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Guild Joins in Big PAC Drive

Ballots Issued To Servicemen In IEB Election

Nearly 4,000 ballots were sent out this week from American Newspaper Guild headquarters in New York City to listed members in military service, opening voting in referendum elections to fill two interim vacancies of the union's International Executive Board.

Other ballots in the referendum, which will designate temporary IEB replacements for Vice Presidents Waiter Engels and Milton J. Lapine, now on leave in Navy service, will be mailed from ANG headquarters to locals by September 22.

COUNTED IN OCTOBER

Locals are required to complete the election within 10 days after the ballots are received, and final returns are to be counted in New York October 16 by a bipartisan ANG elections committee.

Members in good standing as of June 1 are eligible to vote. Eligibility lists were sent August 29 to locals, which were notified to file any proposed corrections at ANG headquarters by September 18.

Seeking election as a substitute for Engels as vice president in the ANG's Region 5 area of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware are Jean Howard and John T. McManus of New York. Eleanor Coakley of Toledo and Betty Wood of Chicago are candidates for Lapine's at-large vice presidency.

Mrs. Howard and Miss Coakley were nominated at the ANG's Milwaukee convention in August by supporters of the union's national administration. McManus, an unsuccessful candidate against Engels in last year's general ANG referendum, and Miss Wood were regarded generally as candidates in opposition to the ANG administration.

Wire Parley Is Scheduled In New York

National collective bargaining programs for employees of press associations and news and photo syndicates will be outlined at sessions of the American Newspaper Guild's Wire Service Committee at the Hotel New Yorker in New York September 17.

Members of the ANG committee, headed by ANG International Representative Joseph Colangelo, were called to the Sunday conference to help implement wire service policies approved by the Guild's Milwaukee convention in August.

PROSPECTUS DRAFTED

A prospectus for the meeting, drafted by ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks, proposed that a national wire service collective bargaining committee be named, composed of New York, Washington, Chicago, Cleveland, Atlanta, San Francisco, Detroit and Boston representatives.

Another top proposal on the agenda was for joint national contract negotiations with wire services, aiming at uniform working conditions and wage minimums in comparable job classifications.

1944 Broun Prize Given To Nate Robertson of PM

Nathan Robertson, whose "passion is facts," whose "yardstick is honesty," whose "ideal is service," is the winner of the fourth annual Heywood Broun Memorial Award of the American Newspaper Guild.

The 1944 Broun Award, given for the best job of newspaper work in the spirit of the late founder of the Guild, was unanimously voted by the judges in the prize competition to Robertson for his Capitol Hill coverage in Washington for PM.

SCORE ENTERED

His entry, submitted by the Washington Newspaper Guild, was singled out from a score of others—the largest number ever submitted in a Broun contest—as easily outstanding.

The Broun Award judges—Milton Murray, ANG president; Quentin Reynolds, famed war correspondent, and Emile Gauvreau, author and former newspaper editor—particularly cited Robert-



NATHAN ROBERTSON

He entered a hall of honor

son's PM stories on the Washington fire insurance lobby, the Curtiss-Wright warplane inspection

scandal, and the Standard Oil-Elk Hills deal.

Robertson, who coincidentally was elected a substitute ANG vice president at large at the Guild's Milwaukee convention in August, received a \$250 war bond along with his Broun citation, which has become to be regarded generally as the highest honor that a working newspaperman can win.

In 1941 he received an honorable mention in the first Broun Award competition for what he regards as his "biggest beat" for PM—the complete and detailed tax program proposed by the Treasury for the first war tax bill.

THREE WIN CITATIONS

Another PM staffman shared in honorable mentions which were listed by the 1944 Broun judges. They picked these three entries for "meritorious" citations:

Arnold Beichman of the New York Guild—for a series of PM stories exposing anti-Semitism in the Boston area.

Walter Winchell of the New York Guild—for his New York Mirror columns exposing Martin Dies.

Orrin C. Evans of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild—for a series of Philadelphia Record stories on discrimination against Negro soldiers at Army posts in the South.

JUDGES CONCUR

The judges said they were in complete concurrence with the following:

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Drive Started In New England By Council

BOSTON—Mapping a cohesive plan of action, the New England District Council of the Newspaper Guild laid the foundation for an organizational drive in its area under its new executive secretary, Larry MacLean, at a meeting here September 9.

Three major aims were outlined:

- 1) Strengthening of organization in shops and departments already organized.
- 2) Extension of organization into unorganized departments on papers where the Guild has departments under contract.
- 3) Extension of Guild organization into new papers.

TOUR SCHEDULED

The new executive secretary was instructed immediately to ride the road over the area and get acquainted with Guild locals in the area with the purpose of obtaining information necessary to strengthening each local and providing fundamental facts for organizing drives.

MacLean, now on leave from (Continued on Page Three)

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Michigan Guilds Organize Council

LANSING, Mich.—Preliminary organization of a Michigan District Council of the American Newspaper Guild was completed here at a conference in which four Guild locals in the state were represented.

Ross Collier of Battle Creek was named temporary chairman and H. R. Palmer of Lansing was designated acting secretary of the new area group, which was proposed at the ANG's Milwaukee convention as a center of regional operations for membership expansion.

A second meeting was called for September 20 in Lansing. In addition to Collier and Palmer, local Guild representatives at the preliminary Michigan District Council session included Vic Given, Battle Creek; Russ Jewett, Detroit; and B. G. Brown, Grand Rapids.

Council Backed By Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Knoxville Newspaper Guild, at a membership meeting, pledged its support in development of a Southern District Council of the ANG.

Knoxville, Memphis, Chattanooga, Birmingham and Atlanta locals were listed by the Guild's August convention in Milwaukee as potential members of a proposed Southern area organization of the Guild.

Oregon Guild Endorses Northwest District Plan

PORTLAND, Ore.—Proposals for organization of a Northwest District Council of the American Newspaper Guild have been endorsed by the Portland local,

Tri-City Wins NLRB Election

ALBANY, N. Y.—The Tri-City Newspaper Guild won a National Labor Relations Board election 34 to 5 among maintenance and commercial department employees of The Albany Knickerbocker News, rounding out industrial organization of the paper's unit.

The NLRB count on September 11 showed that 9 votes were cast for the Guild and none against it in the maintenance division. In business sections the score was: for the Guild, 25; against, 5. The Knickerbocker News editorial department has been organized for years.

which also voted to set up a treasury reserve to help finance it.

The Oregon Guild instructed its executive board to "make every effort" toward establishing the council, which would embrace Portland, Tacoma and Seattle as part of a national organizing plan adopted by the ANG's Milwaukee convention in August.

50 CENTS SET ASIDE

Starting in September, monthly amounts equal to a 50-cent per capita payment for each Portland member will be set aside in the treasury for use in the local's participation in the Northwest District Council when it is formed.

The actions followed Milwaukee reports to the local by John B. McKenna, Portland president who was a delegate at Milwaukee.

The local also voted to eliminate Guild initiation and reinstatement fees for returning war veterans.

ANG Members Asked to Give 'Buck for FDR'

The greatest voluntary contribution campaign in the history of organized labor was under way this week in the midst of hysterical outcries by organized newspaper publishers against the CIO Political Action Committee, sponsor of the "Dollar for Roosevelt" drive.

American Newspaper Guild members, in line with full endorsement of the PAC's objectives by the ANG's Milwaukee convention last month, were participating in the campaign to obtain \$1 from each of 5,000,000 CIO members to "protect their hard-won gains of the past 12 years and insure postwar employment and security for all."

The four-week PAC drive for voluntary dollars, which opened on Labor Day, was intended to help finance printing and distribution of 50,000,000 pieces of literature dealing with issues of the national political campaign—issues which the press was rapidly resolving into an issue of the PAC against the Founding Fathers.

PROGRAM CHARTED

In addition to literature, the rank-and-file CIO contributions were expected by the PAC to buy radio time, newspaper advertising, billboard space, use of soundtracks, "and the whole paraphernalia of a modern political campaign."

"The stakes are the largest in American labor history, including full peacetime employment, and labor intends to do its best to win its fight," the PAC said.

In letters to presidents and treasurers of all Newspaper Guild locals, ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers repeated instructions for handling of political contributions by the locals, members of which turned in more than \$1,600 to the PAC in an earlier campaign this year.

Rodgers reviewed 11 points in the Milwaukee convention's recommendations for Guild political action, including one that "all-out active support be given to elect President Roosevelt and Senator Truman."

IT'S VOLUNTARY

He added, in accord with the spirit of the Milwaukee convention's report:

"Locals are again reminded that the extent of each local's cooperation with the ANG convention action on this question, and with this CIO program, is strictly a matter for local determination."

"It should be fully emphasized to all concerned that this collection of funds for political action is on a purely VOLUNTARY basis."

"There must be no element of coercion in the solicitation of these contributions. No Guild member must be allowed to feel that he is expected to contribute against his will."

The PAC and the CIO meanwhile had emerged not only as a phenomenon in the history of American politics but as a major force in public life which was viewed by the newspapers with agitated alarm.

HEARST SINGS LOUD

The Hearst and Scripps-Howard papers, as was to have been (Continued on Page Five)

Gloss Takes Butler's Post In Akron

AKRON—Edward E. Gloss, copy editor on The Akron Beacon-Journal and an early president of the Akron Newspaper Guild, has been elected its new president.

Gloss succeeds Edward B. Butler, who has resigned as the Beacon-Journal's assistant sports editor to accept a sales and promotion job with the General Tire and Rubber Company. Butler has been president for nearly three years.

Because the Akron Guild had lost two other officers recently—Harold Lengs, vice president, and Morry Rabin, secretary—its annual election was moved ahead and held at the September meeting. Lengs is now traveling with an outdoor show outfit and Rabin is on the Cleveland News.

Others elected were: Julius Greenfield, Beacon-Journal head photographer, vice president; Betty Coughlin, reference department assistant, secretary; and Harold Taylor, makeup editor, treasurer. Ford Barker, copydeskman, and Murray Powers, Sunday editor, were named to the executive committee.

FDR PICKS UP TWO

COLUMBUS, O. (FP)—Dewey has 139 Ohio papers backing him for President while Roosevelt has 26—two more than in 1940, a Cincinnati Enquirer survey revealed.

AFI GOES ON AIR

SAN DIEGO (FP)—San Diego residents are getting a daily radio program sponsored by 17 AFI locals and councils. The commentator is Eddy Orcutt, associate editor of The Labor Leader.

OREGON LINES UP

PORTLAND, Ore. (FP)—"Labor must participate in politics," was the unanimous opinion of Oregon CIO leaders who met here to map a concerted election drive by all local unions in the state.

Demo Tabloid Is Produced By Guild Staff

Members of the New York Newspaper Guild, as part of the local's political action program, are completing work on a 32-page newspaper based on the theme of Roosevelt and the war which is scheduled to have a first press run of a million copies.

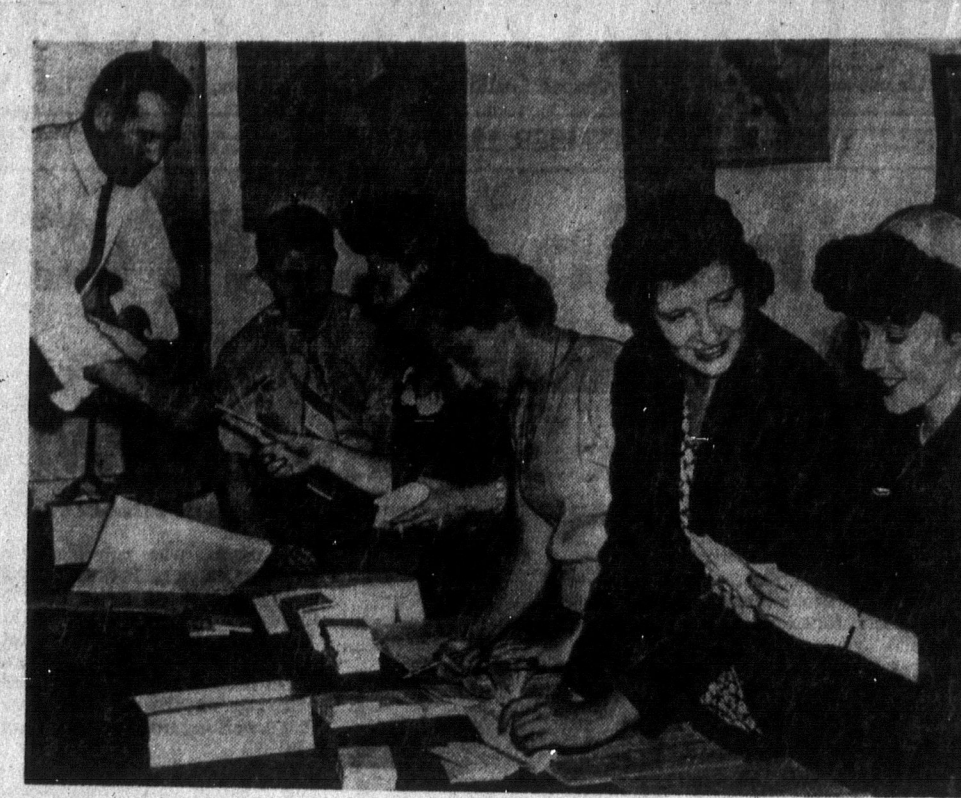
The publication, which will be distributed by the Democratic National Committee, was originally projected by the Independent Voters' Committee of the Arts and Sciences for Roosevelt, of which Jo Davidson, noted sculptor, is chairman.

The Guild was then asked to take over the job, and the representative assembly of the local approved the project unanimously on August 30.

C. "TOONS CARRIED" The paper, a tabloid, will feature a back page cartoon by Guildman Rollin Kirby and full page cartoon-stories by Guildman Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates," and Abe Aday of PM.

There will be three sections—one devoted to the war at the military front, another to the war on the home front, and the last to the efforts of the Roosevelt administration for international peace and cooperation and its postwar program of full employment.

GUILD PREPARES FOR REGISTRATION DRIVE



Membership lists of the New York Newspaper Guild are being broken down here into State Assembly and Congressional districts in preparation for a campaign by the local for 100 per cent voting registration. From the left: John E. Deegan, local Guild organizer; Skippy Adelman, PM; Sylvia Kornbluth, Morning Telegraph; Gladys Chasans, labor press; Rosemary Redlich, Time, Inc.; Jo Sheehan, Time, Inc.

CIO, AFL FIGHT COLORADO BILL

DENVER—If the state can muzzle labor unions, it also can muzzle freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of assembly, labor attorneys argued before the Colorado supreme court in a final attack on the so-called Colorado labor "peace" bill, passed by the last legislature and termed the "most vicious anti-labor statute on the books."

Appearing for organized labor were Attorneys Joseph A. Padway of Washington, general counsel for the AFL; Ernest Goodman of Detroit, counsel for the CIO; Harry N. Routhon of Detroit, and Denver Attorneys Philip Hornstein, Charles T. Mahoney, Wayne C. Williams and Theodore Epstein.

FDR BACKED AGAIN

MILWAUKEE (FP)—The Wisconsin Federation of Labor unanimously endorsed a fourth term for President Roosevelt at its annual convention here.

RAIL UNIONS BACK FOR

SEATTLE (FP)—Railway brotherhoods, representing 75,000 workers in Washington, voted to endorse the Roosevelt-Truman slate.

NEW GROUP BACKS ROOSEVELT



In this Roosevelt-Truman campaign caucus in New York City, from the left, are Senator Claude Pepper, Helen Keller, Mrs. Pepper, and Jo Davidson, sculptor who heads a new 700-member Independent Voters' Committee of the Arts and Sciences for Roosevelt. Newspaper Guild members in New York have undertaken to produce a 32-page campaign tabloid paper proposed by the Committee of the Arts and Sciences.

NATE AND TOM STAGE REUNION

WASHINGTON—At the end of Thomas E. Dewey's big press conference in Chicago, following the Republican convention, Nathan Robertson of PM congratulated him on his nomination in behalf of the University of Michigan's Class of 1923, of which both were members.

Robertson added that he was going to be against Dewey in the Presidential campaign.

"Are you personally against me, Nate, or do you just have to write against me?" Dewey asked.

Nate assured Tom that the opposition was personal.

After this little class reunion was over Robertson, thinking it over, remarked that he wished he had given full answer to the second part of Dewey's question, which he regarded as insulting.

Members of the Washington press corps will attest that the winner of the 1944 Heywood Brown Memorial Award always writes what he believes.

Howard, Coakley Backed By Pennsylvania Council

SCRANTON, Pa.—The Pennsylvania District Council of the American Newspaper Guild voted unanimously to endorse the candidacy of Jean Howard of New York for election as substitute for Vice President Walter Engels of Region 5 on the ANG's International Executive Board.

Delegates from all Guild locals in the council—Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Philadelphia-Camden, Harrisburg, Reading and Lehigh Valley—attended the meeting, held at nearby Lake Wallepauck.

COAKLEY SUPPORTED

The ANG's area organization, which represents one of four states in Region 5, also voted endorsement of Eleanor Coakley of Toledo, candidate for ANG vice president at large, substituting for Vice President Milton J. Lepore.

The state council, shaping organizational programs for its district, voted to pay expenses of representatives of Guild locals who are given organizing assignments. The IEB will be asked to compensate them for time lost from their newspaper jobs.

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De Lorenzo Heads Council In California

SAN JOSE—Charles De Lorenzo of San Jose has been elected president of the Northern California District Council of the American Newspaper Guild, succeeding Vincent J. Halloran of Sacramento, north public relations director of the National War Labor Board's regional office in San Francisco.

De Lorenzo is president of the San Jose Newspaper Guild and was the local's delegate to the August ANG convention in Milwaukee. He is a display salesman for The San Jose Mercury-Herald. Other Guild district council officers elected at a quarterly meeting here are:

Richard Rodda, Sacramento, first vice president; Mel Bennett, Stockton, second vice president; Mrs. Thelma Miller, San Jose, secretary-treasurer.

Floyd Healey of San Francisco, ANG vice president at large, gave a brief report on the Milwaukee convention.

The next council meeting will be held November 19 in Sacramento.



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Unit-Busting Move Thwarted In Sacramento NLRB Case

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild won an outstanding victory, both from a local and national standpoint, when the National Labor Relations Board issued an order thwarting an attempt to break the local's unit at The Sacramento Union into two groups.

The NLRB granted the Guild's petition for an election covering circulation and editorial employees and dismissed a petition of a so-called independent union for an election covering only circulation employees.

OSTER ATTEMPTED The Guild has had a contract for editorial and circulation employees, and it was during attempts early this year to negotiate a new agreement that the "independent" union tried to oust the Guild from the circulation department.

In view of the recent history of collective bargaining in the company's plant, said the NLRB, "we are of the opinion that the employees in the editorial and circulation departments constitute an appropriate unit at this time."

The NLRB found that two clerks in the circulation department who work four hours on Sundays only and were claimed as members of the independent union, were not included in the appropriate unit.

The Guild's presentation before the board at a hearing here July 10th was handled by Vincent J. Halloran of the Sacramento Bee unit. Halloran has since left The Bee to accept a job with the National War Labor Board in San Francisco.

The "independent" union, called the Sacramento Union Employees Association, was represented by H. W. Exter.

"INDEPENDENT" BACKED

Fred W. Mannon of the California Newspaper Publishers Association; Charles J. Lilley, editor and general manager of The Union, and C. E. Borom, business manager of the Union, appeared at the hearing on behalf of the company, which sided with the "independent" union.

John Paul Jennings, NLRB attorney in San Francisco, was the trial examiner.

During the hearing the independent association stated it had no need at present to bargain with the company, but would do so when and if the necessity arose.

SIGNIFICANCE STRESSED Morris Iserman of Newark, American Newspaper Guild counsel, commented:

"The Guild has always maintained that a unit consisting of one or more of the major departments under its jurisdiction is appropriate for purposes of collective bargaining, and the Board has consistently sustained that position."

"The principle here involved, of breaking up an appropriate established unit to permit the establishment of smaller units, is of prime importance to the welfare of the Guild, and strikes at the very roots of its established collective bargaining history."

Officers of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild were confident that the collective bargaining election, which was ordered held within 30 days, will result in another smashing victory for the Guild.

BRIDGES UNION PLEDGES NO POSTWAR STRIKES

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—First master contract to be signed by Harry Bridges' International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union containing the ILWU postwar no-strike preamble has been concluded with the large industry in San Francisco, Sacramento and Stockton.

The contract pledges no strikes or stoppages "for the duration and beyond."

Lynn Wins Maintenance In Voluntary Contract

LYNN, Mass.—The staff of Lynn's Daily Evening Item is operating under a maintenance of membership contract voluntarily negotiated with management in an agreement which provided for increased wage minimums ranging to \$60.35 for copydeskmen—a lift of more than 65.

A 15-day "escape" period in the Guild "security" clause ended with no members withdrawing from the union and two new members joining it, making Lynn a virtually 100 per cent Guild town in editorial departments of The

Item and The Telegram-News, a second daily, which has a Guild shop.

SEVERANCE LIFTED

Other marked improvements in the Item contract included a four-week lift in the severance pay pool, a provision for seven holidays, and liberalization of the national emergency clause.

George A. Harris of Boston, led negotiations for the Guild, aided chiefly by Joseph Coburn, unit chairman, and Charles B. McGhee, president of the local.

New York Launches Job-Wage Survey

A job analysis and wage survey which would affect approximately 2,500 men and women covered by New York Newspaper Guild contracts at The Times, Daily News and World-Telegram, and ultimately those on other New York papers, was scheduled to get underway this week.

The New York Guild's executive committee on September 6 voted

to undertake the survey and appointed Irving Gilman, Times unit chairman and second vice president of the local, as a temporary full time employee to take charge of the task.

PROPOSAL REJECTED

The survey became necessary when it became known that New York publishers were making a similar analysis after rejecting a Guild proposal that a joint survey be made.

The joint survey was recommended by the War Labor Board's Chicago Newspaper Commission early this year in connection with its decisions involving Guild-management wage disputes then before it.

In all three cases wage agreements were signed November 20 and contract negotiations are scheduled to start October 1.

The position of New York publishers was stated by Louis M. Loeb, Times attorney, in a letter to the local:

"The New York Times is proceeding with the help of expert advice to make a job classification survey along the lines suggested by the Chicago Newspaper Commission. We think it will be possible to obtain this more expeditiously and soundly on our own account."

REVISION IS SOUGHT

New York Guild leaders took this to mean that the material in the publishers' survey of jobs would come from department heads rather than from Guild members.

Through questionnaires, the Guild analysis will determine the relationships between jobs and will seek to demonstrate clearly a wide discrepancy between actual pay and New York Guild contract minimum wages, thereby making apparent the necessity for a realistic revision upward of rates governing newspaper job classifications in New York.

AP PAYS OFF ON ANG PACT

September is payoff month for employees of the New York bureau of the Associated Press, which distributed about \$50,000 in retroactive wage increases, running back to last September, under terms of its new contract with the "newspaper Guild."

Agreed-upon and unexpended sections of the contract, as approved by the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission, were signed for the Guild by ANG International Representative Joseph Colangelo and for management by Victor Hackler, AP chief of bureau.

Payments of retroactive wages and increases in current minimum salary schedules under the contract, some of them \$300, were passed out the same day, and checks for accumulated amounts of raises were mailed to AP men now in armed services a few days later.

Denver Post Loses Appeal In Guild 'Security' Case

DENVER — Two more Denver cases cleared this month with big gains for the Denver Newspaper Guild in both.

In Washington, the main WLB denied an appeal by Denver Post management from a WLB order in Chicago for Commission of the WLB's standard application of the Guild membership provision to the Guild-Post 1943 contract, and directed that the contract be applied forth-

with, with all Board orders included. Industry members desisted.

In Chicago, the WLB's Commission approved a 1944 wage structure agreed upon voluntarily by management and CIO for The Rocky Mountain News, with the exception of a slight reduction in office brackets.

PAPERS PREPARED

The Guild immediately began preparing a draft of the complete

Intensive Drive Charted By New England Council

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his international representative post on the ANG staff, outlined his ideas to the meeting and several proposals for a smoother Guild operation in the area were adopted.

The meeting authorized MacLean to put into operation a council paper to perform in the area essentially the same information functions as The Guild Reporter and on a national basis. The first issues are to come monthly, but a more frequent publication may follow.

MacLean also undertook to make a detailed breakdown of all Guild contracts in the district on a comparative basis, locally and nationally.

SURVEY PROPOSED

A "probability" survey was recommended which will make a detailed study of potential organizational possibilities in the area.

The council appointed a policy committee to make decisions on assignments and course of action and to authorize expenditures as required. Members are Walter Emerson, New England District Council president and president of the Manchester local; Amasa Howe, Boston local president, and Frances M. O'Donnell, Boston treasurer.

Delegates present at the session in addition to Emerson, Howe and O'Donnell included Joseph Coburn, unit chairman, Lynn Item; Fred Bowler, former Lynn local secretary; Dolano Kennard, president of the Salem local; Warren Rockwell, Salem vice president; Harold Bulger, treasurer of the Portland local; and council secretary, Abbott

Hall, council treasurer; John J. O'Brien, Gerald Harvey and James Glennon, Boston executive committee members, and ANG Vice President George A. Harris.

New Contract Raises Wages In Brockton

BROCKTON, Mass.—A new contract with The Brockton Enterprise has been signed by the Brockton Newspaper Guild providing for minimum wage classifications ranging to a new listing of \$75 for the news editor after two years of experience.

Other new pay scales written in the agreement, subject to War Labor Board approval, included \$63 for the city editor and \$57 for the county editor after two years. Reporters, photographers, sports writers and advertising solicitors were lifted from a base pay of \$45.15 to \$47.50.

5-DAY WEEK SPREAD The five-day, 40-hour week was extended in the contract from the editorial room through business, commercial and circulation departments of the Enterprise plant, effective October 20. An issue involving severance pay was sent to the WLB's Newspaper Commission as a dispute.

Chief Guild spokesman in contract negotiations was ANG Vice President George A. Harris of Region 1. He was assisted by local President Melvin Smith, Treasurer Warner Morse and others in the Brockton Guild.

DENVER AP UNIT MEETS WITH LOCAL

DENVER—The new Newspaper Guild unit in the Associated Press Denver bureau, now formally organized with a big majority of the eligible employees enrolled, attended its first citywide meeting of the Denver local on September 10.

Members planned at once to seek recognition of the unit as bargaining agent for AP offices in Denver, Helena and Great Falls, Mont., and Thermene, Wyo., all of which are in the Guild.

Judges Cite Robertson for 'Service'

(Continued from Page One)
 loving citation of Robertson which the Washington Guild submitted along with his entry.

"On June 1, 1944, Nate Robertson completed a year of outstanding service in the public interest through his day-to-day reporting on Capitol Hill. His stories have been reports to the people.

"Nate has been one of the few to understand, interpret and present the tax program with understandable simplicity. He has been alert to expose selfishness and fraud in the war effort.

"He has consistently defended civil liberties during the last frantic year of the Dies Committee.

"He organized and directed the count of the 'secret ballot' on the soldiers' vote bill from the press gallery, without which the voters would not have been able to check the stand of their Congressmen.

"Nate Robertson's stories have the hallmarks of superior reporting. Spot news is not enough; he pursues a story relentlessly through all its implications and developments and he writes out of a social consciousness that Congressmen are elected to do the people's work.

"His passion is facts, his yardstick is honesty, and his ideal is service."

SUMMARIES GIVEN
 These summaries by the Washington Guild of the three Robertson stories singled out for the Broun Award were underscored by the judges:

"Fire Insurance — The high pressure drive of the big fire insurance companies to escape from the anti-trust laws was a year long project. Largely ignored by other papers, Robertson published the facts showing that the fire insurance companies ruthlessly eliminated competition and then proceeded to impose discriminatory and exorbitant rates under the protection of state laws."

"Curtis-Wright Scandal — This, the most sensational story of the war, told of Curtis-Wright turning out defective plane engines with the cooperation of Army Air Forces inspectors and of using advertising, paid for by the government, to cover up its failures. By story and editorial, Robertson followed the scandal from the Truman Committee exposure until the responsible officials paid their fines after pleading guilty."

"Elk Hills Oil Deal — A contract where the one made by Fall with Doherty involving the exploitation of one of the nation's great oil reserves was the Elk Hills deal. Renewal of the contract was finally defeated after Robertson had spent more than a year in tracing down and publishing the details. The original story was an exclusive beat, but the painstaking follow-up was made up of hard work and devoted concern for the public interest."

Also included in the Robertson

BROUN AWARDS WON BY SEVEN

This is the roll of honor of winners of the annual Heywood Broun Memorial Award of the American Newspaper Guild: 1944—Nathan Robertson, for his Capitol Hill coverage for PM, 1943—Milton J. Lapine, William M. Davy, L. L. Kenen and E. George Green, for a series of CIO institutional advertisements on absenteeism in The Cleveland Union Leader.

1942—Dillard Stokes, for exposure in The Washington Post of Nazi propaganda infiltration operations which led into offices of isolationist Congressmen.

1941—Tom O'Connor, for a series in PM on hazardous working conditions in the coal mines.

BROUN AWARD JURY OKAYS WINNING ENTRY

A portrait of the founder of the American Newspaper Guild hung in the background as judges in the 1944 Heywood Broun Memorial Award contest met to sift a score of entries. At work at ANG headquarters in New York, from the left, are Milton Murray, ANG president; Emile Gauvreau, famed as an editor in the tabloid era, and Quentin Reynolds, Collier's war correspondent who was a close friend of Broun for years before the death of the Guild's first president in 1939. Under examination on the desk is a portfolio of PM stories from Washington by Nathan Robertson, who won the fourth annual Broun Award. The three judges gave honorable mention citations to Orrin C. Evans of The Philadelphia Record, Arnold Reichman of PM, and Walter Winchell of The New York Daily Mirror.



—Photo by Irving Haberman, New York Guild, from PM.

exhibits as parts of the entry on which the Broun Award was based were PM stories by him on the Saudi Arabian oil deal negotiated by the Petroleum Reserve Corporation with Standard Oil of California and the Texas Company, which "revived dollar diplomacy and encouraged world carrels," and on the Tinkens-Detroit Axle Company's "production sit-down strike for profits."

After the Broun Award was announced at ANG headquarters in New York September 1, Robertson commented in Washington that his PM beats were "primarily made possible because the other papers weren't interested in official figures open to all."

Reichman, who was named city editor of PM in New York this month, won his honorable mention in the Broun Award citations with an expose of an "organized campaign of terrorism, inspired by Christian Front elements," against Jewish residents of Boston's Dorchester section. His PM stories disclosed that for more than a year, with virtually no interference by civic authorities, Jewish children had been subjected to beatings by gangs of hoodlums and that roving bands of marauders had "desecrated synagogues, shouting such battle cries as 'Kill the Jews!'"

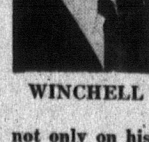


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Reichman, who uncovered the story on a side-trip from the American Federation of Labor convention which he covered in Boston last October, produced a long series of affidavits by victims of the anti-Semitic violence, which, he said, had been a "hush-hush" subject to the police and the Boston newspapers.

After the story broke in PM, Reichman was ejected by Governor Leverett Saltonstall from a press conference in the governor's office.



WINCHELL

not only on his campaign against Dies, who decided not to run for reelection to Congress, but on Winchell's consistently hard-hitting fight against all Fascists, native and otherwise.

Reynolds remarked that when he returned as a correspondent from Germany in early days of the Hitler regime, few would listen seriously to his warnings against Nazi plotting against the world—but that Winchell did listen to him and to others who recognized the Hitler menace, and went into action which has continued since.

The columns submitted in the Broun contest for Winchell included his "newspaperman's personal Declaration of Independ-



which seems trivial to tell... and yet which wrings the hearts and embitters the minds of men wearing their country's uniform."

"At least 60 per cent—probably 80 per cent—of the justifiable resentment of Negro soldiers in the South (which, of course, is transmitted to their relatives and friends in the North) is due directly to the heartless, vicious discrimination of the local bus lines," Evans said.

A week after The Record published the last of Evans' series, the War Department in Washington ordered all camp commands to provide decent, adequate and non-Jim Crow bus transportation for Negro troops between camp and town. Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy and Truman Gibson, assistant to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, gave direct credit to Evans for the order.

Nate Robertson Covers Capital For 21 Years

WASHINGTON—Nathan Robertson, winner of the 1944 Heywood Broun Memorial Award of the American Newspaper Guild, has put in nearly 21 years on Washington newspaper beats. He was born in a Washington suburb—Chevy Chase, Md.—on July 4, 1902, and has worked in Washington cityrooms and out of Capital press bureaus since his graduation in 1923 from the University of Michigan, where another noteworthy member of the class was Thomas E. Dewey.

POLICE TO WHITE HOUSE
 Robertson started in at The Washington Times, where in five years he worked his way from police stations to the Capitol and the White House.

Then he switched to the United Press, for which he covered the Senate for a year and a half. In 1930 he moved over to the Washington bureau of the Associated Press, where he worked eight years.

As an AP staffer, Robertson covered politics, Congress, the fast-breaking New Deal of the 30's, the Pecora investigation and the battle over President Roosevelt's Supreme Court plan.

HE FOLLOWED HOOVER
 He reported the 1932 political conventions, followed Herbert Hoover's campaign, was chairman of the Standing Committee of Correspondents in the Capitol press galleries—and, during the first FDR years, helped organize the Washington Newspaper Guild's AP unit and served as treasurer of the Guild local.

At the end of his eight AP years, Robertson left the wire service to join Paul Mallon, the syndicated columnist.

"My big mistake," is Robertson's terse comment on the Mallon phase of his career, which lasted little more than two weeks. He left Mallon and went into government service, working first in the office of the consumer counsel for the Bituminous Coal Commission and then in the Farm Security Administration, for which he was assistant director of information.

In May, 1940, Robertson enlisted for the Great Experiment in Journalism. He joined the Washington bureau of PM a month before the first PM issue came off the press, and has been a PM staffer since.

His Guild career, marked in August at the ANG's Milwaukee convention by his unopposed election as ANG vice president as a substitute for Gordon H. Cole, another Washington PM staffer now on leave with the Army in Europe, was included several terms as Washington "lid" treasurer and several as vice president of the local, in addition to his early leadership in the Guild's AP unit in the Capital.

documented stories he wrote for The Record on his return, telling what he had found to be true—and untrue—in "reports of mistreatment and persecution of Negro soldiers."

Evans reported that in Army camps it was "not a bad picture basically; not a picture, indeed, which justifies the deep concern felt by many friends and relatives of Negro soldiers."

But a real and constant cause of bitterness among Negro GI's, Evans wrote, was Jim Crow operation of public transportation services in the vicinity of Southern military posts—a problem

The Guild Goes to Press

THESE HEADLINES HELPED WIN BROUN PRIZE



Headlines don't show the painstaking research and reporting that went into PM stories from Washington by Nathan Robertson, who won the 1944 Heywood Broun Memorial Award, but this layout traces the course of several of the series cited by the judges. His exhibit also included other stories not shown in the clips.

of Boston's Record-American unit carried a banner: "THIS IS D-DAY." The "D" stood for donation by members of one week's pay raise to the Guild from retroactive contract pay checks. The next ON THE RECORD reported that 80 percent of the unit came through and that, "Even the Freeriders have offered the Guild their first week's pay raise but... it was refused."

A box in Los Angeles' GUILDSMAN reported that Edward A. Koch of Germantown, Ill., publisher of a pro-Fascist "sheet" called "The Guildsmen" had complied with a demand "that he explain in his paper that his publication has no similarity with various papers published by American Newspaper Guild locals, including the Los Angeles local."

THEATRICAL REPORTER of New York's Billboard unit called on members to "prepare for a fight" with management for contract demands. "And when we fight, we fight like hell. And when we fight like hell, we win."

AP DIAL in Boston, reviewing the course of Guild contract negotiations with the Associated Press bureau management since March 27, said that "much water" has gone over "the damn dam," which is the "NY outfit" of the AP, which influences collective bargaining attitudes of the local management in Boston.

GUILD SERVICE LETTER in Portland, Me., set up an exchange center to forward letters from members in armed forces to others whose addresses were not known by the senders. "Let's Be Your Postman," was the slogan.

In Cleveland, GLOBAL GREETINGS promised service members: "This monthly bulletin is going to press every month—come hell, high water, taxes or Summer complaint."

LOOK NEWS in New York distributed a questionnaire to members of the magazine's staff who had not joined the Guild. There were only two alternative points: "I want to sign a membership card" or "I am interested but want certain specific questions answered."

San Jose's GUILDSMAN, profusely illustrated with caricatures and sketches, also is brightened

Press Chorus Sings Hymns Against PAC

(Continued from Page One)

expected, led all the rest in violent reaction to the revolutionary idea that labor has a vital stake in elections and should therefore engage itself in the business of politics, along with the politicians.

A particularly strident but not new note in the Hearst chorus was sounded September 11 by Westbrook Pegler, who switched from Scripps-Howard to Hearst a little earlier than had been scheduled.

He got off to a good Hearst start in his first column, which expressed a pious wish that soon Chairman Sidney Hillman of the PAC would be "a deposed, discredited and harmless obscurity."

Already in their places and singing in the Hearst chorus were such artists as Benjamin De Casseres, whose sweeter notes in the hymn of hate against the CIO contained such phrases as "Sidney Hillman, Russo-Lithuanian-Marxist."

The Scripps-Howard press, in alleged news stories, editorials, carried its end of the time in such outbursts as that in The New York World-Telegram, which found "symptoms" that labor was not "ready to have its nose held while Dr. Hillman pours his medicine down its gullet."

SLICKS CRY, TOO

Nor was the slick-paper press unheard from on the subject of the PAC. Reader's Digest, Life, The Saturday Evening Post were a few of the mass-consumption magazines which looked on the CIO situation on the political scene and found it repugnant.

Much quoted was a lead piece in the September Reader's Digest by William E. Mullins, a member of the Boston Newspaper Guild. "Object to My Union in Politics," was the title of the article, which carried a decorative border showing a hand, a shackle and a chain. The shackle had been opened.

The Reader's Digest argument by Mullins, a Boston Herald political writer, was partly that labor shouldn't take sides in an election because it would be in for reprisals and tougher times yet if the other side won.

On September 1, President Milton Murray of the American Newspaper Guild wired Editor DeWitt Wallace of Reader's Digest, offering a reply to the Mullins article at the magazine's usual rates "or for free."

At the time of this issue of The Guild Reporter, there was no reply from Wallace.

Life, which earlier ran a page editorial on "The Education of Sidney Hillman," broke out a nine-page picture story about the PAC. The editorial contained such observations as that Hillman "had discovered the common denominator of all totalitarian regimes—to crush the individual's free political association by the momentum of anonymous mass organization."

The picture story echoed The New York Sun, which "echoed the fears of many when it said... 'The CIO is clearly out for the purpose of maintaining at Washington a labor government in fact and perhaps... ultimately in name.'"

SEP POSES QUESTION
 "Will the CIO Capture the Democratic Party?" asked The Saturday Evening Post, which has not been noted in recent years for any friendly concern for the future of party. The answer, by Louis Waldman, former Socialist, was that indeed it would, unless a halt was called on the PAC.

Hillman wrote a reply for The SEP, which promptly turned it down. This answer did get into type in other press quarters, however—notably PM, The Chicago Sun, and The St. Louis Star-Times.

Hillman said that the CIO has no wish to capture the Democrats, committee.

FRENCH LABOR PRESS FIGHTS



When the history of World War II is written, the section on the second fall of France will require a chapter on the part the French labor underground press played. Heroic editors and printers have waged a war of words behind the Nazi lines, kindling fires of patriotism and keeping them burning. These are a few weapons used in this war.

Madison Columnist Breaks Rules, And Wisconsin Public Loves It

MADISON, WIS. — Joseph (Roundy) Coughlin, vice president of the Madison Newspaper Guild, is one of the most picturesque figures in Wisconsin journalism. A sports columnist on The Wisconsin State Journal for the past 21 years, Roundy has a style all his own which breaks just about every rule in the book.

WIDE AREA COVERED
Originally strictly a commentator on sports events, his daily column now has expanded to homespun discussions of almost every subject from the war to the price and quality of liquor dispensed in local bistros.

Roundy first came to the attention of Madison editors when he began to scrawl predictions on coming sports events on a board in Brittingham Park, where he was then pushing a lawnmower. His predictions generally turned out to be uncannily accurate.

His ability to stick winners is still his strongest forte. Last season he was right on 153 out of 172 football game predictions. He missed only two out of 50 basketball games.

Now 49 and tipping the scales at 204 pounds, Roundy left school in the fifth grade, and went to

GALA EVENT OPENS NEW POWDER ROOM

DENVER—Newspaper Guild girls formed the reception committee for the grand opening of a new women's lounge and powder room at The Rocky Mountain News.

The lounge, tastefully furnished and decorated, was planned by Jack Foster, editor, and H. W. Bailey, business manager, who invited staffmen to the grand opening in a gaily-colored invitation.

It was during the grass phase of his activities that he began to cash in on his sports interests.

In 1924 The State Journal hired him as a regular columnist, and since that time he has gone on writing, drawing out their personal guage to the delight of his readers.

Punctuation is something he ignores completely, and a period to Roundy is merely something that goes at the end of a paragraph.

Roundy refers to himself as the "Old Lawnmower Pusher" or the "Sage of Mendota," and many of

his homely phrases have become bywords in sports circles. He is a member of the Wisconsin State Boxing Commission.

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Photo from Wisconsin State Journal
JOSEPH COUGHLIN
He spins punctuation

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NEW ALIBI IS PRODUCED

LIMA, O.—It was one of those after-work poker games and the hour was getting late—how late no one was certain.

The inevitable question was asked: "What time is it?" Around the table each Lima Newspaper Guildman looked at the others, discovering none had a time-piece.

Quipped one: "I guess none of us has been working here 20 years yet."

She is Harriet Rhoads, a 1944 graduate of the University of Denver and daughter of Harry M. Rhoads, chief of the News photographers, who is celebrating this month his forty-fifth year as a newspaper photographer in Denver.

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Shepard Heads CIO Council

INDIANAPOLIS — Joseph Shepard, Indianapolis Newspaper Guild delegate to the CIO Industrial Union Council here, has been elected president of the council.

Shepard, a former Guild president, has served before as executive head of the Industrial Union Council. He also was a delegate to the state CIO convention.

Shepard is a veteran federal building reporter for The Indianapolis Star.

EX-PREXY IN DENVER TAKES DEMO OFFICE
DENVER—Gene Cervi, former president of the Denver Newspaper Guild and until recently on the War Production Board staff here, has been appointed assistant Colorado Democratic state chairman.

Cervi, formerly a reporter on The Post and The Rocky Mountain News, is the head of the Sundance Publishing Company, which plans to launch a new daily newspaper in Denver as soon as newprint is available.

GARDNER ELECTED TO COUNCIL POST
SACRAMENTO — Johnny K. Gardner, reporter for The Sacramento Bee and active member of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild, has been elected secretary of the Sacramento CIO Council.

Gardner succeeds Austin Brumley of the American Communications Association.

PUEBLO ELECTS GERTRUDE ROY

PUEBLO, Colo. — Because of the press of other duties, William Barwell, treasurer of the Pueblo Newspaper Guild since its organization in 1943, resigned effective September 1 and Gertrude Roy was elected to fill the unexpired term.

Miss Roy has been an advertising department employee of Pueblo papers since 1922 and is a charter member of the Pueblo Guild.

Her efforts in behalf of the Northern Ohio District Council have made her one of the most valuable members of that organization.

She has both the temperament and ability to serve in the responsible position for which she has been nominated.

I feel that her selection for the vice presidency at large will meet with approval by the majority of newspapermen and women in our nation's service who are so dependent upon the present Guild leadership to not only retain but improve the conditions and bene-

PUEBLO DELEGATE FILES A REPORT

PUEBLO, Colo. — The Pueblo Newspaper Guild's delegate to the 1944 national convention of the American Newspaper Guild, Paul (Smiley) Benko, returned from Milwaukee meeting and reported to his local that:

"The Guild is in good 'lands in Milton Murray, Sam Eubanks, William W. Rodgers and as long as men like they are at the helm of our organization we have nothing to worry about."

McKENNA IS DELEGATE TO OREGON CIO MEET

PORTLAND, Ore. — President John B. McKenna of the Portland Newspaper Guild and the Portland Industrial Union Council will represent both at the Oregon CIO convention October 19 and 21.

McKenna, who also was named CIO representative on the executive board of the Portland War Chest, will be accompanied to the state CIO sessions by two other delegates of the Portland Guild.

PRESS "KING" ROLE SCORED BY CRITIC

DENVER—Newspapers of the future, if they are to succeed, will drop their role of "king" and become "premiers," abandoning the urge to rule and becoming representatives of and for the people, Gene Cervi, former Post and News reporter and president of the Sundance Publishing Company, told the Denver Monday Breakfast Club.

CENTER SUPPORTED

PUEBLO, Colo. — The Pueblo Newspaper Guild is joining with other labor groups of Pueblo to obtain a recreation center for underprivileged children of the city.

At a special meeting the Guild pledged financial support for the building fund.

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It Seems to Us...

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

ENGELS ENDORSES CANDIDATE HOWARD
FORT SCHUYLER, N. Y.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
The Milwaukee convention scored a bull's-eye when it nominated Jean Howard of the New York Post unit to occupy my vacant seat on the IEB.

Jean has plenty of experience in Guild affairs and has more common sense than any officer I know in the New York Guild. The combination makes her the ideal candidate for international office.

Since most everyone in the New York Guild voted to send her to Milwaukee, it would seem that her election would mean more for unity than the election of her opponent.

WALTER D. ENGELS,
Lieutenant (j. g.) USNR.

LAPINE APPROVES CANDIDATE COAKLEY
ANNE HIGDON SCHOOL, NORFOLK, VA.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
Service in the Navy is busy these days, but there is always time to keep space with the activities of the American Newspaper Guild.

I have read with great interest that Eleanor Coakley of Toledo has been nominated to serve in my place as an international vice president at large of the ANG.

I know that ever since she joined the Guild four years ago she has been genuinely devoted to the interests of working newspaper people and the improvement of conditions in the newspaper field.

She has been instrumental in reviving the Toledo Guild to respectable position in good standing of membership and improvement of contractual benefits.

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HE REVIEWS "PURPOSE" OF ANG REFERENCE
PHILADELPHIA

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
Just in case any one forgets the purpose of the coming Guild elections, it might be well to review the facts.

Vacancies have been created in the IEB because of the departure for military service of Milton J. Lapine, vice president at large, and Walter Engels, vice president from Region 5. The persons who are elected to take their places are substitutes either until

PAC IS CAMPUS PROJECT, TOO

Verda Barnes, left, women's division director of the CIO Political Action Committee, goes over some PAC primers with Mrs. Gertrude Behrle, PAC campus director in charge of bringing the CIO's lessons to college students. "We're determined to make the CIO's slogan mean 'every youth a politically active citizen,'" said Mrs. Behrle, a daughter of Frank Kingdon, liberal radio commentator.

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Flashbacks

The Guild Reporter failed to appear during July and August 10 years ago following circulation of a big June 15 edition covering the American Newspaper Guild's second annual convention in St. Paul, which will be co-host with Minneapolis at the union's twelfth meeting next year.

Explaining the 1934 post-convention publishing hiatus, a note in the September GR issue said "tardiness in the payment of national dues" was responsible for the lack of Guild reading matter, but that: "A slump in revenues following the difficult task of financing a national convention, after less than a year's organization work, was expected, and now that the various young Guilds have recovered from the effort funds are being released for other than the most basic administrative functions."

There was a bad typo omission of the word "monthly" in an announcement in the same GR number: "It is planned to enforce the convention's plan for semi-publication of The Reporter with the next issue."

The page one, column five Guild Reporter story in September, 1934, was about the granting of the five-day week by the Associated Press to harassed employees in cities where member newspapers had established a 40-hour week at President Roosevelt's request.

This initial major wire service gain by the Guild came just three weeks after its first direct attempt at bargaining with a national press association, and it was noted that the AP concession almost coincided with the Guild's first show of strength in the wire field, produced at a September 2 regional conference in New York.

Present at this meeting were Guild representatives from press associations in Boston, Washington, Philadelphia, Newark, New York and other cities on the Atlantic seaboard. The Guild Reporter story about it made mention of AP management's "bourbon" opposition to the Guild.

The "first strike vote to be taken by any unit of the American Newspaper Guild" was recorded by The Guild Reporter 10 years ago. Result of the vote: quick, complete victory for the young union.

The Jewish Daily Bulletin-Jewish Telegraphic Agency unit in New York passed the pioneering strike motion. Within 30 hours following the strike vote, the New York local and the woman publisher signed a settlement granting the first Guild preferential shop in New York and ending sweatshop conditions. This was done at an emergency representative assembly session called August 30 by the local.

Quoting a survey by the National Bureau of Economic Research, made at the request of the United States Senate, The Guild Reporter reported in 1934 that newspaper and magazine publishing was the most profitable field in "any manufacturing industry" and second only to building construction as the most lucrative "for any industry" in the United States.

A \$16-a-week staffer at The Cleveland News almost fainted, 10 years ago, when he found \$2 extra in his pay envelope in the midst of Guild negotiations with News management. He stammered his thanks to the m. e.

"Don't thank me, young man," the m. e. said. "Thank the editor. Then thank The Cleveland News. And then thank God." There was no suggestion by the m. e. that the Guild was entitled to a place in any such trinity.

The Guild's second fight with S. I. Newhouse, New York chain publisher, began in August, 1934, at The Staten Island Advance. The first contest had been won the month before at The Long Island Daily Press.

The Guild Reporter related that in the Advance fight "Every possible device had seemingly been used during the first 10 days of the campaign—radio broadcasts, street-corner meetings, picketing, airplane stunting and publication of two extra editions of The Reporter. A motor truck with loudspeakers audible two miles toured Staten Island."

REPUBLICAN ROUNDUP

Wechsler Warns Dewey Rooters: He Sees Too Many Republicans

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

ABOARD THE DEWEY CAMPAIGN TRAIN—Governor Dewey is likely to suffer soon from the same optical illusion that has afflicted three Republican candidates before him.

He is meeting too many Republicans.

There is nothing new about that problem, but it emerges sharply once again as the Dewey train rolls westward.

THE FAITHFUL RALLY

The officials who greet him are Republicans. The crowds (big or small) that turn out for his meetings are largely composed of unmistakably Republican formations. The people who tell him after the meetings that he was terrific are Republicans.

He can hardly be blamed for believing that there are an awful lot of Republicans in the U.S.A. and that the Democrats are a slowly dying breed.

He must also succumb to the feeling that Roosevelt is a pretty easy rival. Why, That Man has no friends.

Undoubtedly the Republican nominee strives to stifle such thoughts lest they lead him into a disastrous state of over-confidence, but the atmosphere is not conducive to rationality.

OTHERS FOUND IT OUT

Hoover learned that, so did Landon, and so did Willkie—like many others of both parties before them. And when it was all over they must have at least momentarily suspected that there had been a false count. Where did all those Roosevelt votes come from?

None of this is intended to suggest that Mr. Roosevelt is in and the race all over, nor is it designed to disparage those faithful Republicans who have gathered to gaze at Dewey.

It is simply a description of a phenomenon which must unsettle and unnerve any candidate. The whole business also is a little trying for a correspondent who is not a lifelong Republican.

HE SHOULD GET AROUND

If a candidate could roam around incognito a few hours a

day his sense of balance might be preserved.

He would hear some of the whispered cracks that anonymous citizens make to you when they are convinced that you are a newspaperman, not a local Republican official.

There was a waiter in a Louisville hotel who stared hard at my press ribbon and said a little tentatively:

"You don't work for Dewey—you just go along for the ride?"

I explained that it was all strictly in the line of duty, and so he asked:

"You know who's going to win?"

I refrained from any profound prognostication.

"Well, I'll tell you," he said. "Roosevelt's going to win because I never had a job for two years until he was elected and I've been working steady ever since. Lots of fellows like me are going to elect Roosevelt."

THEY'D HELP "BALANCE"

I do not present these remarks as representing all of the U.S.A. If Dewey had heard him, however, I am sure the incident would have contributed to his balance and his perspective.

Instead, he is surrounded by Republicans of goodwill who want to make him happy and want to assure him that their home towns are populated exclusively by good Republicans.

If the crowds are small, there is always an explanation. Somebody will consolingly point out

that it rained two days ago and the streets are still wet.

If the audience is cool, some local dignitary will explain that the people of his community are the unemotional type.

IT'S "UNDERSTANDABLE"

And it is understandable that any man, in search of high office, can see destiny beckoning amidst the party trappings on train platforms.

He can be forgiven if he hears echoing calls in meeting halls where, before banks of microphones, the local claque respond handily to any mention of the New Deal bureaucrats and of savior-needing free enterprise.

So the illusion of invincibility grows.

Roosevelt? Whom did he ever lick, anyway?

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A brief, factual condensation of the GI Bill of Rights—a condensation which will be invaluable to all veterans and veterans' committees—is the star feature of the second issue of The New Veteran, monthly magazine published for returning servicemen by the National CIO War Relief Committee in New York City.

The July and August issues of the magazine have been combined into a special omnibus edition, containing not only a summary of the bill itself but a penetrating analysis of the bill's defects.

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he also has been a member of the executive board of the city's CIO Industrial Union Council.

He was the New Orleans Guild's delegate at the ANG's eleventh convention in Milwaukee last month.

For most of the past 15 years Melody, now 40, has been news editor of The New Orleans Item. Before he went to New Orleans he was in newspaper work in Birmingham.