the point that within the Democratic Party the "reactionaries" like Pappy O'Daniel of Texas and Senator Bilbo come from "unbossed" states. But Van Devander is no apologist or backer for the machines, whose corruption he details succinctly. He tells what he has seen as the New York Post's political and Washington correspondent.

To union people warning up for the Presidential election, Van Devander's book has sufficient value to make it worth reading. It is no blueprint to victory except as it tells how men like Crump, Ed Isabella, and other bosses get to power and how they keep it.

ITS "PLEASURABLE"

To leaders of the CIO Political Action Committee under attack

St. Louis Asks FDR to Run Again

ST. LOUIS—An unusually well-attended citywide meeting of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild adopted by an almost unanimous vote a resolution supporting the wartime administration of President Roosevelt and urging him to seek reelection.

The meeting, marked by an extended discussion of the political role of unions and the American Newspaper Guild, also unanimously approved a motion to solicit \$1 for political action from each member of the local and, with only a few dissenting votes,

Everett Edits CIO Weekly

CINCINNATI—Rollin Everett, chairman of the Post unit negotiating committee of the Cincinnati Newspaper Guild, has been granted a six-month leave of absence as the paper's city hall reporter to edit a new CIO weekly here.

The weekly, supported by contributions of over \$30,000 by Cincinnati CIO unions, will be published during the Fall political campaign. It is mailed to all CIO members as part of local political education activity.

Everett, designated by the American Newspaper Guild, has served as an alternate labor representative on the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission in Chicago.

for spending money in elections, the story of the Upton Sinclair EPIC campaign where \$10,000,000 at least was spent by the opposition, or the gargantuan expenditures of Joe Pew in Pennsylvania to beat FDR, will make pleasurable reading.

Van Devander is such a good political writer, it's a shame he has permitted several inaccuracies to creep into his book.

George Earle was minister to Austria, not Australia; John Kneitz's salary is \$8,000, not \$9,000; the ALP vote for Dean Alfange was 405,609, says the ALP, not 409,047.

In addition, the book was horribly proof-read.

Worst of all is the lack of an index which materially injures the book's value. There are hundreds of names and situations mentioned.

How a book of this kind can be completely useful without an index is beyond me. Scallions to the publishers.

J. B. S. Hardman, president of the American Labor Press Association and editor of The Advance of the CIO's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, has selected and arranged, with factual and historical summaries, the addresses and opinions of President Roosevelt under covers of "Rendezvous with Destiny."

The 286-page book, carrying 16 pages of illustrations, is the only single volume containing the story of the New Deal era as marked by the President's stands on specific issues. (The official nine volumes of collected Roosevelt papers and speeches do not extend beyond 1940.) The Dryden Press, New York, publishes "Rendezvous with Destiny" June 9.

Clyde Brion Davis, charter member of the Buffalo Newspaper Guild and former Denver Rocky Mountain News staffman, is represented in the Farrar and Rinehart Spring list with "The Rebellion of Leo McGuire," his ninth book and eighth novel.

rejected the resignation of a Guild member over the question of union participation in politics.

In rejecting the resignation of Curtis Betts, Post-Dispatch reporter, members pointed out that Betts sought to resign on grounds inimical to a principle of basic concern to the Guild—namely, that political activities of his union make it impossible for a newspaper to report news objectively.

The same argument, it was said, is advanced by reactionary publishers in opposing standard union security agreements.

CIO Political Action Committee Urges Fourth Term for Roosevelt

CHICAGO—(FP)—Full strength of the CIO's five million members was sought for the drive to return President Roosevelt to the White House for a fourth term following his endorsement by the CIO Political Action Committee.

The action was taken at a special meeting of the committee here, attended by CIO President Murray, Chairman Sidney Hillman and others, following similar endorsement earlier by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention.

APPEALS CITED

Citing fourth term appeals already issued by a majority of the CIO members "acting through their international unions and their local organizations," the committee said endorsement of Roosevelt was supported not only

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THE ANXIOUS SEAT



Cartoon by John Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

Cincy Post Unit Winds Up School

CINCINNATI—The Cincinnati Newspaper Guild's Post unit's "school" for new members of the editorial staff scheduled a wind-up management-employee forum on "Our Newspaper."

Carl D. Great, editor, and Fred W. Giesel, business manager, were listed speakers, with Guildsman George Bidingier, Post editorial writer, as moderator.

Guild's Copydesk Class Goes On

After eight weeks of instruction by Sol Abramson, New York Mirror slotman, a New York Newspaper Guild class in copyreading was scheduled to end, but the 35 students voted unanimously that it shouldn't.

Abramson's class is one of four conducted by the New York Guild for its members. There is another course in copyreading, one in "Introduction to Editorial Work," and another in labor history.

The local is making plans to extend its classes, first begun this year, to a full three-semester curricula next year, with classes including advanced copyreading, reporting and rewrite, makeup and layout, color photography and

THEY COOK THEIR OWN



A Boston Newspaper Guild project initiated a year ago has resulted in management installation of a lunchroom in the Boston Record-American building for employees as a "morale" enterprise. Here Catherine Hagman, left, and Mary Fitzgerald, Guild members, inspect an office product of their domestic science, hot off the range.

A DEBATE ON LABOR & POLITICS

Murray, Hoffman Battle Over Rights of Unions

Milton Murray, president of the American Newspaper Guild, took on Representative Clare E. Hoffman, the Republican statesman from Michigan, in a "debate-in-print" this week in a "Wake Up, America!" series sponsored by the American Economic Foundation. Their subject was "Should Labor Unions Engage in Political Activities?" The complete text of the debate, released in New York City May 29, follows:

Murray Opens—

Labor's decision to participate directly in political action is a logical development in the face of conditions imposed upon labor unions. The primary function of a labor organization is to improve and safeguard the conditions of employment—wages, hours, job security, seniority and humane consideration. These matters are no longer—if they ever were—exclusively confined to bargaining between the union and the employer.

Arbitrary restrictions, supported by law, have been imposed upon wages. Other restrictions have been placed on such matters as the union shop. —If they ever were—exclusively confined to bargaining between the union and the employer.

Lawmakers of all degree are proposing legislation to restrict labor. At the same time organized labor, together with the great mass of underorganized workers, is the object of discriminatory tax legislation that would impose a disproportionate share of the cost of government on those least able to bear it.

Obviously, labor cannot picket a statute. It cannot deny the tax bill. It is unnecessary to argue here whether it is proper or improper to place legal restrictions and limitations upon unions.

So long as such restrictions are proposed, labor must concern itself with them and with the men who propose them. Years of experience have demonstrated the relative futility of addressing petitions and mass appeals to Congressmen bent upon shackling labor.

The obvious, simple solution is to send better, more representative Congressmen to Congress.

Hoffman Challenges—

Assuming state legislatures and Congress have passed laws with arbitrary restrictions affecting labor, the labor union must be accepted as to legislation affecting other groups.

The remedy is not, as suggested by Mr. Murray, the formation and action of a labor political party. That course would but array against labor all groups unfavorably affected by labor's demands.

Labor's remedy is not to create a class issue but to select as legislative representatives men of sound judgment, of intelligence, of unquestioned integrity and independence and to them present labor's demands.

Legislative agents possessing those characteristics will give to labor "equal justice under law," which is all any group is entitled to by way of legislation.

Murray Replies—

Most Americans are workers. The only difference between organized workers and unorganized workers is that the organized have a powerful medium for making their wants known.

Wants of both organized and unorganized are the same—bread and butter, security, peace among others. Where those wants can be met by collective bargaining the union serves as representative.

Where those wants must be met by legislation then the union can and must serve as a medium of political action. Organized action by union members has improved standards and conditions for all workers whether organized or unorganized.

Political action by union members will similarly serve the best interests of all Americans.

Hoffman Opens—

Assuming the question is: Should a labor union, as an organization, engage in political activities? —the answer is no! The reason: If a union, or any other organization as a group, adopts political action as a part of its program, it loses its effectiveness as a labor organization.

An illustration: veterans' organizations, farm organizations and many others have always had as their chief purpose enactment and enforcement of legislation which would secure to members the rights and benefits to which they believed themselves entitled.

This is a two-party Government. The organization which carries on political campaigns shortly finds itself a political party, ineffective as a representative of the group whose advancement it was organized to promote.

Political parties advocate the adoption of certain political theories. The purpose of a labor union is to better the workers' condition and opportunity.

Just as the church and the state should be kept separate, labor unions and political parties should be completely divorced from each other. No man can serve two masters and do a good job for either.

If the unions desire to form a political party, adopt the name of labor union party or use any other designation, no fault can be found. If that be done, then the union is engaging in dual activities and the political aspect will overshadow and interfere with the exercise of the strictly union function and it will become just another political party, supported by, and only by, those who believe in its political theories.

Murray Challenges—

When a Congressman states—as one did—that any labor organizer entering his district would be ridden out on a rail it behooves labor, organized or unorganized, to look to the political field.

It is necessary, for example, to be certain that there is a sheriff who will protect constitutional rights—even of a union organizer—a mayor who will be sure that his police chief is not looking the other way, and a judge who will not fine the rail-rider for disturbing the peace. Political action by labor unions is as basic as that.

Hoffman Replies—

A statement that a labor organizer should be ridden out on a rail is absurd. Equally absurd and an insult to the intelligence and patriotism of the voters is the intimation that an honest mayor, sheriff or judge cannot or will not be elected unless labor acts as a political organization.

As long as unions insist that non-union men for \$50 a month should fight and die but only union men at high wages be permitted to make the guns and planes to aid the fighters and unions hold up production by strikes, they will have no influence as political parties for such an unjust discrimination will not appeal to patriotic Americans.

NLRB Scores Donnelly Practices

WASHINGTON (FP)—Known as the home of the open shop in the printing trades since 1907, the R. R. Donnelly & Sons Company of Chicago has been formally charged with unfair labor practices by the National Labor Relations Board in a trial examiner's intermediate report.

Donnelly's Lakeside Press prints a large portion of giant press runs of Time and Fortune magazines, the huge annual catalogues of Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward, Chicago telephone directories and a dozen or more other publications and trade papers.

The 81-page NLRB report is studied with documents from Donnelly officials stating flatly

HELP WANTED AD

The New York Newspaper Guild Placement Service is looking for someone who wants an \$80-\$100 job—but he must be a British subject or a British Commonwealth citizen. The job is that of editorial executive able to write "leaders" (editorials) on a Kingston, Jamaica, daily.

HEALTH PLAN ADVANCED

SEATTLE (FP)—The United Labor Family Medical Care Committee started drafting plans to obtain complete medical, dental and hospital attention for every union member and his family on a prepaid basis at low cost.



ANG Presses Wire Prospectus

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1,600 persons in the wire services for whom the Guild has bargaining rights, out of the approximately 2,500 eligibles.

The meeting, presided over by Sam B. Eubanks, ANG executive vice president, opened with a city-by-city report on the wire services—and definite organizational progress was noted.

DRIVE GETS "SENDOFF"

An optimistic picture was painted by all delegates and a new organizing drive, which was planned to center around the unorganized AP bureaus, was given an enthusiastic sendoff.

War-time problems came in for consideration along with long-range, peacetime planning. One major current problem raised by several delegates was the status of temporary employees.

A general conclusion was reached that all of the wire services had far more temporary employees than it had men in service. Marion Hatch, of the New York AP, said that an agreement had been reached in his bureau whereby the management listed the total number of men who entered service, deducted the number of new jobs which have developed since the war started, and retained only enough waivers to cover the difference.

The remainder of the waivers were returned, generally on a seniority basis, and employees affected were removed from the temporary lists, Hatch said.

"EVILS" NOTED

The evils of the practice of retaining many waivers for each military vacancy were pointed out—the possibility of discrimination under this guise—and it emphatically was agreed that this unhealthy condition must be corrected.

On the question of organization and membership expansion, discussions centered about greater centralization as a means of offsetting the widespread geographical nature of the wire services. Eubanks, speaking for the ANG, said greater staff attention would be given to the wire services as personnel increased. He divided the organization problem into two parts:

1) "Enrollment of members in the services where we currently bargain."

2) "Completion of organization of the wholly unorganized segment of the wire and feature services."

The organization program, in the order it will be conducted, began with the unorganized portion of the AP, and included organization of the United Features and King Features and expansion of organization within the AP, UP and INS-IMP and Acme.

DUES SCALE PROPOSED
As a corollary of the organization program, a uniform wire services dues structure, proposed by the ANG Wire Service Committee, was introduced by Eubanks and William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer, as a means of allocating a larger part of the dues of wire services mem-

Denver News and Guild Set Deadline for Briefs

DENVER—June 5 has been agreed upon by the Denver Newspaper Guild and Rocky Mountain News management as the date by which briefs must be filed by both sides in two dispute points submitted to the War Labor Board in connection with the 1944 Guild-News contract.

The two points in question are union security and the date of retroactivity of the agreement wage increases—the three-week horizontal increase and corresponding increases in most wage bracket



The American Newspaper Guild's first national wire service conference on organizing and collective bargaining brought this lineup in Chicago's Hotel Sherman for two days of sessions. Seated, from the left: Julius Schick, Associated Press, Philadelphia; Robert W. Stranahan, United Press, Indianapolis; Robert H. Bruggers, AP, Minneapolis; Thomas J. Murphy, organizer, New York Guild; Israel Siperstein, AP, Boston; William M. Davy, executive secretary, Cleveland Guild; Margaret Truebridge, UP, New York; Betty Alexander, UP, St. Louis; Doris Houtzer, International News Service, Lima. Standing: John

Wellburg, ANG international representative; Leonard Shane, UP, Chicago; Theodore H. Peck, AP, Detroit; Leonard Millman, AP, San Francisco; Wilfred Wille, INS, Chicago; C. J. Nichols, International News Photos, Cleveland; Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization; R. H. Shackford, UP, Washington; Marion Hatch, AP, New York; Joseph Colangelo, ANG director for wire services; Sam B. Eubanks, ANG executive vice president; William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer. Guild membership in and Guild contract gains for wire service fields have reached new highs, the conference noted.

Grand Rapids Guild Fast Pace Set Signs 1st Press Pact By Pittsburgh In Bargaining

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Following negotiations which began late in March, a contract has been signed by the Grand Rapids Newspaper Guild and The Grand Rapids Press, covering editorial work.

The initial contract, signed by William F. Young, president of the young Guild, and Lee M. Woodruff, editor of The Press, now goes to the Newspaper Commission of the War Labor Board for approval of salary minimums and settlement of one matter of dispute—that of union security.

RIPLEY DIRECTS

ANG International Representative Stephen Ripley handled Guild negotiations for the local, which in February signed an agreement with The Herald.

The Press is the second of eight Michigan papers owned by Booth Newspapers, Inc., to enter into a Guild contract. The Bay City Times contract covers all non-mechanical departments.

The Grand Rapids contract provides for a 40-hour, 6-day week, with a day of 8 hours within 9 consecutive hours, with time and one-half pay for overtime.

\$65 MINIMUM SET

Top salary minimums, after five years of experience, include: State, telegraph, makeup and night editors, \$65 weekly; assistant state, telegraph and city editors, editorial writers and special writers, \$60; copy readers, reporters and photographers, \$55.

A flat differential of \$2 a week is provided for service between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m.

Severance pay will amount to the weekly pay for the first year of service and one week for each nine months of additional service, with a maximum of 20 weeks' pay.

"TRYOUT" PROVIDED

The experience and promotion clause provides for a three-month tryout period in a job of higher classification, at no reduction in pay, with automatic advancement

to the next higher salary classification after the tryout period.

The contract also calls for no pay reductions for any member of the staff while the agreement is in effect.

Service men who have left or leave in the future will be rehired, including those in military or compulsory job service. The time spent in such service will be computed in reckoning experience for severance pay.

STAFF STARTS PARLEYS

The negotiations were begun by a committee from the Press unit of the local Guild, comprising B. G. Brown, assistant city editor, chairman; M. R. Lanker, police reporter; Ralph E. Trux, assistant telegraph editor, John J. McGinnis and Z. Z. Nuidens, reporters, with Edward A. McDonnell, makeup editor and chairman of the Press unit, and President Young, reporter, acting ex-officio.

In the midst of the negotiations McGinnis left the employ of the Press to join the press relations department of General Motors at New York and was succeeded on the committee by Ralph L. Smith, state editor.

Disputes, except for the union security issue, were resolved with the aid of E. M. Sconyers and C. M. Fox of the United States Conciliation Service.

LOOK ADVANCES AVERY FORMULA

After six months of futile negotiations for a new contract, management of Look magazine in New York plucked a leaf out of Sewell Avery's book and suggested that, instead of sending the issue to the War Labor Board, an election be held to decide whether the New York Newspaper Guild really represents Look employees.

There has been a Guild unit on Look for three years, long enough for two contracts to have been negotiated and expired.

Fast Pace Set By Pittsburgh In Bargaining

PITTSBURGH—The Post-Gazette unit of the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild broke all Steel City Guild collective bargaining records when a new contract was signed after five meetings of the negotiating committee and management.

Previous record for Guild negotiations for contracts was set a few weeks earlier with signing of a Sun-Telegraph contract after six meetings with management.

REAMY LEADS PARLEYS
Robert Reamy, Sun-Telegraph artist and president of the Pittsburgh Guild headed both negotiating groups.

The Post-Gazette contract provided for general improvement in pay minimums, primarily in starting wages. Excepted were Guildmen already receiving 15 percent above the January, 1941, minimums.

Management representatives also promised to go over the payroll to institute merit increases.

L. A. Launches Times Campaign

LOS ANGELES—By a vote of more than six to one the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild's general membership at its May meeting approved an assessment for organization work to bring the notorious open-shop Los Angeles Times into the Guild fold.

The assessment will run for 12 months and will be based on ability to pay. The approved amount is a sum equal to 20 percent of each member's monthly dues.

(Groundwork for the organizing drive is under way. A specially enlarged organizing committee has been set up and at least one organizer will be hired. Support will be requested from all organized labor groups, locally and nationally.)

Guild Girds for Fights On 'Maintenance' Fronts

HEARST UNIT POLL COUNTED

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points of sheer absurdity, including refusal of the Bonfils Post management to sign its 1943 contract with the Guild, although negotiations for 1944 pact already had passed into a federal conciliation phase.

Denver Post management lost an appeal from a WLB directive ordering it to sign the 1943 contract last November, but the contract remained unsigned. The WLB denied the appeal April 11, ruling on all contract provisions except maintenance—and its order on that issue was reportedly in transit.

"WE HAVE A UNION—"

"We want to communicate with the ANPA (American Newspaper Publishers Association) to see just what our rights are in this situation before we sign," F. W. Bonfils, Post business manager, told ever Guild negotiators.

"We have a union, just as you fellows have—and a good one."

The Twin Cities case was tangled around a union security dispute which publishers of the Minneapolis papers attempted to resolve by proposing a New York Times formula, accepted by the New York Guild, which hedged the WLB-approved maintenance of membership provision with qualifications.

Management offered the text of the New York Times maintenance agreement, which left the way open wide for crawling out of the agreement if either legislation or court determination should deprive the WLB of the power to enforce a union security pact, and which also limited commitment to the duration of the contract. Executive Secretary John J. Bidelson of the Twin Cities Guild said:

"The Guild negotiators rejected this formula and offered instead the agreement (covering terms of the WLB standard maintenance provision) reached (by the Boston Guild) with the Boston Herald-Traveler. Publishers rejected this."

Another major factor in the Twin Cities Guild's current collective bargaining problem was a WLB decision cutting retroactivity of pay increases at the Minneapolis Star Journal and Tribune, saving management about \$6,000.

The ruling was based on dates of contract expiration and delaying renewal negotiations, which had been stalled by management.

SURVEY PROPOSED

In New York, meantime, the New York Guild wrote to all metropolitan newspaper publishers, asking them to cooperate in a survey of wages and job classifications which was recommended last month by the WLB Commission in directives covering The Times, Daily News and World-Telegram.

New York Guild officers termed the WLB Commission's directives in the case as "otherwise largely unsatisfactory," although the directives, covering about 2,500 employees of the three papers under Guild contract, distributed annual payroll increases of approximately \$400,000.

New York Guild officers said they felt that the proposed survey would show that pay for rewrite-men, whose contract minimums in New York run from \$70 to \$75, would average \$85 to \$90. There are now 600 different job classifications listed in New York Guild contracts.

In its decisions, the Commission did not grant higher minimums than those already agreed to between the Guild and management of the three papers. The Commission majority cited a lack of sufficient data in its orders.

Rollin Everett, Guild alternate business manager, stating that it



Preparations for reopening wage provisions in the New York Newspaper Guild's contract with Hearst's Journal-American are under way here with tabulation of results of questionnaires distributed to 650 employees. Studying the returns, from the left, are Irene Walters, ANG International Representative Joseph Colangelo, Charlotte Mackay and Victor Leo, the Guild unit's contracts committee chairman.

member of the Commission, dissented from the majority's ruling on minimums, pointing out that the principal stumbling block to a joint survey—the maintenance of membership question—had now been removed.

Everett attacked the minimums set by the Commission as creating interplant inequalities, and as such contrary to WLB policy.

In heated meetings, New York

CINCY PAPERS AWAIT 48-HOUR RULINGS

CINCINNATI—Newspapers here probably will not be placed on a 48-hour week mandate for all other Cincinnati industries June 1.

The War Manpower Commission had not yet ruled, but publishers were confident they would be allowed to continue on a 40-hour basis.

"RIGHT" IS GRANTED

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (FP)—The right of collective bargaining, through organizations of their own choosing, was granted to Missouri workers by a state constitutional convention here.

The appeal board also sent a request to the administrative office to forward additional documents regarding wages and working conditions at The Herald Express.

As the close of a 15-day "escape period" neared there was a flurry of belated dues-paying as some members hastened to get into good standing before the May 6 deadline.

The Guild is now negotiating with the Gannett Company for inclusion of the maintenance of membership provisions in its contract, which covers editorial department, employees of the two Rochester papers in Rochester, The Democrat and Chronicle (morning and Sunday).

PROVISO PROPOSED

The Guild's first request for a conference with company officials for this purpose brought a letter from F. A. Glover, Times-Union business manager, stating that it

Guild units at The Times, World-Telegram and News voted to accept the Commission's rulings.

The decision was denounced by Times' Guild members as "the worst of all possible" awards in a resolution which said that it would meet with immediate rejection if this were not wartime.

Acceptance was voted on ground that an appeal to the WLB would take at least four months.

L. A. Case Goes To Appeal Board

LOS ANGELES—The administrative office of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild has been notified by the War Labor Board in Washington that the local's Herald Express contract was in the hands of the WLB appeal board.

Although the 41 were denied specific reinstatement, the WLB said they could apply for reinstatement as new employees on any basis the management may determine.

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IT SET PRECEDENT

The directive order in the Rochester case was the first issued by the Daily Newspaper Printing and Publishing Commission of

Labor Board Sets Ceiling On Anti-Labor Free Speech

WASHINGTON (FP)—Freedom of anti-labor speech for employers has a limit, the National Labor Relations Board held in upholding an election won by the CIO Textile Workers Union at the Botany Worsted Mills, Passaic, N. J., on December 15, 1943.

Botany mill management objected to a press release by the NLRB's regional director at New York on the eve of the election setting out the time and place of the voting and declaring that certain of the company's actions

were improper, interfering with orderly conduct of the election. Following a public hearing in Washington, the NLRB said it found that management had engaged in a preconceived campaign to frustrate its employees in their right to a free, unprejudiced election.

The NLRB cited these management acts:

- 1) Forced attendance of employees at 14 speeches by the company president on the day before the election.
- 2) Instructions to the workers to vote against the union.
- 3) False accusations against the union.
- 4) Publications of various diatribes against the union in the company publication, Botany, which was handed individually to each worker by his foreman.

NLRB Loses 'Contempt' Case

PHILADELPHIA—The Third Circuit Court of Appeals here denied a petition by the National Labor Relations Board asking that the Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company and its president of the same name be held in contempt of court for circulating an anti-union letter.

The NLRB had protested that Budd spread the letter among 15,000 employees after the company had been ordered to dissolve a dummy union, and that the letter, favoring "inside" unions and belittling the CIO, "whittled away the assurances given the employees" that their rights would be fully protected.

Judge Charles Alvin Jones, former Democratic candidate for Pennsylvania governor who wrote the Circuit Court opinion, ruled that the employer had a right "to express his like or dislike for labor unions."

WLB Overrules Order in Strike

WASHINGTON (FP)—The National War Labor Board reversed its regional board in Detroit to uphold the right of management to punish workers who strike in violation of a contract.

In a case involving 41 employees of the Norge Machine Products Division of the Borg-Warner Corporation at Muskegon, the WLB cancelled the regional board's order that the company reinstate the workers who struck in protest against the company's refusal to discharge an employee against whom grievances were filed by the AFL-United Auto Workers.

Although the 41 were denied specific reinstatement, the WLB said they could apply for reinstatement as new employees on any basis the management may determine.

1st Editorial 'Maintenance' Order Brings Dues Record in Rochester

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The Rochester Newspaper Guild entered into maintenance of membership under a War Labor Board directive order with the best good standing record in the local's history—78 dues-paying members, not counting 16 in the armed forces.

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Wages Increased By New Pact In Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, O.—Wage increases totaling more than \$5,000 for 55 employees of editorial and commercial departments of The Springfield News-Sun, and Sun were agreed to by management and the Springfield Newspaper Guild after four months of negotiations.

The increases will be retroactive to February 13, the date the prior contract expired.

MINIMUMS UPPED
Written into the minimums, the increase will mean \$1.50 a week to 25 employees and \$1.75 a week to 30. In addition, staff members of The Sun, a morning paper, will receive a night differential of \$1.75 a week, an increase of 50 cents above the old scale.

Severance pay schedules were extended. Negotiations were conducted for the Guild by John E. Brown, Guild president; Orton G. Rust, vice president, and Dan McCauley. Sitting in on each conference were members of classified and accounting departments.

Guild Gains Negotiated In Elizabeth

ELIZABETH, N. J.—Negotiations between the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild and Elizabeth Daily Journal management have resulted in a contract—the local's second—which establishes a new top minimum of \$55 for reporters. The current contract had a top of \$52.50 in the fourth year.

SEVERANCE UPPED
Severance pay maximum has been increased from 26 weeks to 30 weeks, and the publisher has agreed to establish a merit increase plan under the provisions of the War Labor Board's General Order 31.

The new agreement continues a modified four-out-of-five Guild shop and provides for arbitration of grievances, both included in the initial contract.

The Guild local is organized in all departments—editorial, advertising, business office, circulation and maintenance.

WLB TO HEAR CASE

LOS ANGELES—War Labor Board agreement to hear a Los Angeles Newspaper Guild severance pay dispute at The Racing Form has been granted. The issue was kicked around in various governmental agencies and brought to a decision after pressure by ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers and LANG officials.

Antioch Hears Labor Speakers In Classes

YELLOW SPRINGS, O.—Believing that economics can't be taught from textbooks alone, Antioch College educators have given new meaning and significance to the usual college course in labor relations.

To establish better understanding between college students and organized labor groups, and to help interpret the labor movement not only as the concern of workers but in terms of the community as a whole, they invited accredited labor representatives to speak to the students in the labor relations class and discuss the work they are doing today.

DELAPLANE SPEAKS

In the past few months, students have listened to George Delaplaine, Ohio regional director of the CIO War Relief Committee and member of the Anti-discrimination League.

He described the CIO's active part in war relief, community service, consumer education, anti-discrimination, political action, and social legislation.

Previously, Mrs. John Edelman of the Hosiery Workers Union had told the students about the union's work in public housing. Another time, a labor lawyer from Cincinnati, Julius Holtsberg, explained the practical workings of the National Labor Relations Act and the handicaps it presents for labor organizers.

MURRAY, GREEN JOIN PALESTINE COMMITTEE

Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, will serve as honorary chairmen of the American Jewish Trade Union Committee for Palestine. It was announced in New York City by Max Zarkitsky, president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers Union of America, chairman of the committee.

A communication from Murray recalled a resolution adopted at the 1943 national convention of the CIO which branded the British White Paper of 1939 as "discriminatory, unfair, unjust and a hindrance to the war effort."

BERLIN DIARY: 1944



Robert H. Best, my American Quisling, broadcast from Berlin that it is not only our God-given privilege but our divinely imposed duty to kick Roosevelt... today, on kicking him until he lands in the political garbage can where he belongs!

Cartoon by John F. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

GAS!



Cartoon by Bernard Newman, New York Guild

New Denver Daily Planned By 'Independent' Combine

DENVER—Local interests have formed plans for launching a new afternoon daily in Denver and have applied to the War Production Board for a newspaper allotment.

The WPR denied the application, and the Denver group appealed. Hearing on this appeal was set for June 1, but the group asked for a 90-day postponement of a hearing.

The sponsors of the project are organized as the Sundance Publishing company. A foremost member of the firm is Gene Cervi, formerly of Denver Post and Rocky Mountain News editorial staffs and long a leader in the Denver Newspaper Guild, who now is in charge of public relations here for the War Emergency Board.

"We plan to publish a fearlessly independent paper, one devoted to telling the truth," Cervi said.

Since Scripps-Howard discontinued The Evening News in 1928 in an agreement by which The Denver Post dropped The Morning Post (1 inch to compete

Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY

President, American Newspaper Guild

Customarily, I am one of the staunchest defenders of our nation's military leaders and have particularly sided with them against the sundry second-guessers who attempt at times to tell them how and where to run the war.

It is my personal opinion that our generals have been doing a pretty fair job of demonstrating that we are, ultimately, going to win this war.

Regrettably, these same generals at times abandon their roles of military directors and branch out into other fields where they promptly demonstrate themselves as ignorant and malaprop as the self-appointed civilian strategists.

There was the outstanding instance of General Patton who invaded, first, the field of psychiatry and sought to cure battle fatigue with a little GHQ cuffing. His later excursion into the realm of international diplomacy was not quite as repulsive but almost equally ill-advised.

General Marshall opened a 1944 offensive with an unsupported, undocumented and suspiciously anonymous attack in which he declared that American railway and steel strike threats may have cost the allies all hope of an eruption in Germany and occupied countries that could have brought Germany's collapse before Spring.

The general is reputed to be a man who never forgets a fact. It is regrettable that he neglected to seek a few facts before opening such an assault on the civilian population.

Latest brass hat to rush into the headlines is General Hap Arnold, respected world-wide—and especially by our enemies—for his knowledge of aviation.

General Arnold chose to denounce the strike of foremen in Detroit as having cost the production of 210 fighting planes. He asked what he could be expected to tell the crews of bombing planes if he had to send them out without fighter escorts.

Let him explain that he had been sending my bombers out without escorts—but the headlines interpreted his statements that way.

The striking foremen were castigated back to their jobs. The companies that have refused to deal with them, have refused them recognition or solution of their grievances, were upheld in the public eye and human rights were buried under a wave of the flag.

Now if the General really wants something to tell the bomber pilots, let him tell them about the Brewster plant. Let him explain that at the very time he was talking about 2,000 striking foremen—not all engaged in aircraft production—more than 2,000 employees had been fired from Brewster where all of them had been employed full time making fighter planes.

Let him explain to the bomber pilots that the Brewster contracts have been cancelled and, by July, both the Long Island City and Johnsville plants of the corporation will be closed.

Let him explain that, if there is a shortage of fighter planes it is because the military masterminds ordered it—not because men went on strike.

And if there is a shortage of ammunition for their guns let the General tell the pilots how the army shut down a plant employing 10,000 people in the making of ammunition and how other thousands were laid off in the closing of an Illinois munitions plant.

It is true, of course, that the Brewster plant was producing for the Navy. But the planes are fighter planes. It should not be beyond military ingenuity to adapt production design to turn them out for the other branch of the service.

And if the Navy has too many fighters and the Army too few, it would seem sensible that they should get together on a production schedule. After all, they are both in the same war.

I like to keep my respect for generals and while they stick to fighting I do not find it too difficult.

Thomas Lauds ILO's Postwar Chart

PHILADELPHIA—The International Labor Organization has charted "a first small step" toward building of a postwar world in which men, women and children will be happier and healthier, Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah said in a radio address summarizing ILO sessions here.

Thomas, with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, was a United States government delegate at the ILO conference.

"We have outlined a program which we are taking to the states-

men and politicians of the nations, and, more important, to the plain people, too," he said.

"We are saying to them: If these things are put into the peace settlements, into your state and national laws, your people will be better off. There will be fewer opportunities for another Hitler to arise and plague the earth."

HEIZER WRIGHT IS ACQUITTED

A federal court jury in New York City acquitted Frederick Heizer Wright, New York Daily News copy editor, after trial on charges that he had acted as an unregistered agent of the Japanese government.

Wright, a New York Newspaper Guild member, had been accused of working for the Japanese for 10 years before Pearl Harbor as a publicity writer and consultant, and of conspiring with Japanese officials in New York to conceal the alleged association.

Veterans Want Unions, Scoff at High Pay Rumors

LIE INJECTOR

Ninety percent of returned veterans of World War II believe trade unions are "good things"—and all of them reject "the concept of war workers' swollen purchasing power," Iron Age, authoritative trade publication in the steel industry, reported last week in New York City.

These findings, at shocking variance with newspaper editorials which have nurtured an idea that a sharp cleavage has developed between organized labor and the men on the fighting fronts, were uncovered in a poll conducted by the magazine, a Bible to industrialists.

POILED AT RANDOM

Iron Age in personal interviews in New York and Chicago areas polled men picked at random among soldiers who had seen action overseas, had been medically discharged, did not suffer from any psycho-neuroses, and were back at work in industry.

This is what the magazine found, in part:

"For job protection 90 percent said unions were good things since they were the only voice an employee possessed. . . .

"Although opposed to wartime strikes, 64 percent thought unions should keep their most potent weapon after the war.

"As for the closed shop, 59 percent stated their favor of such a system since it afforded the best worker protection and all who benefit by a union's presence in a plant should share in dues payment. . . .

RUMORS EXPLODED

"When asked about current wage rates, there was complete unanimity in pooh-poohing the concept of war workers' swollen purchasing power.

"Although 90 percent admitted that during their period of military service they believed newly-rich war workers were squandering their unaccustomed wealth, they now were of the opinion that the rise in the cost of living has about equalized wage increases. . . .

Of the war veterans interviewed, 78 percent believed they were entitled to job preference—and "most were vehement" on the subject, Iron Age said, adding that all were agreed that "the welfare of the nation depended on



Cartoon by John F. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

jobs for all" and that they wanted "private enterprise to provide jobs."

The magazine reported: "When asked whether Negro veterans should have job preference, 10 percent refused to answer, admitting prejudice, 1 percent said absolutely no, 60 percent thought there should be no difference in treatment, while the remainder said they had not thought about it and hence could give no definite answer."

Former Lima Proof Boy Wins Tarawa Decoration

LIMA, O.—Lima Newspaper Guildman received a first hand picture of the hell that was Tarawa as the local's first decorated soldier, Purple Heart-holder Raymond Rocco Rush of the U. S. Marines, returned for a

visit after several weeks in Naval hospitals.

Pfc. Rush, formerly a proof boy in the Lima News display advertising department, was wounded by shrapnel a few seconds after he climbed from a Higgins boat into the water as his unit stormed the beach.

In the fourth assault wave, Rush and his comrades waded through more than a hundred yards of knee-deep water before reaching the only U. S.-held land, a small strip of beach behind a protecting seawall.

Rush was able to reach the shore, using his rifle as a crutch, before he collapsed. He remained for 17 hours behind the seawall before being removed with other wounded.

Considered too small and light for football and other sports when he was in high school three years ago, Rush said his disappointment was erased when he was accepted for the Marines.

"Being able to point to membership in the Second Marine Division, cited by the President," he told members of the Guild, "has more than compensated for the inability to point back to a high school athletic career."

His wounds nearly healed, Rush was given a 30-day rest leave to spend at home, visiting his parents and former fellow employees. He did not know whether he would be returned to active duty.

BLOOD BANKED AGAIN

PORTLAND, Ore.—Journal unit members of the Portland Newspaper Guild formed a delegation to the Red Cross blood bank to make another donation, headed by Verne Edwards, chairman of the war activities committee.

Sports Reporter Reports On Fights Over Europe

AN EIGHTH AAF FIGHTER STATION, ENGLAND—It's still a pencil-and-pad routine for Bill Hendricks, former sports writer for The San Jose (Calif.) Mercury Herald and member of the San Jose Newspaper Guild.

He's covering his biggest story now as First Lieutenant William W. Hendricks, squadron intelligence officer at this P-51 Mustang base.

HE REPORTS FIGHTS

Still the man behind the headlines, Lieutenant Hendricks takes the first report from the fighter pilots after they return from mis-

sions to Paris, Munich, and Berlin—and other targets in Occupied Europe.

The reporter who once scribbled notes about California-Stanford's big game now records Nazi aircraft destroyed, weather and flak conditions, and other observations of the young flying officers who are tearing holes in Hitler's Luftwaffe.

Recently promoted to first lieutenant, the intelligence officer entered the Army Air Corps September 11, 1942. His wife is now residing in Mill Valley, Calif. They have a son, John, 2.

New Army Press Units Are Set Up at Fronts

WASHINGTON—Establishment of information and historical units to increase flow of information on front-line combat activities of U. S. Army ground troops has been announced today by the War Department.

The units, composed of officers and enlisted personnel specially selected for their civilian and military background, will have as their primary mission collection and preparation of information of all kinds, including moving and still pictures.

DATA COLLECTED

Secondarily, certain personnel in the units will be charged with collection of data to be used for historical purposes and for summaries of combat lessons.

Members of the units will work in full cooperation with war correspondents, making available to the correspondents the material they collect.

Information and historical units in most theaters of operation will be formed from personnel of public relations and historical teams already in the theaters.

The units, given the overall designation, Information and Historical Services, will consist of a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment and a varying number of Assignment Units which have been named Combat Information Collecting Units and Historical Units.

NEWS ROOMS SET UP

The Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, comparable to the news room setup of a metropolitan newspaper, will be the clearing house for material collected by the Assignment Units—the legmen covering beats at the front.

Guild Lauded for Red Cross Help

PORTLAND, Ore.—"It was a help to our blood donor program and a real satisfaction to the Red Cross to have your Guild express its interest" so tangibly," Kay Larson, director of public information for the Multnomah County chapter wrote Gladys Bowen, secretary of the Portland Newspaper Guild, following a radio program put on by the Guild over KXL, Oregon's most powerful station.

"We have nothing but commendation for the selection and use of the material, the type of convincing, informative and dramatic appeal made, and the broadcast itself," she added.

"The message was put across and it was a fine piece of cooperation."

Labor Tops Blood Bank Rolls

DENVER—Members of organized labor, including the Denver Newspaper Guild, and their families now are contributing 68 to 70 percent of blood donations at the blood donor center of the Denver chapter of the American Red Cross.

This percentage was announced by Harry Hatch, member of the Denver Post chapter of the Pressmen's Union, who is recruiting director among the trade unions for the center, which now has 32,000 regular donors.

Editorial department members of the Rocky Mountain News Guild unit started off their donations by appearing at the blood bank in a group. Every eligible member of the Post unit has contributed at least once and one has given nine pints.

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"NEW DEAL GAME" MAKES HIM "SICK"

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
That Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, is urging a fourth term for Roosevelt is about as surprising as would be a similar stand by Harold Ickes or Henry Wallace. For that was the purpose for which the committee was organized in the first place, headed as it is by a known pro-New Dealer and manned by others of the same political conviction.

And so again the Guild gets sucked into the old role of following the leader, the old business of letting the tail wag the dog, the old balance whereby the Rooseveltian idolaters jockey into a position where they can make it appear to the public that the whole organization is tooth and nail behind the Indispensable Man and the Great Common Cause.

The sucking-in process was obvious and brazen: The Political Action Committee, we were told, was created, first, to get out the vote; then to study candidates' qualifications and report its recommendations to the membership, basing them on the candidates' records of fairness to us, the common herd.

The only hitch is that, actually, the committee was never bi-partisan and was never intended to be; it was a pro-Roosevelt outfit from scratch, set up and designed to pull the CIO and its affiliates onto the New Deal bandwagon by their tails. It was apparent from the outset that any candidate opposing the Roosevelt camp, to which Hillman is firmly addicted, would be counted out on that basis alone.

The spectacle of this "fair" adjudication of candidates of both parties by an all-New Deal Political Action Committee must give every dues-paying Republican Guild member a sickly laugh, or a pain in the neck—or somewhere. Or is this a New Deal American Newspaper Guild, and if so by whose authority?

Now, if anyone cares to look at the books he can say without contradiction from me: "Well, you didn't contribute any money to the Political Action Committee's program, anyhow." That's correct. I am a Republican. If you can think of any reason why I should contribute to a campaign to re-elect Roosevelt when I don't want him re-elected, I'll kick in.

For one, I am sick of watching the Guild, of which I am a paying member, being used as an instrument to help play the New Deal game through the ages.

BOOBY TRAP



—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

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I happen to be a regular subscriber to Common Sense which is dedicated to Tom Paine, one of my favorite authors. So naturally I am interested for a tip to be on the watchout. An indication of my attitude is the fact I resigned from the Socialist Party before Pearl Harbor because of the tendency of some Socialist leaders to flirt with America Firsters.

It positively is not a contribution to unity to bring up past associations in an effort to prove someone is the same he has always been. When a sinner repents he's supposed to be accepted as a member of some sect or other on the basis of perfection and his past is put behind.

But if we were to apply the reasoning of A. B. Magill I'll bet the Communist Party did not cover up its members with pseudonyms, we might find a few former capitalists among them.

Pseudonyms or no pseudonyms it looks as though some former capitalists were guilty of backsliding already in the Communist Party, to see how they slide up to the status quo ante, particularly cheap, pettifogging political machine bosses in the arms of capitalist politics. They say where there's smoke there's fire, and here at least, is smoke.

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HARRY READ.

EX-SOCIALIST SPEAKS ON "EX-CAPITALISTS"
FLUSHING, L. I.

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FURLOUGH AT AN OLD STAND



Pfc. Bernice C. Shine of the Air WAC tries out her old society desk typewriter on a furlough stopover at The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, where she was Newspaper Guild unit chairman before she joined the service last September. She reported to Maxwell Field, Ala., at the end of her leave from a public relations post at Fort Worth, Texas.

With the AUXILIARY

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

News from the Locals

St. Louis Aux held a tea February 8, for which they contacted all the new people on the papers. Four women joined. They have switched from afternoon to evening meetings, held in a quaint little bookshop, with interesting speakers.

HARRISBURG—At the request of the Guild, the Aux held a spaghetti dinner, with a three-fold purpose: to celebrate the Guild's fourth anniversary, to introduce prospective and new members, to arouse interest in the Guild. The party was a huge success. A bond was awarded to the chief Guildman in Patriot-News unit contract negotiations. An Aux rummage sale helped to pay for the bond. Ten dollars of the proceeds was voted to WA-ANG to help defray expenses. Plans are being made for a bake goods sale to raise money for the Guild's delegate to the Milwaukee convention in August.

LOS ANGELES—WA-ANG vice president Dorothy Connelly, CIO Coordinator for the American Red Cross, was instrumental in raising \$700,000 in Los Angeles County alone. Dorothy was one of three women who started the national auxiliary. She refers to herself as one of the few known native Angelenos, who has followed the pattern of the town. "First anti-union, then mildly interested, then in it up to my neck." Her daughter, Mary Dorothy II, will join the Cadet Nursing Corps in June, upon graduation from St. Mary's Academy.

NEW YORK—The May meeting was devoted to price control, with two government movie shorts, and a speaker. Lydia Altschuler, Educational Director of Consumer's Union, spoke on "Price Control and Panic."

AL 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.

CIO Rank and File Vote For FDR in Postcard Poll

NEWARK—Franklin D. Roosevelt is the overwhelming choice of rank and file members of the New Jersey CIO in the coming presidential election, Carl Holderman, state CIO political action chairman announced today in disclosing results of a postcard ballot poll conducted among union members all over the state.

The ballots showed that 69.08 percent of the CIO workers want Roosevelt for a fourth term, which in a nationwide sampling of labor sentiment gave Roosevelt 61 percent and Dewey 39 percent.

CONTRAST NOTED
Holderman noted that the results contrasted with recent figures released by the Gallup poll, which in a nationwide sampling of labor sentiment gave Roosevelt 61 percent and Dewey 39 percent.

CONTROLS FAVORED
DENVER (FP)—Only 15 percent of Americans believe that there should be less government supervision of public utilities after the war than there was before, a poll conducted by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver, disclosed.

Flashbacks

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

A Convention Number of The Guild Reporter in June, 1934, carried four pages of biographical data on delegates to the second American Newspaper Guild convention in St. Paul, Minn., the same month. The banner said: "Guild Ready to Codify Aims."

Attitudes of three publishers, featured in Vol. I, No. 7, of The Guild Reporter, indicated diversity of opinion on the Guild. Roy Howard said: "We in the Scripps-Howard management find ourselves not only in sympathy with the Guild's objectives, but very favorably impressed by the fairness, the moderation and the straight thinking of those promoting the Guild's efforts. . . . The important thing is for publishers to remember that the working newspaperman thinks of the Guild as the on-the-other-hand part: 'Adoption of a press.' Then came the on-the-other-hand part: 'Adoption of a class-conscious and partisan attitude by editorial men through the regaining features of trade unionism. . . . would fail to meet their legitimate requirements.'"

A reporter asked The Philadelphia Record's J. David Stern outright: "What is your attitude toward the Newspaper Guild?" Stern, publisher of the paper which had signed the first Guild contract, answered: "I am heartily in favor of complete unionization for every craft." No weasel-words, he, at that time.

At variance with both opinions was that of William Randolph Hearst. Questioned about the Guild before sailing abroad the Tex., for a European tour, he answered in short sentences: "I don't believe in the Newspaper Guild. I've always regarded newspaper work as a profession, and not as a trade union." He complimented one mistaken reporter (a Hearst employee): "If all publishers treated their employees the way you do we wouldn't need a Guild."

Hearst's thought for the day was: "I like to feel that a newspaperman is like a soldier, doing his work for the romance of it. I'm afraid organization will take the romance out of newspaper work."

Cause for celebration, 10 years ago, was NRA authorization for appointment of a Newspaper Guild member to the Newspaper Industrial Board under the Daily Newspaper Code. Directly the result of Guild requests, it was a triumph.

The American Newspaper Publishers Association considered the Guild menacing enough to make it the subject of a letter to its members, warning them to beware of proposed Guild contracts. "Do not be misled by the fact that the contract is presented by a 'Guild' instead of a union," read the letter. "A rose by any other name, etc."

A further symptom of this new-and-catching-Guild malady was the discharge cases, notice with pay, running up to several months, according to length of service. "Very dangerous!"

Paul V. Anderson, writing in The Nation 10 years ago, commented: "For some odd reason, the activities of newspaper workers do not seem to constitute news of equal value with those, let us say, of newspaper publishers. Nevertheless, the American Newspaper Guild continues to grow with amazing speed."

Newest local to be chartered was Los Angeles, and New York announced one collective bargaining victory to its credit. The Bronx Home News notified the staff that it was on a five-day forty-hour week.

ITU PREXY LOSES IN ELECTION FIGHT

INDIANAPOLIS—Claude M. Baker was defeated for reelection as president of the International Typographical Union by Woodruff Randolph of Chicago, incumbent secretary-treasurer, according to unofficial referendum vote returns from 521 chapters.

The unofficial count gave Randolph 22,975 to 13,941 for Baker and 6,594 for Harry A. Miller of Dayton, O. The returns indicated election of Jack Gill of Cleveland to succeed Randolph as ITU secretary-treasurer.

HUDSON COUNTY ELECTIONS HAP

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Joseph O. Huff has been elected president of the Hudson County Newspaper Guild.

Other officers named are Martin Logan, vice president; Eileen Gaffly, treasurer, and Virginia North, secretary.

UNIT NAMES OFFICERS

PORTLAND, Ore.—Sam Louis Gabel has been elected chairman of the Oregon Journal unit of the Portland Newspaper Guild. Other officers are Herb Conklin, vice chairman; Earl K. Hodges, treasurer; Emma Salavardina, secretary.

JOINT ACTION URGED

RICHMOND, Va. (FP)—United action by all sections of organized labor was urged here by the Virginia Council of Machinery of the AFL.

35 Nominated In N.Y. Fight For Delegates

Thirty-five candidates, 10 of them nominated by petition, were listed last week by the New York Newspaper Guild in a contest for election of a 25-member delegation from the big local to the American Newspaper Guild's August convention in Milwaukee.

The petition slate of candidates was advanced in opposition to 20 named on a local administration slate proposed by the New York Guild's representative assembly for the election of delegates June 29.

STATEMENTS ISSUED

The local administration slate of candidates, headed by John T. McManus, New York Guild president, issued a campaign statement, signed by him, which said in part:

"The RA nominees symbolize the all-inclusive unity which has strengthened the New York Guild in this war period. They are no grouping of factions. . . .

"It would be a serious challenge to Guild progress as well as to the CIO wartime and political programs if this fully representative group, nominated with such care and foresight by your representative assembly, were to be disrupted in character or purpose in the forthcoming election."

The petition slate of candidates issued a campaign statement which said in part:

"The officers of our local have thundered the term 'UNITY' so frequently, with fine timing, that one was lulled into a belief that it had substance."

"Yet examination of their interpretation of the desired state reveals a top-sided, domineering and contemptuous record in such matters as representation of 'other viewpoints' (as they apply put it). . . ."

SLATE IS LISTED

In addition to McManus, these candidates were on the local administration slate:

Jean Curtis, Time, Inc.; Irving Gilman, Times; Hannah Baker, PM; Gladys Bentley, Brooklyn Eagle; Nat Elhorn, local executive secretary; H. Richard Selzer, local organizer; Thomas J. Murphy, local organizer; Peter Dulger, local organizer.

Harry Bergman, International News Service; Robert Conway, Daily News; Marvel Cooke, Peoples Voice; John Crawford, Times; William Driscoll, Jewish Journal; George Edson, Journal-American; Marion Hatch, Associated Press.

Jean Howard, Post; Ruth Howard, Zion, World-Telegram; L. Kaufman, Standard & Poor's; Victoria Rowe, Daily News; Michael Spector, Bronx Home News; Margaret Truebridge, United Press; Edward Zazi, Herald Tribune; William Goldman, Daily Mirror.

FIVE ENDORSED

Opposition candidates on the petition slate, who endorsed Robert Conway, George Edson, Marion Hatch, Jean Howard and J. J. Manning of the administration's slate, were:

Arnold Reichman, PM; Joseph Colangelo, ANG international representative (on leave from Journal-American); Harry Crane, labor press; Carl Lawrence, Amsterdam News; Victor Leo, Journal-American; Harry Lopatin, Jewish Forward; Milton Miller, PM; Peggy O'Reilly, Brooklyn Eagle; Victor Riesel, Post; Arthur Rosenstock, Bronx Home News.

2 DELEGATES NAMED BY ELIZABETH GUILD

ELIZABETH, N. J.—The Elizabeth Newspaper Guild has elected as its delegates to the Milwaukee ANG convention Charles E. Crissey, president, and H. Merrill Mang, The alternates given Douglas Bailey and Charles Walker.

AMONG OURSELVES



RAY JOSEPHS, former Philadelphia-Camden Guildman who wrote stories from Argentina for The Guild Reporter, had to flee Argentine authorities didn't like stories he fled to PM and other papers. . . . RICHARD DETHORN, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette cashier, inducted into Navy. . . .

Second-time fathers: BLAIR REE, past Pittsburgh Guild president, now in Navy; KENNETH NAGIE, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegram clerk. . . . GRAHAM (COZY) DOLAN inducted from Denver into Navy. . . . MORRIS WRIGHT succeeded him as editor for Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers in Denver. . . . GEORGE V. BURNS left Denver's Rock Mountain News for Cleveland Press copydesk.

EMIL ZUBRYN, New York Guildman, recuperating in Arizona after honorable Army discharge and doing fiction free-lancing on the side. . . . Replacing the late Guildman ROBERT E. LEWIS of Philadelphia in the South Pacific as director of Red Cross public information service is LEWIS H. BOWEN, former Guild member.

Major PAUL A. CONLIN, Washington Times-Herald Guildman, now in South Pacific with Army detail of combat correspondents and photographers. . . . JACQUELINE NORRIS, ex-New York Journal-American, ex-British Information Services, arrived in North Africa as Red Cross staff assistant.

JOHN POLLY left staff of Denver Rocky Mountain News to join Albuquerque (N. M.) Tribune as m. e. . . . PHIL STORCH, veteran Lehigh Valley Guild leader, training at Parris Island, S. C., for Marine Corps combat correspondent service.

PAT FRAYNE, veteran San Francisco-Oakland Guild leader, left Chronicle staff to cover five Western states for War Relocation Authority as information specialist. . . . JOSEPH W. MICHALSKI, former financial reporter for United Press in Kansas City, Kans., and New York City, now chief administrative clerk in signal section of 13th Air Force Service Command in South Pacific.

JULIA RUBINSTEIN, formerly with Quigley Publications in New York, serving in Marine Corps in Washington. . . . Lima Newspaper Guild got three new members when DALE DAVIS, RALPH HAUNHORST and LEO McMAHAN joined up with Lima News. . . . FRANK O. HARAWAY, Denver Post sportswriter and statistician, recovering from emergency appendectomy.

Add Guildmen on Pulitzer Prize lists: FRANK E. LANE, Associated Press, took top award for his "Tarawa Island photograph. . . . JAMES McALLISTER, "Bad Break," Philadelphia Inquirer, and BERT BRANDT, "Italy's Woe," Acme Newspictures, won runner-up citations for "outstanding" pictures.

Guild family wedding: BETTY TOWNSEND, New York Post tyliner, former ANG and CIO War Relief Committee staffer, and RICHARD DYER, an organizer of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild and first Oakland Post-Enquirer unit chairman, now a junior marine officer in Army Transport Corps. . . . They were married in New Orleans.

Photographers JAMES SMALLEY and FRED COFFEY, and Reporter JERN PARTLOW of News chosen "Guildsmen of the Month" by war activities department of Los Angeles Guild for story and art on support of Red Cross by CIO, AFL and Railway Brotherhoods. . . . Los Angeles Herald-Express Unit Chairman DON McDONALD and DOROTHY M. SULLIVAN applied for marriage license.

PAUL DENIS of New York Post completed book on night clubs called "The Sun's Bad For You." . . . First prize in West York. . . . PHIL STORCH, veteran Lehigh Valley Guild leader, training at Parris Island, S. C., for Marine Corps combat correspondent service.

PAT FRAYNE, veteran San Francisco-Oakland Guild leader, left Chronicle staff to cover five Western states for War Relocation Authority as information specialist. . . . JOSEPH W. MICHALSKI, former financial reporter for United Press in Kansas City, Kans., and New York City, now chief administrative clerk in signal section of 13th Air Force Service Command in South Pacific.

JULIA RUBINSTEIN, formerly with Quigley Publications in New York, serving in Marine Corps in Washington. . . . Lima Newspaper Guild got three new members when DALE DAVIS, RALPH HAUNHORST and LEO McMAHAN joined up with Lima News. . . . FRANK O. HARAWAY, Denver Post sportswriter and statistician, recovering from emergency appendectomy.

MEMO TO CONGRESS



—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

The Rewrite Deks

Busy businessmen, who get their news predigested from *Time* and their literary culture in easy-to-take *Reader's Digest* capsules, can now find out at a glance, without benefit of industrial relations experts, what dangerous thoughts the help is thinking.

The new time-saver is *The D-M Digest*, in which Carlton K. Matson, former *Toledo News-Bee* and *Buffalo Times* staffman, and Martin Dodge, former New York Merchants Association executive, survey 600 labor publications and 300 other papers, loosely classified as "left wing."

"Anyone interested in influencing the outcome of the 1944 elections will do well to recognize that the great bulk of America's 15,000,000 union members aren't buying the term *free enterprise* this year," *The D-M Digest* reports in its current issue, explaining that to workers the term "invites a skeptical challenge," that it has been "put up as a foil by the opponents of collective bargaining."

This skepticism about the practical connotations of "free enterprise" was reflected, too, in a surprising quarter—*The Memphis Commercial Appeal*, which ran a highly critical review of *America Unlimited*, the profession of "free enterprise" faith by Eric Johnston, United States Chamber of Commerce pin-up boy who now is on a mission to Moscow.

"He talks well, but does he really mean it?" said Pierre Martineau of Johnston in *The Commercial Appeal*, adding: "After reading this book, I don't think Eric Johnston has any conception of labor's aims. I don't think he has the slightest sympathy with the liberal spirit."

And, in a larger purview, there was an even more startling commentary in the staunchly Republican *New York Herald Tribune*, which ran a lead editorial ("Timid America") contrasting socially-conscious British army papers in Italy with *The Stars and Stripes*, which "has no editorials, steers clear of anything beyond the winning of the war and prints nothing which could invite debates . . ."

"It is a reflection," said the *Herald Tribune* editorial, "of the extent to which the United States—the oldest democratic great power in the world, founded upon the concepts of free speech, free political experiment and revolutionary advance—has become officially indented with a timid conservatism in its approach to the real issues of these revolutionary times."

But, to get back to the immediate point of the 1944 elections and labor, the most amazing press observations of all were made by *The Milwaukee Journal*, which the Newspaper Guild, with no little difficulty, has been attempting to organize.

In a top editorial ("A Union Educates for Democracy") *The Journal* said that a CIO "Guide to Political Action" is "one of the most intelligent bits of political education that has come to our attention," that it "stresses the need in a democracy for participation in politics," and that "American government would be better if voters as a whole were given the same kind of political education . . ."

The Chicago Tribune, always good for copy on this departmental beat, greeted the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention in Chicago with an editorial which referred to the CIO as "Brutality, Inc." and to the delegates as a "cold-blooded gang of revolutionaries."

Maurice R. Franks, a popular after-dinner entertainer at Kiwanis, Rotary, and Chamber of Commerce meetings, has collected another brace of press clippings for his scrapbook.

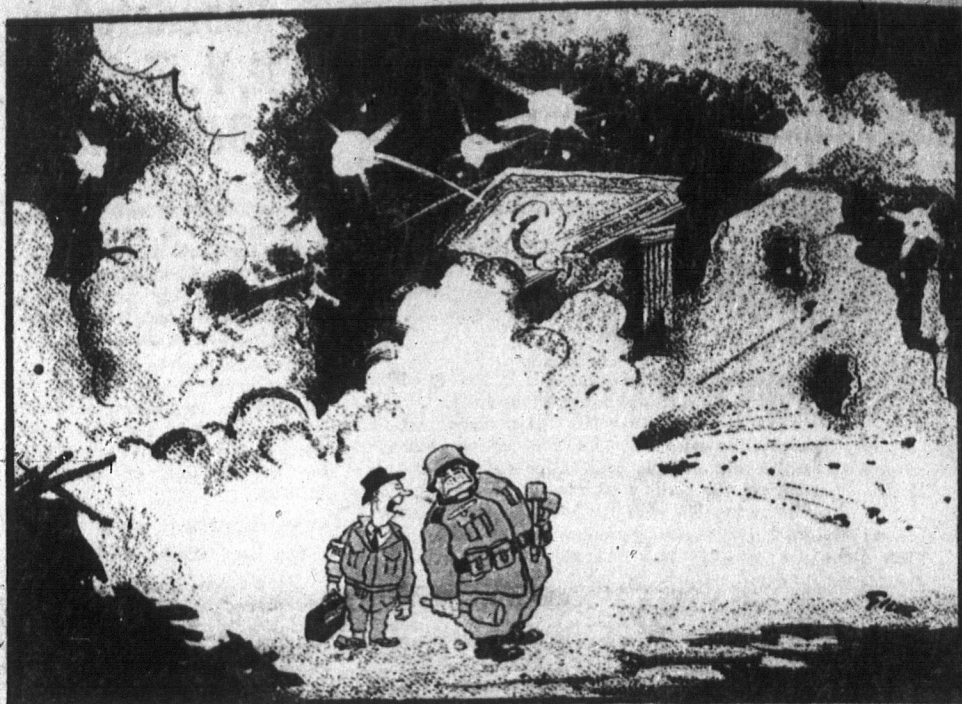
"Labor Leader Hits Closed Shop, Union in Politics," the headline in *The Rocky Mountain News* of Denver said. "Unions Told They Must Clean House," the *Denver Post* headline said.

Advisory memorandum to other citydesk operators who may consider putting Franks on their local assignment log: Franks, billed as editor for and business agent of the Railroad Yardmasters of North America, Inc., edits no labor paper and represents no recognized labor organization.

SHORT TAKES. *The New York World-Telegram* achieved an ultimate goal in a top page one headline on the James H. R. Cromwell-Doris Duke divorce case: "Cromwell Lays Rift to New Deal" . . . And in a three-column post-mortem headline on the political future of Martin Dies: "Dies Declares CIO Is New Communist Party."

Recommended reading: Newspaper Guildsman Kenneth Stewart's three-part *PM* series on the publishing Cowles brothers of Des Moines, Minneapolis and New York; *Life's* "Picture of the Week," showing the girl friend of a soldier looking pensively at a Japanese skull he sent her; was in deplorably bad taste—not to mention its propaganda-value-in-reverse.

News Flash, published by the CIO's United Automobile Workers in Washington, had a good phrase for a radio program: "Fulton Lewis Smearcasts" . . . *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer* had a hell of a time getting fixed around on headlines on the Washington state Democratic convention: "DEMOCRATS BLOCK MOVE TO INDORSE WALLACE FOR V. P." said an early edition; "STATE DEMOCRATS BACK ROOSEVELT, INDORSE WALLACE," said the home edition.



—Cartoon by Giles from *Journalist*, British National Union of Journalists

"Excuse me—could you tell me where the hell I find British headquarters?"

Sidelines Only of War Are Covered By the Washington Glamor Boys

(Continued from Page One) lance, along with other incidental notes and irrelevant observations.

Most of us will do so, however, with the full realization that this city has temporarily ceased to be the capital of the world, that we are in the wrong place at the right time and are simply crying to justify our presence.

OTHERS KNOW IT

It is a slightly gruesome feeling, and yet perhaps it is not unprecedented.

I suppose it is the same feeling that sportswriters have had covering baseball games in the middle of the greatest war in our history. Many of them undoubtedly would prefer to be somewhere else.

But baseball does serve a function in this vast world bedlam, and the men who write about it are not writing for posterity but for thousands of kids in Army camps who still want to know who's who and what's what in the big leagues.

Well—and I say this without condescension—we are all about to become sportswriters, covering one of the sidelines of war while the big story of our time breaks.

It is the story that will determine the length of the war and the future of the world in which we and our children are to live. It is the story that no man can truly write or feel at this distance, and one to which we can only add feeble footnotes.

This is a time for humility, for sober recognition that all the by-line essays filed from a telegraph office are less vital than the single

bullet fired by an anonymous boy on a European beach.

Call it invasion or liberation or whatever name you choose, it will be the flash for which we have been waiting from the time that the first Nazi storm trooper first set foot on democratic soil, the announcement that heralds the beginning of a new and decent day for ordinary humanity.

It will be the great grim hour when the writings of Washington correspondents become the vague murmurings of minor men aware that—for the foreseeable future—history can no longer be written from comfortable chairs in restful offices, three minutes' walk to the nearest bar.

For it's to be written only in the blood, sweat and tears of millions of our friends and countrymen.



JAMES A. WECHSLER
" . . . a time for humility . . ."

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OPA Enemies Win Victory

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Enemies of price control and the OPA have won their first victory to start the dangerous spiral of inflation.

On May 26 the Senate Banking and Currency committee prepared to offer its bill extending the Price Control act for another year. In it the committee included, by a 12 to 6 vote, an amendment offered by Senator John H. Bankhead (D. Ala.).

Bankhead's amendment takes off the lid from price freezing on cotton goods. That means that manufacturers could and would boost the cost of work clothing, overalls, shirts, house dresses, clothing for children and babies.

CIO President Philip Murray, in a letter to all affiliated unions, pointed out that the amendment will "open the door to unlimited price increases in every commodity consumers use."