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Smash Victory Won Guild Wins Maintenance At Seattle Times In Two Scripps Contracts

SEATTLE—The Seattle Newspaper Guild won a clear and decisive victory among Seattle Times commercial department employees when 57 of 85 ballots were cast for the Guild in a National Labor Relations Board election.

The unit consisted of Seattle Times employees in the advertising, inside circulation, telephone, information, morgue and home economics departments.

The representation election was the third held for Times em-

ployes in little more than a year. Two previous elections, also won by the Guild, covered editorial employees and circulation district managers.

The June 13 election ended a campaign to complete organization of the conservative Seattle Times—a campaign that was highlighted with the breaking up of a company union and the thwarting of an AFL union's effort to raid Guild jurisdiction in the circulation department.

Times management and the Guild reached an agreement for a consent election after the Guild voted to exclude about 20 business office employees from the unit for the purposes of this balloting. A separate election or card check will be held for business office employees at a later date.

James Farmer, former international vice president of the American Newspaper Guild, directed the successful Times campaign.

Among those assisting were Marjorie Smyth and Katherine Reedy (Times classified); Ernest Everett and Jack Gamble (Times display), and Herbert Gauger and Earl Simpson (Times circulation).



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

Two newspapers in the Scripps-Howard chain, long a bitter opponent of guarantees of Newspaper Guild security, have been directed by the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission to apply its maintenance of Guild membership policy in contracts with the union.

The orders by the WLB agency in Chicago covered the disputed security issue involving the Guild and Scripps-Howard management of The World-Telegram in New York, which indicated June 26 that it would comply with the directive, and The El Paso Herald-Post in Texas.

At the same time the Commission ordered a maintenance of Guild membership clause inserted in the El Paso local's contract with The El Paso Times and handed down a similar decision in a years-old Guild dispute with The Knoxville (Tenn.) Journal.

TIME PLEA REJECTED

In other significant developments on the Guild's wartime union security front, the National War Labor Board in Washington rejected an appeal by Time management from a Regional War Labor Board maintenance order, and initial Guild contracts incorporating the maintenance policy were signed for two important papers.

Complying with earlier Commission directives, managements of The Buffalo Evening News, largest paper in New York state outside of Manhattan, and of The Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville, biggest daily in that resort state, wound up their first negotiations with the Guild by making the security policy effective.

And in Massachusetts, The Quincy Patriot-Ledger, with which the Guild was in collective bargaining relations for the first time, and The Lynn Daily Item were reported ready voluntarily to write maintenance clauses into their contracts, which were being negotiated by ANG Vice President George A. Harris.

There was a setback, too, for the Guild in the union security issue. The WLB Commission in Chicago, with ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks dissenting as labor member, denied maintenance of membership in rulings in six Associated Press dispute cases.

"HARMONY" PREVAILS

The Commission directed that so-called "harmony clauses" instead of maintenance clauses be inserted in Guild contracts covering AP bureau employees in Boston, Kansas City, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Atlanta and Detroit.

The "harmony" provision, now in effect in the Guild's contract with the New York AP bureau, cites mutual "good faith," "co-operative relationship" and "restraint" in union-management relations. A Guild-AP dispute on security for the New York contract was still pending before the Commission.

"The ruling of the Commission majority," Eubanks said in his dissent in the six AP cases, "is neither in accord with the NWLB general policy on union security issues nor with the specific directive to the Commission for reconsideration of its original ruling."

Locals Issue Guild History

More than 3,400 copies of "Headlines in the Story of the Guild," historical pamphlet published by the American Newspaper Guild, have been distributed by 16 locals to members of the union.

The illustrated pamphlet, which tells the story of the Guild's achievements since 1933 and outlines the union's structure, functions and objectives, was first sent to officers of locals who were urged by the ANG to make wide distribution to members as part of the Guild's educational program.

Since its publication in May, these copies of "Headlines in the Story of the Guild" have been ordered by these locals from the ANG at a less-than-cost price of \$5 for 100:

Akron, 100; Tri-City, 100; Cincinnati, 400; Denver, 200; Detroit, 200; Elizabeth, 100; Harrisburg, 100; Indianapolis, 200; Lima, 100; Memphis, 200; Northwestern Indiana, 100; St. Louis, 100; San Diego, 200; San Francisco-Oakland, 1,000; San Jose, 100; Seattle, 200.

GOP CONVENTION ROUNDUP

Covering a Convention Is an Ordeal For Victims on the GOP Assignment

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

CHICAGO—Correspondents on the war fronts have won many well-merited tributes for valor under fire, but those of us who are covering the Republican national convention deserve at least a small flower.

Death from boredom can be horrible, too.

By the time this appears it will be all over, and perhaps in the intervening days something will have happened to break the monotony. At this moment our hopes are not high.

Not even the arrival of the gov-

ernor of New York is likely to put new life into the proceedings.

In this setting the problem of the care and feeding of newspapermen becomes acute. I know it is almost irreverent to compare our plight with that of our colleagues who are stationed in remote war zones, living precariously from day to day. But we also serve who only stand and wait—for something to happen.

The only element of suspense so far has been the usual uncertainty as to whether Harrison Spangler will finish his sentences.

Sometimes he wraps himself in a dangling participle and it is touch-and-go as to whether he will ever escape.

Apart from such diversions, an atmosphere of dull fog envelopes the convention.

EARLY ONES SUFFER

The men who have suffered most are those who arrived a week in advance to pay their appropriate journalistic respects to the advance meetings.

When I reached here many of these early settlers were already displaying the convention pallor and the glazed eyes that are inevitably associated with such gatherings.

What is more, they had already written the same story four times and were doomed to rewriting it (Continued on Page Seven)

Ballots Go Out to Guild Members In Presidential Endorsement Poll

Distribution of the bulk of mail ballots in an advisory political endorsement poll of members of the American Newspaper Guild will be under way next week.

The postcard poll, in which every Guild member in good standing as of June 1 was eligible to participate, has as its question: "Should the 1944 convention of the American Newspaper Guild endorse a candidate for President of the United States?"

LIST IS CHECKED

The mail list of dues-paying members entitled to vote in the poll was checked this week at ANG headquarters in New York City following posting of June 15 dues remittances from locals, and ballot cards were prepared for mailing from headquarters not later than July 15.

Early in June approximately 3,600 ballots were mailed out to listed addresses of dues-exempt members in good standing in the armed forces. Some addresses in this group were being rechecked to insure the widest possible distribution to members in uniform.

Return postcards in the poll, which are to be marked "Yes" or "No" and mailed not later than midnight, July 31, to a locked postoffice box in Milwaukee, will be counted there on August 7, opening day of the ANG's eleventh annual convention.

The union's International Exec-

Dear Guild Member:

The 1944 Convention of the American Newspaper Guild probably will be asked to endorse a candidate for President of the United States.

Accordingly, for the guidance of Convention delegates, the International Executive Board of the ANG has directed that an advisory poll of the membership be taken.

As a Guild member in good standing, you are asked to fill out the enclosed ballot and return it to the Guild.

Q. Should the 1944 Convention of the American Newspaper Guild endorse a candidate for President of the United States?

This specimen ballot shows the purpose and form of the American Newspaper Guild's advisory poll of the union's rank and file on whether their convention in August should endorse a candidate for President.

utive Board ordered the poll because of "divergent points of view within the membership on the subject of political endorsements."

Results of the rank-and-file expression of opinion will not be binding on the Milwaukee convention, but will serve as a guide in policy for the delegates, who meet following national Republican and Democratic conventions.

Some local Guild governing bodies already have acted affirmatively on the question which the postcard poll poses to each member, and have voted to endorse a fourth term for President Roose-

velt. Among them are locals in New York, Milwaukee, Chicago, Los Angeles and St. Louis.

MRS. ROOSEVELT QUOTED

In the White House itself, Eleanor Roosevelt, a member of the Washington Guild, was asked at a press conference for comment on the ANG's poll.

"I don't think we should tie the Guild to any one person," Mrs. Roosevelt said.

"You can't bind a whole membership anyway. We vote as individuals. People are extremely jealous of their right as individuals to do whatever they want."

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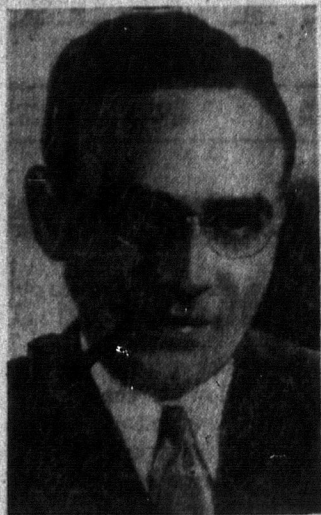
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HEADLINERS: THEY'LL ADDRESS CONVENTION



MORRIS L. ERNST

Principal speakers at the American Newspaper Guild's eleventh annual convention August 7 to 11 in Milwaukee will include Ernst, special ANG counsel; Deibler, vice chairman of the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission, and Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer. Ernst, famed liberal lawyer, will lead a forum for delegates on freedom of the press. Deibler, public member of the WLB agency, will confront a convention which will examine its operations critically. Carey, second in command of the CIO, will represent it.



DR. F. S. DEIBLER



JAMES B. CAREY

Memphis Names Three Delegates For Milwaukee

MEMPHIS—W. A. (Red) Copeland, vice president of the American Newspaper Guild, R. Craig Shuptrine and Pete Swin have been elected by the Memphis Guild as its delegates to the union's national convention in Milwaukee in August.

Only five candidates were nominated and two withdrew so the three were declared unanimously elected.

THEY'RE VETERANS
Copeland has attended every ANG convention but one. Swin has attended three others and this will be the third consecutive convention for Shuptrine.

In addition to being CIO director for the Memphis area, Copeland is Tennessee CIO president and secretary-treasurer of the Memphis Guild.

Shuptrine is president of the Guild and Swin is president of the Memphis CIO council and vice president of the Memphis Guild.

Denver Names Lowe as Delegate

DENVER—Warren Lowe, head of the Rocky Mountain News unit, has been elected delegate to the Denver Newspaper Guild to the Milwaukee convention of the ANG in August.

Morris Wright, editor of the International Union of Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers, was chosen alternate.

Indiana Local Picks Delegates

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indianapolis Newspaper Guild has voted to send three delegates to the national convention of the American Newspaper Guild in Milwaukee in August.

The local first voted to send President Lowell Nunnbaum of the Times unit and Robert Stranahan of the United Press unit.

In a later meeting, the membership agreed that the expenses of Jack Huron of the Times unit also should be defrayed. M. J. McGeehan is the second alternate elected by the local.

Winchell Files Guild Application

LOS ANGELES—After saying in a West Coast broadcast that "Martin Dies is the most dangerous man holding public office in America," Walter Winchell signed an application to join the American Newspaper Guild.

John Cobbe, former Los Angeles Guild president, W. E. Oliver, president of the local, and G. K. Williams, local administrative officer, received the application.

They were part of a delegation that saw Cobbe take part in the broadcast, in which Winchell praised the role organized newspaper workers are taking in the nation's affairs.

The Broadway columnist signed himself "Reporter." He seeks membership in the New York local.

Madison Elects Milwaukee Delegates

MADISON, Wis.—Eva Jollos, local secretary, and Mat-Moore Taylor, former secretary, have been elected delegates to the American Newspaper Guild's August 7-to-11 convention in Milwaukee by the Madison Guild.

Miss Jollos, a reporter for The Capital Times, is also editor of The Madison Guildman, new monthly publication of the local, and unit collector.

Miss Taylor is a Wisconsin State Journal reporter, unit collector, and a member of the Madison Guild's executive committee.

Both represent the Guild in the Madison Industrial Union council, of which Miss Jollos is secretary.

Alternates elected by the Guild are James R. Miller, Capital Times photographer, and Joseph (Boudy) Coughlin, State Journal sports columnist who recently was elected local vice president.

Delegates Named By Host Local
MILWAUKEE—These delegates have been elected by the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild for the national Guild convention opening here at the Hotel Schroeder August 7:

John O. Kykry, president of the local; J. Nash McCrea, treasurer of the local and general chairman of the convention committee, and Sherman Jenkins, Sentinel circulation man.

Alternates elected are Cyrus P. Rice, secretary of the local; Leslie F. Cross, Sentinel editorial unit, and Ted Kanis, Sentinel circulation.

At the same citywide Guild meeting the local elected Phil Kerby as Guild representative on the Denver CIO Council, to succeed Graham Dolan, who has gone into the Navy.

Morris Wright was chosen as Guild delegate to the CIO state convention in the Adams Hotel, Denver, on July 8.

LABOR DRIVE KILLS ANTI-UNION BILLS

BATON ROUGE, La. (FP)—A hard-hitting offensive of combined labor forces representing AFL, CIO and railroad unions killed two laws aimed at destruction of Louisiana unions before they reached the floor of the legislature.

The bills, which would abolish the closed shop and impose harsh regulatory measures on union financial affairs, were pending in the legislature under the alleged sponsorship of the notorious Christian American Association.

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LABOR KNOWS THE SCORE

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Lynn Names Two For Convention

LYNN, Mass.—Members of the Lynn Newspaper Guild will hold their annual Summer outing July 26, when a \$50 war bond will be given for the Guild's annual convention in Milwaukee.

The Lynn Guild's annual convention in Milwaukee will be presented with funds for their Midwestern trip in August.

Joseph M. Coburn of the Lynn Item and Paul F. Neal of the Lynn Telegram-News have been chosen as delegates, with Eddie Collins of the Telegram-News and Eddie Jaffe of the Item as alternates.

President Charles B. McGee is in charge of the triple program, assisted by Collins, secretary; Catherine Aris, treasurer, and Tom McGovern, Neal, Dick Smith and Coburn.

McKENNA CHOSEN BY OREGON GUILD

PORTLAND, Ore.—John B. McKenna, president of the Portland Newspaper Guild and president of the Portland Industrial Union council, was elected as the Portland Newspaper Guild delegate to the annual Guild convention in Milwaukee.

Loren H. Millison, chairman of the Oregonian unit and first president of the Portland local, was named alternate. McKenna is with The Journal.

JUNTA IN BOLIVIA APPROVED BY CIO

The CIO Latin American Affairs Committee, of which President Milton Murray of the American Newspaper Guild is a member, asked the State Department to extend recognition to the present government of Bolivia, which it described as "with the United Nations 100 per cent."

The Bolivian junta now ruling the country has given concrete proof that "it is truly representative of the Bolivian people and is supporting the United Nations in the war against fascism," Committee Chairman Jacob S. Potofsky said in New York prior to the State Department's announcement that recognition had been granted.

Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

It has long been time that someone spoke out for the picards. These are the citizens—not always selfless and not invariably noble—who perform the union chores for pay. They are the organizers, the negotiators, the representatives, the officers and editors who do full-time jobs that most of us have neither time nor interest to attend.

These are the "professional agitators" that Peglers are constantly attacking, the "pork choppers" and "per capita termites" about which union members occasionally complain.

As one of the earliest and loudest yelpers against "business agents" taking over our union, I feel I have a right to speak for the picards. As an officer who is only intermittently home to the union cost sheet—and then on the basis of lost pay at the minimal rate set by a penurious board management—I feel I can speak with lofty disinterest.

My principal complaint against picards is that most of them are stark, staring nuts. Very few of the hundreds I have met could make as much or more at their trade.

Instead of working any and all hours of the 24 they could have regular shifts that would get them occasionally home to the wife and kiddies. They could be subject only to the carping of one boss instead of the manifold beefs of the rank and file.

Working under contracts, they would have seniority and security in their jobs rather than a tenuous election-to-election tenure.

There is a constant public finger pointing at the labor leaders and their plush incomes.

The 1,200,000 members of the United Auto Workers pay R. J. Thomas a fabulous \$9,000 a year in salary. This approximates three quarters of one cent per member per year.

At this burdensome cost, the individual members expect a leader who will match wits and ability with C. E. Wilson, whose latest publicized take from General Motors was \$276,433.94 in 1941, or K. T. Keller who extracted \$100,000 from Chrysler in 1941.

With only a very slight bias to my judgment, I'd say that the expectations of the dues payers have been well fulfilled and that in wit-matching R. J. has done very well indeed.

Some complaints will raise the issue that R. J. has an expense account. True enough, but I would be mildly interested to compare his with those of the automotive moguls. I've never seen R. J. with a suite at the Mayflower.

Another phase of this problem is the establishment of union men in elective or appointive governmental jobs.

One I know was given a city job at the clamorous insistence of his local, international and sundry union groups. He has done an excellent job, both from a civil and union point of view. He could not, today, in the local he formerly headed, be elected swing shift steward.

The very people who insisted they should be represented in city government now denounce him as a job holder and job seeker.

Their attitude is reflected by that of union members who attend a union meeting every year or so and complain against the organizer or executive secretary.

It seems to me we should make up our minds. If there are jobs to be done that we ourselves do not want to do then let's hire someone to do it.

Having hired him, I see no reason to scorn or ridicule him as a picard or pork chopper. So far as I am concerned, he is my guy, doing my work and getting too little pay or appreciation for it.

And if we are going to ask union men to take government jobs we should support and respect them so long as they are doing a good job. If we lose too often the air of "politician" at every decent man who serves as our representative we will wind up having only "politicians" of a calibre to accept slurs.

I do not want a union run by picards. I want one in which the rank and file make the policy and direct the show.

But so long as I see union meetings attended by a fraction of the membership, committee work sloughed off and a constant clamor for "someone to take care of it," I am convinced that picards are necessary.

If you don't think so how about getting on the grievance committee and giving up about four evening a week?



Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

Ken Crawford Files a Classic of War

Kenneth Crawford, who succeeded Heywood Brown as president of the American Newspaper Guild, "seems to have been the only reporter actually to land with the first wave" when Fortress Europe was invaded, Newsweek reported in its June 19 issue, which carried his "classic story of a classic assault," presenting it "proudly as the first complete and coherent account of the vital first blow."

The story by Crawford, an associate editor of Newsweek, and one of its war correspondents, is reprinted proudly by The Guild Reporter as a magnificent job of reporting by a gallant Guildsman on the highest assignment of our time. It follows, slightly condensed:

BY KENNETH CRAWFORD

We were 32 drenched, seasick American soldiers, two placid Coast Guardsmen, and one shivering war correspondent in a pitching landing barge a few hundred yards off the Normandy coast. This was it...

We were one of the first wave of assault teams in what promised to be the first successful cross-channel invasion for centuries.

No bookmaker would have given these 32 assorted experts in killing better than an even chance of living through the next hour, much less the next day.

In a vague way they knew this, but they were not impressed. In one breath they called themselves "The Suicide Wave" and in the next they talked about what a hell of a time they were going to have after the war.

"FOLKS BACK HOME" GET SOME COMMENT

"Guess the folks back home are pretty excited about this," said a voice from the back of the barge as we turned for the final run into the beach where German machine guns, German artillery, and German mines were presumed to be waiting.

"That son of a bitch Higgins," he said, "he hasn't got time to be proud of about inventing this boat."

"DOWN RAMP" ONTO THE BEACH

"Down ramp!" shouted the coxswain from the elevated stern. Down it came with a clank and splash. Ahead—and it seemed at that moment miles off—stretched the sea wall...

I charged out with the fleet, trying to look fierce and desperate, only to slip into a shellhole and submerge myself in the Channel. Luckily my gear was too wet and stinking to put on, so I was light enough to come up.

The soldiers were well out of the water, carrying packs, guns, the water, carrying packs, guns, heavy mortar parts, and radio equipment, by the time I made the beach. They crouched low and ran apiece...

Strangely, there were no mines and no machine guns. Only artillery fire, and that directed against the boats.

Not a man in our wave, so far as I know, was lost, but three shell bursts followed our barge as she pulled away from the beach. Others were hit. Our mother ship lost seven boats either from the artillery fire or the swamping...

Lieutenant Eldred Kron of the Coast Guard, commander of our group of boats, ordered, "Turn!" just in time. His own boat was so filled with water that she barely floated. He got her back to the mother ship by balling.

THE NAZI GUNS GET THE RANGE

I leaned against the sea wall and looked back over the beach. The second wave was just coming on. As far as I could see to the left and right they came—more slowly this time because they had seen the easy time we had. Too slowly...

A shell from the battery of German 88s in a strong point beyond the upper end of the beach had got range.

Just in front of me a shell burst in a cluster of seven men. Six crumpled, apparently dead. The seventh screamed in agonized amazement.

There still were no hospital corpsmen on the beach. When the

ment. Their first objective would be the retaining wall along the dunes flanking the beach.

They expected to fight for the wall when they reached it, and bayonets were fixed for the ordeal.

One of my boatmates proffered a bag of hand grenades.

"Can't use them," I shouted. "War correspondent. Rule against it."

"To hell with the rules," he said. "You got to have something if you haven't got a gun."

"Wouldn't know how to pull the pin," I answered.

He gave me a look that seemed to combine pity with disgust.

"Remember what you've been learning for the last three years," said Captain Robert Crison in an easy Birmingham voice.

THE CAPTAIN GIVES ADVICE

"Don't run in water or you'll just wear yourself out. When you hit the beach, run for that wall and let 'em have it. Get some toe-holds along that side planking."

In another half minute the ramp would be down, exposing our barge to fire from the wall or dunes.

Glancing over the port side of the barge I saw one control boat clinging to the slimy hull. One wounded man kept losing his hold and slipping. His mates snatched him back.

Just beyond the control boat, a tank barge was hit amidships and started sinking fast.

Even then there was time for a kid called Red, who was more green than red after holding his head in a bucket throughout the entire trip, to offer up an American wisecrack:

"That son of a bitch Higgins," he said, "he hasn't got time to be proud of about inventing this boat."

"Take it easy," I said. "You'll have your arm and your leg."

We must have fallen in a tangle six times before we regained the sea wall and safety. Later I saw him aboard the evacuation barge. He will have his arm and his leg, but they may not be much good.

Now the 88s were raking the beach with murderous accuracy, picking out the largest clusters of men and the biggest boats.

But casualties for this kind of an operation were relatively light. On our ship there were 150 wounded and a half-dozen dead that night. Other ships had similar quotas.

In military terms, it was a cheap landing.

Once gathered together and feeling that the sea side of the wall was completely secure, I started exploring our beach...

Now the beach was swarming with men and vehicles. Two holes were blown in the sea wall by the businesslike Army Engineers, veterans of Sicily and Salerno.

One demolition blast was so close that it temporarily deafened me in one ear... Chunks of wall bounced off my helmet. Tank tracks and other beach obstructions were similarly dealt with.

Presently the traffic—trucks, tanks, jeeps, hospital wagons, were moving in a bumper-to-bumper cruise through two holes in the wall. Steel-mesh roadways were laid over the dunes.

Soldiers deployed inland according to prearranged plan. The battalion of which my battery

was a part captured 20 German prisoners within an hour after landing. Red was feeling fine again.

The prisoners were mostly bedraggled teenagers, frightened and sometimes wounded in the terrible preinvasion bombardment from the sea and air. They came out of their shelters willingly.

Presently I came upon a brigadier general, assistant commander of the division spearheading the attack. He was as wet as I and shivering even worse.

He huddled against the wall at its higher point, wrapped in an Army blanket and sitting cross-legged, Indian-fashion. He had landed with the first wave—an innovation for brass...

THE GENERAL MAKES SOME OBSERVATIONS

"That's war for you," the general complained. "The field commanders don't know where in hell their own men are, to say nothing of the enemy. They give orders anyway. It's a good thing I was here early to get that wall blown."

I happen to know that the men who blew up the wall had needed no orders. They came ashore knowing precisely where it was to be blown and carried the equipment to do it.

Anyway it was nice to have a general on hand so early in the game. Particularly because he had dry cigarettes, having had the forethought to wrap them in a rubber receptacle ordinarily used for quite another purpose.

The general wondered what was going on in the little cluster of houses and barns across the meadow behind the dunes, about a mile away.

I volunteered to take a look. As I stood on the dune looking, a captain called me a fool and ordered me down. He said I'd draw fire.

I reported to the general that his men were already visible in the village.

"I'll take a look myself," he said.

HE TAKES A LOOK AND HITS THE DIRT

He mounted the dune, stood erect, and looked. I gave the captain what I hope was a withering glance.

Shortly, though, there was a whine and all hit the dirt. For a grandfather, the general turned out to be extremely agile. The captain had the had taste to laugh raucously.

Most of the big German guns in the area seemed to have been knocked out by the early bombardment, but one gun continued to give covering fire to the infantry as it advanced inland.

One destroyer was sunk, but in such shallow water that it continued to fire its batteries.

The single 88 continued to rake the beach all day despite being encircled by tanks and the infantry...

Worsening weather was a greater cause for concern than the gun. The waves got so high in the afternoon, as the tide started receding, that low vehicles were frequently swamped...

Everything was proceeding according to schedule despite the 88s and occasional mortar blasts on the beach and along the roads leading inland.

At one point an 88 started fire in a small gasoline dump at the lower end of the beach. It spread to nearby trucks.

The men who dashed out to fight the fire were pelted with further shots. The German bomber was earning his keep.

CRAWFORD READS HOME TO MOTHER

Toward evening I consulted a Navy beachmaster, who had set up a traffic-control station near General Headquarters, about transportation back to the mother ship.

He put me on a small personnel

KENNETH CRAWFORD
He was first on the beach

88s shifted their fire to another sector, I ran down to help the seventh man.

He turned out to be a 200-pounder and beyond my strength to carry. At his suggestion we tried walking with me as a prop. He had been hit in the arm and leg with shrapnel. Both were broken.

THEY CARRY ON A CONVERSATION

"What good am I going to be without an arm and leg?" he asked.

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I happen to know that the men who blew up the wall had needed no orders. They came ashore knowing precisely where it was to be blown and carried the equipment to do it.

Anyway it was nice to have a general on hand so early in the game. Particularly because he had dry cigarettes, having had the forethought to wrap them in a rubber receptacle ordinarily used for quite another purpose.

The general wondered what was going on in the little cluster of houses and barns across the meadow behind the dunes, about a mile away.

'Know Your War Correspondent,' Army Instructs Field Officers

WASHINGTON—The free press "is one of the underlying things for which we are now fighting," the Army points out in a thorough-going little primer, "Know Your War Correspondent," which it has issued to field commanders in the European Theater to aid in a full and free flow of invasion news to the home front.

"Americans have by law the right to criticize, to talk freely, to discuss things as we see them, in the American way," the 24-page pocket-size handbook says. "This is our safeguard for democracy."

Here are some more quotes from "Know Your War Correspondent," many of which could stand as general rules of conduct and relations for all newspapermen and their news sources in wartime:

"Sometimes the questions asked by the press seem impertinent. Sometimes they are. But they are the questions that these news-

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paper representatives feel the people want answered."

"There is no story in the world good enough to justify risking the life of a single American soldier."

"A war correspondent must not be regarded as an individual. He is a representative of the readers of his publication... the eyes and ears of the people at home."

"It stands to reason that the obligation of the war correspondent... is a great one, and, by the same token, the responsibility of those in the Army, in ensuring that the war correspondent gets his information quick, right and truthful, is just as great."

"Many of the war correspondents... reported to us across the sea to America before we were in this war, trying to make us realize, through facts, that one day we might be embroiled in this world conflict; begging us to prepare; beseeching us to be ready."

"If one war correspondent may appear to be limited or unfair in his approach, it must be remembered that there is always the balance of the next man and the final, complete approach when all have made their reports."

"Long before we were in the war and ever since Pearl Harbor, the war correspondent has traveled right along with the troops, sharing the rigors of his position, the mud, the snarl of the dive-bombers, the field rations, the blizzards, the casualties."

"Many war correspondents have given their lives, alongside soldiers, in the discharge of their missions of information. Soldiers go to fight, to subdue the enemy. War correspondents go along to

watch, to observe and to report to the people at home as their activities at home may meet the needs of the battle-front."

"We in the Army are only the combat echelon of American industry and American workers."

"News is a perishable commodity. It ages, withers and dies quickly. Speed is one of the essentials of news... It is therefore a requisite that everything possible should be done to help the war correspondent get his news out."

"It is enough to say that we are all aware that the power of the printed and spoken word have proved to be a vital weapon of war to the enemy, breaking entire nations without the firing of a gun. Speed is its greatest force."

"We have only one counter-weapon to Herr Goebbels. That is our war correspondent. If he is ensured a constant, speedy and complete flow of news to the United States, to the neutral countries and to our allies, our newspapers and radio are thus able to use our own truthful information to counteract that from the enemy."

"And when we fail to furnish our story, we are failing as definitely as if we were neglecting a vital phase of the actual combat aspect of warfare."

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WORKING TOGETHER



—Cartoon by John F. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild, from U. S. Treasury Dept.

Vatican Is Invaded By Brash Guildsman

PITTSBURGH — Personages never did face Newspaper Guildsman Morris Berman as a photographer on The Sun-Telegraph here.

Nor do they seem to bother him in his new guise as Army photographer in Rome.

After the fall of Rome, he wrote home, he walked into the Vatican, uninvited, while the Pope was giving an audience to soldiers.

He got all the way upstairs before anyone discovered him—and then he talked his way right into the audience.

The Pope was surrounded by soldiers—his back was towards Berman. Berman, according to his letter, called out: "Your Highness, look here!"

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Lapine Commissioned Lieutenant in Navy

CLEVELAND—Vice President Milton J. (Mike) Lapine of the American Newspaper Guild, commissioned a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, reported for naval training at Princeton University June 26.

Elected an ANG vice president at large last year, he has held all of the executive offices in the Cleveland Guild, the union's No. 1 local, in which he has been active since its inception.

Lieutenant Lapine has handled contract negotiations and other Guild business for locals and units throughout Northern Ohio, is a delegate to the ANG's Northern Ohio District Council, and has attended many of the union's conventions.

He left Cleveland for Navy service following a gala sendoff party given him by 200 fellow Guild members in the swank Eldorado Club here.

A pencil portrait by James Herron of the Cleveland Press staff was presented to Lapine. The city Guild awarded him a \$100 bill in appreciation of his services.

Another parting gift was a life preserver autographed by 250 Guild members, and additional gifts came from the Press unit.

A short talk honoring Lieutenant Lapine and the Guild was made by Louis B. Seltzer, editor of The Press, on whose staff Lapine has been a sportswriter.

Jack Raper, Press columnist, and William M. Davy, executive secretary of the Cleveland Guild, also spoke.

Harding Christ, Guild president, was toastmaster. William Townes, Press unit chairman, was in charge of the party arrangements.

Lapine's wife, Dorothy, and their two children plan to remain in Cleveland for the present.

—ON PAYDAY BUY BONDS—

Guild Conducts Varied Program In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Newspaper Guild has a heavy agenda of projects and work in progress in addition to collective bargaining and organizing. Here is a partial list:

Community Chest Reports, a tabloid paper showing where labor's dollar goes in Los Angeles welfare agencies.

A joint-management bond sales campaign, including proposed publication of an eight-page tabloid L. A. Guildsman, in color, night and difficult. Especially so for those women accustomed to dashing down Main Street, and picking up a ready-made \$17.98 number in the wink of an eye—without bother of dressmakers, designs and materials.

A dance to raise funds for sending delegates to the Milwaukee convention of the American Newspaper Guild in August.

Participation with the Hollywood Writers Mobilization in a "freedom of the press" seminar open to the public.

Helping half a dozen other unions in publicity campaigns.

Staffing several courses at the Peoples Educational Center.

Adding the Hollywood Democratic Committee in establishment of a semi-monthly campaign newspaper.

GUILD LEADER LEADS DONORS

PORTLAND, Ore. — Freda Morrey, dynamic first vice president of the Portland local, is the first "gallon club" member of the Red Cross blood donor center.

Now she has arranged to have The Oregonian and the staffs of the two radio stations, KGW and KEX, entered in the city-wide competition for the honor award flag presented to the concerns having 75 percent of their eligible employees listed as regular donors.

—ON PAYDAY BUY BONDS—

Women in Uniform Are Dress-Conscious

By BEATRICE M. OFFINER

A U. S. ARMY STATION, India —The American woman in uniform overseas is still clothes-conscious.

She hasn't lost any of her delight in feminine fripperies or her interest in "what's new?"—though she wears the gray uniform of the American Red Cross, the blue of the Army Nursing Corps or the khaki of the WAC.

Here in the China-Burma-India theater, getting new clothes made is a problem that even Einstein might find difficult. Especially so for those women accustomed to dashing down Main Street, and picking up a ready-made \$17.98 number in the wink of an eye—without bother of dressmakers, designs and materials.

HEELS RUN DOWN

One Red Cross worker found that having shoes copied could be too much of a good thing. She took an old pair to the cobbler to be copied and he did a perfect job.

So perfect, in fact, that the new heels had been carefully ground down to match the runner ones.

(Beatrice M. Offiner, former secretary of the Akron local of the American Newspaper Guild, is now on duty in India as a member of the Red Cross Public Relations staff there. Prior to her Red Cross appointment, she was women's Sunday editor of The Akron Beacon-Journal.—Ed.)

on the old pair! So the discouraged young woman had to have both pairs reheeled.

The G.I.'s like to see women in civilian clothes. Red Cross workers have discovered. They have enough of uniforms all day. The khaki-clad explain. When they see an American girl, they want her to look as she did at home, as feminine as possible.

So the matter of civilian dresses is definitely one to be faced. Being the only service women allowed in "civvie," the Amer-

ican Red Cross workers face the problem alone.

And in India, where everything must be hand-made, that is a problem, spelled in capital letters. Take the matter of materials first. Getting the goods entails a visit to the market, the long process of haggling over prices, and inspecting bolts of materials to find quality.

IT IS TOUGH

This is only the beginning. Finding a dressmaker is next. This dissolves itself into deciding which of the many recommended by friends seems most likely to succeed with your measurements.

Usually, the dressmaker turns out to be a man—a bearded Sikh or a delicately featured Bengali. They understand little English but wield a wicked needle.

We have no patterns, but then, neither has he. So we scurry home to pick out a dress from our meager wardrobe to be copied; or borrow one from a friend; or try to sketch our idea of a dashing frock.

Some of the dressmakers are amazingly rapid, being able to complete a dress or uniform for the first fitting overnight. Others take weeks to finish the job and come up with an entirely different conception of the outfit than you had envisioned.

IT IS A FEAT

It is a feat of ingenuity, the way these seamstresses, or whatever the male gender would be called, go about their tasks. All work is done on the floor. They spread the material out and cut sans pattern from a squatting position. All basting is done from the same position. Portable sewing machines are arrayed on the floor and worked with the toes.

The matter of costume jewelry is easily solved in the local native bazaars. Rings and bracelets of semi-precious stones, filigree silver or gold are obtainable.

But nail polish and lipstick, and such other accoutrements of makeup so loved by the American women are not present.

The former sells at approximately \$15 per bottle when obtainable. A American-made lipstick and rouge are the eighth wonder of the world here. When a store does get a supply, the price is around \$40.

CONSERVATION NEEDED

So gentle treatment is called for and a conservation program initiated. Luckily, friends at home send these necessities. And the Army post-exchange occasionally get a supply.

No one worries about hose in India, because no one wears them. Only in the evening, when mosquitoes are at their worst, does the feminine contingent worry about runs. And even then, it usually takes its chances by using large doses of mosquito repellent on the legs.

The fashion experts need have no fear that the American women in uniform will lose their fashion sense.

Newsweek Man Is Missing In Japan Raid



WILLIAM T. SHENKEL
He didn't return

The War Department has notified Newsweek in New York that William T. Shenkel, associate editor and war correspondent, is missing in action in the B-29 bomber raid over Japan.

Shenkel, 38, a leader in the Akron Newspaper Guild before he joined the staff of Newsweek, was an observer aboard one of four Superfortresses which failed to return from the mission.

ASSIGNED TO INDIA

He was assigned early this year to head Newsweek's bureau at New Delhi, India, and his editors were unaware that he had accompanied the raiders until the War Department reported he was missing.

On his way to India, Shenkel stopped off in the Mediterranean area and got his first battle experience covering the fight for Santa Maria Infante in Italy.

Before he went to Newsweek as labor editor, Shenkel was assistant city editor of The Akron Times-Press. He also had worked for The Cleveland Press and Cleveland News.

JOINED GUILD EARLY

In Akron he was a charter member of the Guild and member of several executive committees.

"One swell guy and one of the best craftsmen of our craft," was the Akron Guild's comment when the War Department's report came through.

Shenkel's wife, the former Winifred Davies, Ohio and Pennsylvania newspaperwoman, lives at Silver Springs, Md., with their two sons, Kenneth, 10, and Richard, 7.

Texas Guildsman Cited For Action on Namur

AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE—(Delayed)—For commanding a platoon of self-propelled guns, which assisted in destroying enemy fortifications and aided the advance of rifle units during the invasion of Namur, Marine First Lieutenant Robert E. Ford, past president of the San Antonio Newspaper Guild, has been awarded a letter of commendation with citation ribbon.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, made the presentation at a parade formation of Fourth Marine Division troops here.

Lieutenant Ford, 30, journalism graduate of the University of Texas, was a writer on the staff of The San Antonio Light and The Austin American-Statesman before entering the Marine Corps.

He is the son of Mrs. Joetta Ford, of Seymour, Tex.

At the time of his enlistment, duty carried him from New Guinea to the Mediterranean.

McConnell won honorable mention in the American Newspaper Guild's 1942 Heywood Brown Memorial Award for his series of stories on civil liberties in Chattanooga, Ark., that resulted in conviction and jail sentences for several county officials and an attorney.

McConnell came to Memphis about eight years ago from Pittsburgh, Pa., where his parents now reside.



MORRIS BERMAN
He got the picture

POSTWAR PLAN ASKED

LOS ANGELES (FP)—An invitation to West Coast aircraft manufacturers to sit down with CIO aircraft unions and plan postwar conversion of the huge aviation industry was informally extended by the CIO United Auto Workers through an editorial in Plane Facts, UAW publication.

NEW PAPER STARTED

DETROIT (FP)—A semi-monthly tabloid has been authorized by the Greater Detroit & Wayne County Industrial Union Council.

OFFICE "JINKED"

PORTLAND, Ore. — Dick Crocker, Portland Newspaper Guild treasurer, is convinced that the office is jinxed.

Since accepting the post from which the two previous occupants had been drafted, he has been notified by his draft board that he is up for reclassification.

INVEST IN VICTORY

ARMY NEWSMAP CITES LABOR'S WAR RECORD



This official newsmap has been sent by the War Department to Army installations everywhere to inform troops about home front accomplishments of American workers since Pearl Harbor. The message of the newspaper is that "They are doing their share to win the war."

The message runs counter to press propaganda to the armed forces that "strikes" are the regular order of wartime business for union men.

The Guild's Own Bookshelf

THE DISAPPEARING DAILY.
By Oswald Garrison Villard.
New York: Alfred A. Knopf.
285 pp. Index. \$3.50.

Oswald Garrison Villard is a living legend of a "liberal"—and as in most legends, there are unreal qualities in this one.

During 47 years in journalism (managing editor of The New York Evening Post, operator of The Nation, both distinguished properties of his publishing family) he has been, as his book's jacket says, a "crusader for lost causes"—and, for that matter, for causes which fortunately for society have not been lost.

A stubborn fighter, Villard clings to his lost cause. And to none has he clung so tenaciously as to isolationism, to a refusal to recognize that survival against fascism is something to fight for.

—OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD—

Two and a half years after Pearl Harbor, at a desperate time of battle on the beachheads of France, "The Disappearing Daily" makes for out-of-this-world reading in such passages as that which condemns The Christian Science Monitor because "in its active and positive urging of forcible resistance to aggression it has leaned to the side of war and American participation in it."

There are sound and sobering treatises in Villard's book on the American press, its virtues and inequities, its trends toward monopolies and standardization, its vulgarization and prostitution by counting-rooms.

But from cover to cover, in chapters devoted to newspapers, their publishers and their writers, Villard's judgments are warped by his insatiable passion for pacifism and his untempered hatred of all policies and programs of President Roosevelt which prepared and armed the nation against the enemy.

Thus the McCormick-Patterson papers, which have steadily dripped poison into the nation's war well, are deemed by Villard to have noble qualities and purposes. Have Marshall Field's PM in New York and Sun in Chicago supported the President in the war? They are to be scorned for that reason.

PATTERSON IS PRAISED

Publisher Joseph M. Patterson of The New York Daily News, who has opposed "going to war and entering into international alliances," now maintains "peace-time detachment" and has "solved pretty well the problem of producing a decent, intelligent, and

OUR DAILY BREAD



"We've got to get our victory garden spaded up. Why don't we invite your mother over for a week?"

honest newspaper for the masses."

The Chicago Tribune "has not been guilty of any unpatriotic dissent," and Colonel Robert R. McCormick "has in his stubborn way steadfastly fought for the right of the press to live up in fullest degree to that one of the Four Freedoms which pertains to it," and he "maintained a historic American right when he fought to the last to keep the country out of war."

The arch reactionary, Frank E. Gannett, is "a truly patriotic man." He "placed himself squarely on record as being opposed to our entering the war and did everything in his power to defeat Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy for a third term."

Roy Howard and the Scripps-Howard chain have "stood up very straight in supporting the war effort," but "they have rendered their greatest service by speaking out with complete veracity and vigor about the breakdown of the Roosevelt leadership."

The Boston Herald, which "has been the mouthpiece of the large Anglophile group" in Boston, "believes that it has been fighting the battle for freedom in America."

POST IS DEPILORED

In Washington, Eugene Meyer of The Post "has yielded too much to his patriotic desire to serve the government's war program." Cissie Patterson and The Times-Herald "actually repre-

THE AMERICAN UNDERGROUND



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

There are partisan and differing points of view within sections of organized labor on such ILGWU subjects as David Dubinsky and his 38-year war against the Communists, his reasons for leading his union out of the AFL into the CIO and back into the AFL again, and kindred matters.

But nobody who presumes to a knowledge of labor history can ignore the ILGWU's role in it. "Tailor's Progress" belongs on the union study shelf.—W.H.B.

Four years of research, including study of Martin Dies' speeches in Congress and reading of 10,000 pages of Dies committee testimony, went into a critical survey of him written by Professor William Gellerman of Northwestern University and published June 8 by the John Day Company in New York.

A conclusion in the 288-page book, which is simply titled "Martin Dies," is that the Texas Congressman "has been fighting the battle of American reaction for more than five years" and that "there is little evidence in this man's public career to indicate that he understands or believes in American democracy."

'Declaration' Is Filed In Blood Donor Appeal

MINNEAPOLIS — An appeal for increased and continued donations of blood to Red Cross banks was made by President Emil J. Krieg of the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild in a new "Declaration of Independence."

Krieg, himself a seven-time donor of blood, drafted the appeal to Guild members in Minneapolis and St. Paul and said he would propose it for adoption by the union's eleventh annual convention in Milwaukee in August.

"This is July, the most significant of all months in our country's history," Krieg wrote in the "Declaration of Independence."

"Significant because on its fourth day we celebrate the signing and writing of the document that announced to the world for all time that here was a nation in swaddling clothes, determined to stand upon its own feet, determined to stand upon its key-stone of liberty and justice and to fight to the last breath any who challenged its independence or principles."

Eleanor Roosevelt writes an "incredibly banal, mawkish, and disingenuous diary"—the "maelstrom 'My Day'." As for Westbrook Pegler, on the other hand: "Whether Pegler is right or wrong, no one can question his moral and physical courage or his desire to serve his countrymen."

After all this, it is to be expected that Villard would have kind words for William Randolph Hearst, whose views on President Roosevelt and international affairs at least have approximated those of the Patterson-McCormick axis.

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"But Americans are a pretty good lot. Let us resolve that if our finest young manhood and womanhood is willing to risk its greatest possession... life... to uphold the foundations on which this nation is built, that we will not fail them at home... that we will give that little pint of blood that we can so easily and painlessly spare and that may bring our fighting front forces back alive."

—AN OBVIOUS DUTY—

"We at home have an obvious duty. Secure within the borders which have been kept inviolate by our fighting force, it is our obligation to support these forces at the front with every necessity which we are capable of supplying... the tools of war... medical care and attention for those who need it... BLOOD!"

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Want Ad Featured by Polltaxers In Fight to Kill FEPC Program

SELF-LIQUIDATING POTION

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt's Fair Employment Practices Committee survived Congressional assaults, one stemming from a newspaper want ad, but was crippled by the Capitol Hill statesmen following one of the most shameful exhibitions of race hatred in Senate history.

Before recessing, the Senate rejected an amendment which would have killed the FEPC's \$500,000 appropriation. But it accepted other amendments offered by Senator Richard Russell of Georgia whose intent was to prevent the agency from enforcing non-discrimination job policies.

AD IS CITED

Prior to the Senate's action on June 20, the House saw an attempt by Representative Hutton Summers of Texas to wreck the FEPC because the agency had objected to a help-wanted ad in The Dallas News calling for a "colored man" to work as a paper handler.

Referring to the FEPC's protest against the ad, Summers called on the House for a vote to kill the agency, and it was given a leave on life only after bitter debate.

The Senate demonstration of race hatred was marked in FEPC debate by Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi, who said white persons should "take the law into their own hands" in dealing with Negroes, that Negroes should be deported to Africa.

—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

First Lady Asks For Labor Unity

By Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
Washington Guild
(Written for Labor Reports)

I am very glad to have an opportunity to write a column on the subject of racial and religious understanding.

It seems to me that labor has a great responsibility in this field. Labor's strength lies in unity and the power generated by people who get together and work together.

The power opposed to labor is on the whole small in number, but great in influence, no labor has to count on its large membership to counteract the advantage which fewer people have who can wield money and influence.

It is easier for a few people to agree on what they will do than for a great many, but if labor will settle on certain fundamentals upon which they agree, they can bring great weight to bear. However, if they split into a number of small groups which can be divided one against the other, they will weaken themselves at once.

If Catholics will not work with Protestants and Protestants will not work with Jews, and white people will not work with Negroes, and Negroes, in turn, will not work with somebody else, there are endless possibilities for creating dissension and making it impossible for groups of people to get together and act to their own best advantage.

This country was founded as a refuge against religious oppression. From the very earliest days, Negroes and Jews joined in defending our land, which was to them a land of promise, as it was a land where they might hope eventually for full freedom.

New oppressions developed in our country, however, largely because people who flee from oppression are apt to be governed by fears and develop new oppressions.

We have gradually done away with one fear after another, however, and now we should remember the original ideals which men of vision had for this great country of ours.

Today we are so strong and so powerful that what we do may become a pattern for the world as a whole, and yet there are other races in the world which outnumber us.

If we do not learn to look upon people as individuals and to believe that all individuals have the same rights, we may wake up some day and discover that we have awakened dislike and discrimination against ourselves by practicing discrimination.

Then we will become the victims of something which we have fostered and which is a danger to the peace of the future.

Respect for human beings and for their rights to personal freedom will make it very much more possible for us to unite and live together in peace and harmony as individuals and will assure us a more peaceful world in the future.

Violation of Rules Brings Fines

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Three women circulation department workers who violated rules of the Wilkes-Barre Newspaper Guild, have been found guilty by trial boards and fined \$50 each.

On April 2, the local, by unanimous vote, decided to forbid any switching of days off until management of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company related in its policy of docking persons called for military examination.



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild

with Eleanor Roosevelt as "queen of that greater Liberia," and that Jews "received more consideration at the hands of the present administration than any other nationality."

ORDER IS ISSUED

In the Dallas News case, Regional Director Leonard Brin of the FEPC, first had ordered the newspaper to stop specifying any race in classified advertisements. This practice, he said, was contrary to regulations against such discrimination in employment.

The order was rescinded by FEPC Chairman Malcolm Ross because newspapers of general circulation are not, he said, "war industries" and as such subject to FEPC rulings, although they are listed as "essential" in the war.

The News, in editorials and news stories on the incident, cried out that the FEPC had tried to "dictate" to the "free press," and denied that the FEPC had any authority to "break down the traditional Southern segregation of races in private industry."

Council Post Goes to Barson

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Sidney Barson, president of the Harrisburg Newspaper Guild, was elected secretary of the newly organized Tri-County Industrial Union Council at a recent organization meeting of representatives from CIO locals in three counties in and around Harrisburg.

PLANES DELIVER SOVIET PAPERS TO FRONTS



Red Army newspaper circulation men load up bundles of late editions for swift delivery to Russian war fronts. The planes keep up with the advancing Soviet forces, keeping them posted on all war sectors.

Strong Unions Get Best Rates

WASHINGTON, (FP) — In the U. S. transportation industry, the stronger unions get the best wage rates, the Board of Investigation and Research reported to President Roosevelt and Congress.

The board's statement was made in its study of hourly rates by occupations in the transportation industry as provided in the federal act of 1940. It said:

"Cost of living is not synonymous with level, standard or plane of living. Contrary to general opinion, the purchase price of a given plane of living does not vary greatly between the East, West and South—there are greater variations within each district than between districts, and inter-regional differences appear to have narrowed in recent years."

SHIPYARD LEADER WINS NOMINATION

PORTLAND, Me. (FP) — Andrew A. Pettis, endorsed for Congress by the Maine United AFL-CIO Labor Committee, emerged the victor in a three-way race for the Democratic nomination in the state primaries here.

A Republican himself and president of Local 50 of the CIO Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, Pettis faces a stiff campaign battle against incumbent Representative Robert Hale, who defeated Pettis in the GOP primary.

Walsh Injured In Car Crash On CIO Trip

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — Vice President Joseph M. Walsh of the American Newspaper Guild is on crutches as a result of an automobile accident while on his duties in Eastern Pennsylvania as CIO director.

Walsh, with an associate CIO employee, Frank Vratarie, was at Millersburg when their automobile, driven by Vratarie, skidded on wet pavement, ran through a cornfield and down a 12-foot embankment, landing on the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

A long ore freight was halted on an adjoining track and the flagman from it, seeing the car with Walsh and Vratarie stop and both apparently dazed, ran down the track and flagged another freight expected in a few minutes.

Walsh, removed to his home, has been operating from there by telephone in his capacity as CIO director.



WALSH

AMONG OURSELVES



ALFRED M. GREEN, Syracuse Guild vice president and war activities chairman, a Post-Standard staffer for 21 years, moved up to night editor. . . J. STANTON JENNINGS, Syracuse Guild audit chairman, took over GREEN's old assistant city editor post.

GREGG KZANKEL, Washington Guild administrative officer, won first prize at Cleveland Museum of Art's annual show, photographic class, for picture entitled "Broken Glass." . . The Dewey-for-President national convention in Chicago was covered by the Oregonian and chairman of the Oregonian unit of the Portland Newspaper Guild, addressed American Farm Bureau federation at Idaho Falls, Idaho. . . KATHERINE LANG KENDRICK, former office manager of the Philadelphia Camden Guild and husband, Guildsman RICHARD KENDRICK, Philadelphia Inquirer, now overseas with Army, are parents of a daughter.

It Seems to Us...

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

HE URGES "YES" IN POLITICS POLL

St. Louis.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: If the Guild referendum endorsing a Presidential candidate is not decided positively by a heavy "Yes" vote, the American Newspaper Guild will have done for Americans what it should do for Americans. The American Newspaper Guild membership is against Mr. Roosevelt. The major of the American Press will see to it that the nation is properly misled. An affirmative stand by the Guild will result in exactly what most ANG members desire—an additional emphasis to the campaign for reelection for the man best able to win the war and the peace. Let's get out a "Yes" vote that is a Roosevelt vote.

HOWARD PIERING, President, St. Louis Newspaper Guild.

SAYS SHE VOTES "NO" IN ADVISORY POLL

CLEVELAND.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: As pointed out in a recent article in the Guild Reporter, Guild endorsement of a candidate for President of the United States is, by implication, an endorsement of Roosevelt. Hence the question which will be decided by the referendum is: shall we or shall we not support Roosevelt in the coming election?

There is no consideration given to the possibility that there might be something better for labor in the field of political action.

Support for the candidate of the Democratic or Republican party constitutes an abandonment by labor of an opportunity for real political action.

Labor can and should have its own campaign and its own candidates. We should team up with the many other progressives in the country to back a party of our own. If it is too late to accomplish this in 1944, our present energies should be devoted to making this a reality by 1948.

The Roosevelt who refused to sign the Smith-Connally bill because "it wasn't strong enough" is no labor candidate. The same

Roosevelt, who recently proposed a thorough-going labor draft and announced that the New Deal is dead, has discarded any claim to the affections of the labor movement.

It is time for us to realize that labor isn't going to get the kind of a peace it wants or the post-war jobs it wants as long as labor's political action is a coattail affair—the support of somebody else's candidate. The Democratic Party still belongs to the big business interests, to Boss Hague in Jersey City, and to the southern Democrats.

So I'm voting "no" in the referendum, to indicate that we need something better than Roosevelt and that I think we can get it.

MARY LOU DIEHL, News Unit.

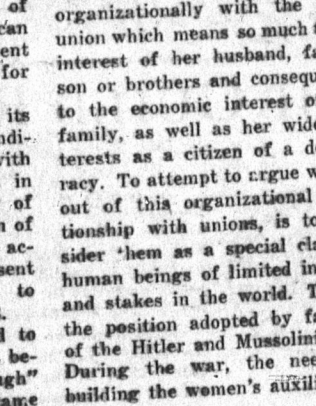
HUTCHINSON FILES BRIEF FOR AUXILIARY

LOS ANGELES.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: This is my opinion of the Women's Auxiliary of the Guild and any reasons for supporting the continuation and extension of the organization.

I am firmly convinced that every one should be involved in the organized labor movement who is a worker or part of a worker's family. I believe that this principle applies to women equally as forcefully as it does to men. I believe that women who work should be members of the union organization in the field in which they work. I believe women who do not work at a job outside their homes should be solidly identified organizationally with the labor union which means so much to the interest of her husband, father, son or brothers and consequently to the economic interest of her family, as well as her wider interest as a citizen of a democracy. To attempt to argue women out of this organizational relationship with unions, is to consider them as a special class of human beings of limited interest and stakes in the world. This is the position adopted by fascists of the Hitler and Mussolini type. During the war, the need for building the women's auxiliary is

IN STEP



—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild, from U. S. Treasury Dept.

2-to-1 Vote Marks Election

PORTLAND, Ore. — Not every one who is a candidate for political office can boast a two to one victory over his opponent.

Mrs. John B. McKenna, wife of the Portland Newspaper Guild's president, scored such a victory—literally.

She won two votes for democratic precinct committeewoman. Her only opponent had only one vote.

And her husband was elected democratic precinct committeeman by a larger, but not proportionately greater, vote.

science, literature and medicine. Today we received a letter from a Negro listener, together with a clipping of an AP dispatch, dated London, June 12, describing the "hero's death" of Buffey, first dog to land in France during the invasion.

The letter said in part: "Everything dogs do—dogs are animals—are used to personate heroes. Everyone is called a hero from our dogs up to human beings, but no Negro is called a hero and I want some explanation, please."

Will some of the correspondents who are covering our war for democracy please satisfy this Negro American?

MIKE QUIN, The CIO Reporter.

THEY SING A SONG OF VICTORY



Tuning up here is a section of the Los Angeles Herald Express Choral Club in a debut performance at a Fifth War Loan rally in a joint labor-management campaign which, as a starter, raised \$25,000 in two days. Herman Jerson is Los Angeles Newspaper Guild coordinator.

U. S. Laws Are Supreme, Despite Anti-Labor Bills

WASHINGTON, (FP) — Employers are not relieved of their duty to bargain with unions simply because a state legislature has adopted one of the several anti-union labor control laws, the NLRB ruled in a Florida case.

The NLRB held that Congress did not intend to subject federal law "to the varied and perhaps conflicting provisions of state enactments."

In the case involved, the firm of Eppinger & Russell of Jacksonville, Fla., refused to bargain with a duly certified union because the union representative had not been "licensed as required by state law."

Finding that the company's refusal was an unfair labor practice under the National Labor Relations act, the NLRB ordered the company to bargain, upon request, with the CIO's Florida Citrus & Allied Workers.

The board's decision upheld the findings of its trial examiner who reported that "if the company's contention were accepted, the result would be, in effect, a nullification of the board's certification by operation of the Florida statute."

"Such an interpretation would be contrary to the plain language of the (Wagner) act and the many decisions of the board and the courts construing it."

The NLRB declared that it was beyond question that "any such state law must yield before the paramount authority of Congress expressed in a valid and applicable federal law."



—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

The Rewrite Desk

The Associated Press must have been pretty proud of itself when it totted up the front page play its member newspapers gave to its exclusive piece last week from "The Crew of the U. S. S. Coos Bay," which was presumed to have collected \$412 in pennies to "help pay the wage increases money-hungry strikers are demanding" at a Wright Aeronautical Company plant at Lockland, O.

There is nothing like a good, clean, page one beat to help maintain the prestige of a great and impartial news service, particularly when the story happens by chance to coincide precisely with the smear-labor objectives of the editorial pages of its members. And so the AP must have been proud and pleased.

It did not matter that the story about the supposedly strike-inflamed sailors was supported by nothing more than a typed letter, signed by no name. It had been passed by a Navy censor, and it made poignant page one reading, and that was enough for the AP.

It did not matter (except in shirttails in some papers) that the Wright strike was not a strike involving wages, but a five-day disturbance caused when seven Negro workers were upgraded. It did not matter that the Coos Bay letter, if genuine, was based on obvious misinformation purveyed to the armed forces by the home front press.

It did not matter that CIO's United Automobile Workers denounced and deplored the disgraceful Lockland incident, and put the full weight of its disciplinary force against it. The AP logotype got an extra, added-attraction play on page one, and that really mattered.

It did not matter (except in listless followup pieces which ran, if at all, deep down inside) that a probable source of the Coos Bay exclusive was an officer aboard the ship who had engaged in correspondence with a Republican Congressman about strikes. The Congressman had been obliged to advise him that they were "not as bad as press reports would indicate." Followup stories, even from the AP, often are dull things at best.

It did not matter (except for perfunctory notice, if there was room somewhere between the ads) that the Navy in Washington had sent the \$412 back to the Coos Bay along with a sharp rebuke to whoever was responsible for the incident—which, the Navy said, "may be founded on imperfect knowledge of the issues." The AP had had its play. The damage to labor had been done.

It had not mattered, either, to most newspapers when a Washington dispatch came over the news service wires a few days earlier. The *New York Times*, which prints more news more fully than most of its contemporaries, was able to squeeze one paragraph of the dispatch under a one-line head on page 16. The *Times* story, in its entirety, follows:

"The invasion has cleared the War Labor Board's strike docket for the first time since it was founded in January, 1942, officials of the agency said."

Remember the famed union-busting Remington Rand Mohawk Valley formula a few years back, when "citizens' committees" were organized to crush strikes? A basis for a 1944 wartime version of the formula has been outlined in a full-page diagram under "Shop Talk at Thirty" in *Editor & Publisher* by John A. Zellers, Remington Rand vice president and chairman of the industry group of the War Labor Board's Region 2. The WLB's "maintenance of membership" policy, he says, is the current threat by workers against free enterprise and the American way of life:

"How thin and how cheap must be their patriotism if they still wish to traffic with their so-called right to strike in wartime! And make bargains over it, and try to gain advantages for themselves out of the desperate needs of our boys overseas!"

There was no noticeable task-taking by the editorial writers after Sewell Avery, relating to a House committee how he was carried from the Montgomery Ward plant by soldiers, testified he had planned it that way.

"Thank heaven I did," said Avery, who had been represented by the press as a defenceless old man standing up for his rights as an American. "For that damn photograph made the public aware of the realities of the situation."

Reacting to the "realities of the situation," *On the Home Front*, Republican National Committee clip-sheet, issued a special supplement entitled "It Did Happen Here." This showed the now-famed Avery eviction picture side by side with a picture from Germany captioned: "Storm troopers seize small push cart peddler on the streets of Berlin."

The no-foreign-entanglements *Chicago Tribune* turned internationalist when Colonel Robert R. McCormick was refused permission by Australia to publish an edition there. "The U. S.," snorted the Colonel, "should insist that the Australian people be freed. . . ."

Frank Connors, president of the Boston Typographical Union and good friend of the Newspaper Guild, wants it known that *Newspaperman*, "A Monthly Journal of Fact, Fiction, Humor and Opinion Written by Working Newspaperman," is published at Hyde Park, Mass., from a non-union shop.

To *The New York Times*, such callous cutback policies as put 8,000 Brewster Aeronautical Corporation out of work brought an "experience" which was just "another argument for a National War Service Act."

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—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

Runaround Starts Again In Sewell Avery Case

CHICAGO (FP) — Back into the lap of the National War Labor Board goes the Montgomery Ward case as a result of S. L. Avery's refusal to extend a contract with Local 20 of the CIO's United Retail Wholesale & Department Store Employees, and refusal to engage seriously in collective bargaining for a new contract.

Maintenance of membership, checkoff and other key union demands were turned down flatly in the second union-Ward conference. The company offered a new wage schedule which the union declared would result in many cuts.

The union's demand for a 40- or 42-hour week and for 3-week va-

cations for 10-year employees were also rejected.

"We're back now where we were several months ago," Sandra Slotkin, union representative, declared.

"When the government stepped out of management after the recent election once again emphasized the union majority in the plant, we were confronted with the same old Ward story."

"Once again we're trying to get the War Labor Board to enforce its orders."

Reynolds Plans To Organize 'Nationalists'

WASHINGTON (FP)—Formation of a new, fancier America First, "nationalist" isolationist group to direct opposition to post-war cooperation with the peoples of the United Nations was announced here by Senator Robert R. Reynolds (D., N. C.).

Reynolds, who is planning to retire from the Senate because he can't hope to win reelection, said his new organization would be called the "American Nationalists."

HE'S "DISCOURAGED"

Discouraged because of the outlook for Democratic and Republican planks calling for post-war collaboration throughout the world in the interest of peace and full production, Reynolds said:

"Possibilities are that neither national convention this year will offer a leader to whom fundamental Americans can turn. But they can elect members of Congress who would stay the destruction of those nationalist principles on which our country grew great."

"I hope to designate national headquarters in Washington, D. C., within the next 30 days, and it is planned that the committee will carry on its work by distribution of literature, petitions, letters and radio addresses, until the general election of 1944."



NATIONAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE-CIO

Press Critique Wins \$1,000 As Prize Essay

BOSTON — A sharply critical essay on newspaper publishers won for Robert Lasch, Chicago Sun editorial writer, a \$1,000 top prize in a "Freedom of the Press in the United States" contest conducted by The Atlantic Monthly.

"What the free press needs," Lasch concluded in his prize-winning article, "is an owner who recognizes . . . his responsibility to represent the unrepresented . . . a man whose passion for the general welfare overcomes his desire to impose his own ideas upon the community. . . ."

"Whether the press survives as a vital instrument of democracy will depend upon the wisdom and temper of its owners. Theirs it is to decide . . . whether they shall administer a trusteeship or exploit a privilege."

Also chosen for publication by The Atlantic Monthly in the contest, in which 700 writers competed, were articles by Michael Bradshaw of The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Arthur B. Tourtelow of Arlington, Va., and Ralph McGill, editor of The Atlanta Constitution.

DUES SCALE REVISED

MILWAUKEE — The Milwaukee Newspaper Guild voted to reduce to \$1 a month dues for members not under contract. Earlier the local's initiation fee was cut from \$2 to \$1. Members under contract pay dues ranging from \$1 to \$2.50 a month.

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