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COAKLEY, McMANUS ELECTED

Council Develops New Guild Local

SHEBOYGAN, Wis.—With the assistance of the Midwest District Council of the American Newspaper Guild and helped along by local CIO organizers, employees of advertising and circulation departments and the business office of The Sheboygan Press have perfected organization of the Sheboygan Newspaper Guild.

Officers of the new Guild are Elwin Rich, classified advertising department, president; Vern Fox, display advertising department, vice president, and Howard Pantel, circulation department, secretary-treasurer.

On the new Guild's bargaining committee are Fox, chairman, and Oscar Knoke, Buster Wandergem and Cecil Brickner.

IT'S A DEMO PAPER

The Sheboygan Press long has been recognized in Wisconsin as one of the outstanding Democratic papers in the state.

Its editor, Charles Broughton, formerly was national Democratic committeeman for Wisconsin and now is chairman of the Farm Loan Board for this district. The Press has a circulation of 24,193 in a city of 40,000 population.

Sheboygan labor leaders cheered the organization of the Guild here as one of the most forward steps taken by white collar workers in Sheboygan in years.

PLEDGE IS KEPT

Formation of the Sheboygan Guild was in keeping with a pledge made by the Midwest District Council at the ANG convention in Milwaukee in August, when it promised at least one new Guild local in its territory (Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin) within six months after convention adjournment.

The new Guild local, which was issued an ANG charter following a wire poll of members of the union's International Executive Board, was the first to be organized since Milwaukee in a convention-adopted program of membership expansion through district council operations.

Management of The Press gave the Guild written notice that it was recognized as collective bargaining agent of the affected employees, and contract proposals were presented to the publisher in preparation for negotiations.

McCREA IN PARLEYS

Participating in formal preliminary discussions with management were J. Nash McCrea of the Milwaukee Guild, president of the Midwest District Council, and Sol Kapelsohn of the New York law firm of Isserman, Isserman and Kapelsohn, ANG counsel.

Representing The Press were Broughton and Matt Zener, former assistant to Leo Crowley, Alien Property Custodian in Washington.



ELEANOR COAKLEY
She acts for Milton J. Lapine

JOHN T. McMANUS
He acts for Walter Engels

'Buck for FDR' Drive Yields Guild Dollars

First, scattered and incomplete returns from American Newspaper Guild locals in the CIO's "Dollar for Roosevelt" campaign, cleared last week through ANG headquarters in New York City, indicated a widening participation by members of the union in the political action drive.

The first seven Guild locals to report filed more than \$400 with ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers for transmission to the National Citizens Political Action Committee—and these contributions, for the most part, represented half of dollars paid voluntarily by members, with the balance retained locally.

DRIVE EXTENDED

The CIO Political Action Committee meanwhile extended until October 31 its drive for the voluntary dollars from CIO members and their friends.

This was the initial score in Guild phases of the campaign, according to the count of cash cleared by locals through Rodgers:

New York, \$319.62; Los Angeles, \$44; Rochester, \$28.50; Northwestern Indiana, \$6; Knoxville, \$5; Akron, \$4.25; Detroit \$3.

In these locals and in many others the voluntary contribution campaign was continuing.

"WILLING AND EAGER"

In New York, the PAC said that "response of CIO members" in the drive had been "wholehearted," adding:

"But some members have informed us that they have not yet been approached, although they are willing and eager to give a dollar and more to the cause."

"That buck can't work for Roosevelt until it's collected and turned in."

WECHSLER FILING:

Quiet, Please! It's Time To Feel Nation's Pulse

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—We are now taking the nation's pulse. Quiet, please.

This is a high science, practiced every four years by a large percentage of the Washington newspaper fraternity, which is slowly achieving a degree of accuracy rarely equalled in any other field.

It has been perfected to the point where we have at least one chance in two of being right.

The business of political prognostication is, needless to say,

Howard, Wood Lose Contests For IEB Places

American Newspaper Guild members elected Eleanor Coakley of Toledo and John T. McManus of New York City as temporary members of the union's International Executive Board, substituting for vice presidents now on war leave in Navy service.

Miss Coakley, a supporter of the ANG administration, won a national referendum contest against Betty Wood of Chicago, an opponent of the administration, to take the place of Lieutenant Milton J. Lapine of Cleveland as a vice president at large.

McManus, an opponent of the ANG administration, defeated Jean Howard of New York City, an administration supporter, in a referendum in states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware to name a substitute Region 5 vice president to act for Lieutenant Walter Engels of New York City.

The official election returns, at announced the night of October 14 at ANG headquarters in New York by a national bipartisan election committee, gave:

For Vice President at Large
COAKLEY 3,873
WOOD 3,411
For Region 5 Vice President
McMANUS 2,391
HOWARD 1,511

Miss Coakley, a leader in the ANG's Northern Ohio District Council and secretary-treasurer of the Toledo Guild, was given broad backing throughout the country in her election run to substitute for Lapine, to whose principles she was pledged.

WINS WIDE SUPPORT

Among the first 56 Guild locals whose referendum returns were reported, Miss Coakley carried 45 and in nearly a dozen of these she was the unanimous choice of the dues-paying voters.

Miss Wood, treasurer of the Chicago Guild, carried 11 of the first-reporting locals, principally her home local and Los Angeles, Cincinnati, St. Louis and the big New York Guild, which gave her a tremendous lead over Miss Coakley at the outset of the referendum balloting.

The Region 5 election to name a substitute for Engels was all

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Guild Cases Are Speeded In WLB Drive

CHICAGO—Processing and clearance of Newspaper Guild wage agreements by the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission have been speeded in a "production drive" which Chairman Robert K. Burns said had reduced a backlog of pending voluntary cases by 65 percent since August 4.

The "production drive" report by the agency indicated that the backlog of voluntary contracts involving the Guild and other unions within the newspaper industry had been cut from a high of 536 to 200.

FURTHER CUT SEEN

"Holding all-day meetings and night sessions, the Commission is turning out nearly twice as many cases as it is receiving, which will bring further reductions in the pending docket," Chairman Burns said, adding:

"At the present time, our disputes backlog is a little large but not seriously so. All the cases are in some state of being processed."

Burns, whose resignation as Commission chairman had been reported in the Summer, instead returned to the agency on a full-time basis, assisting Vice Chairman F. S. Deibler, who had been carrying on Commission operations in admittedly understaffed offices.

ANG International Representative Ward B. Melody has been assigned regularly to the Chicago

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Wire Services Spurn Joint Parley Plan

Acting with near-unanimity, wire, photograph and feature services with which the Newspaper Guild bargains collectively rejected union proposals for joint national contract negotiations aimed at obtaining uniformity in provisions covering comparable job classifications.

Managements of the United Press, International News Service, International News Photos, Acme Newspictures, Central Press and Newspaper Enterprise Association turned down the project, which was proposed by the ANG's Wire Service Committee as a move toward simplifying negotiations and standardizing contract conditions.

AP BREAKS FRONT

The only break in this united front was demonstrated by the Associated Press, usually the bell-

wether of the wire services, which indicated it would not object to joint conversations. The plan, to be effective, would require participation by all the affected services.

Following refusal of the rest of the syndicates to cooperate in the project, ANG negotiators proceeded with plans to bring separate 1945 contracts closely into line on such contract levels as pay classifications, in which there is disparity, and effective dates, which differ widely.

UP PARLEYS OPEN

First formal moves in these directions were to be made at an ANG bargaining session with UP management in New York October 17, when negotiations for a new national wage agreement with the service will open.

UP employee representatives on a national wire service collective bargaining committee, named at an ANG wire conference September 17, will join with Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers and other ANG leaders at the initial UP session.

NLRB Director Rules for Guild

SACRAMENTO—James Watson, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board in San Francisco, has recommended that the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild's challenges of three voters in a recent NLRB election at The Sacramento Union be sustained.

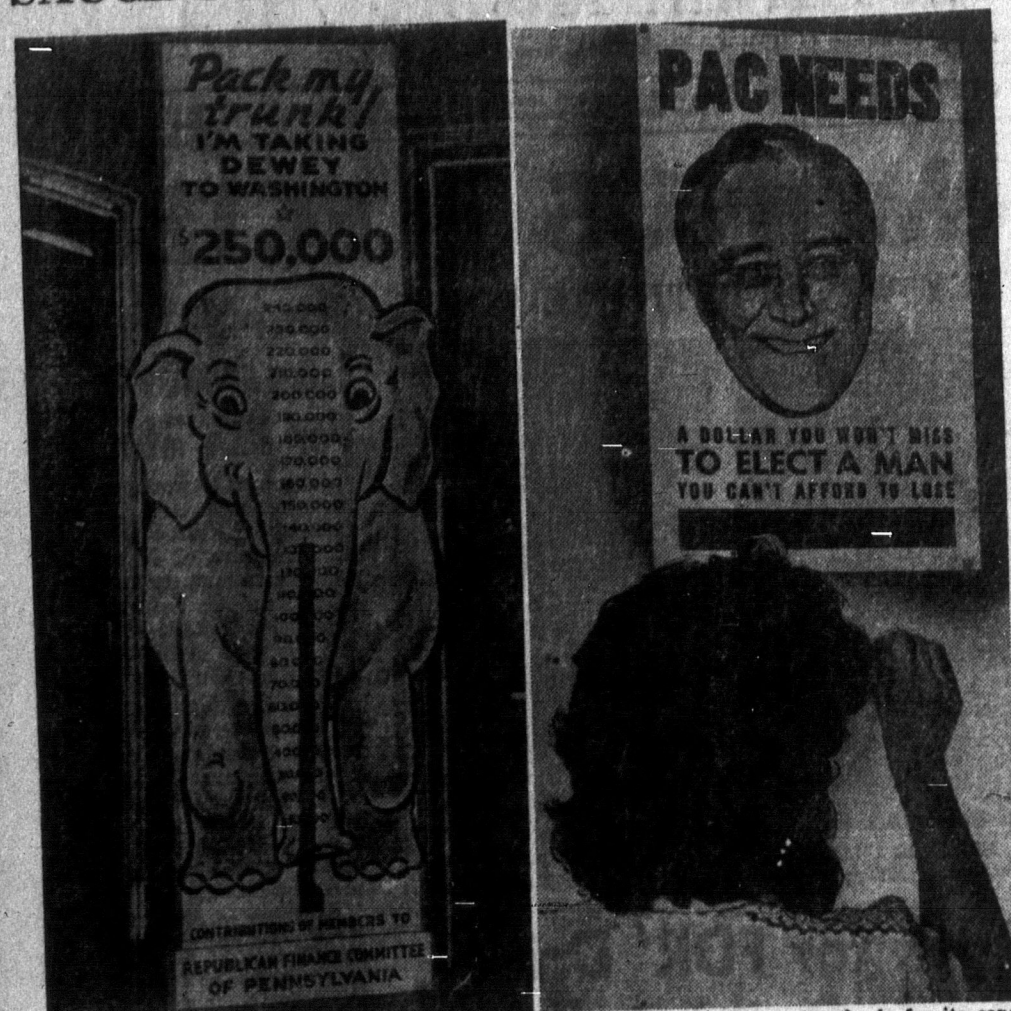
He has also recommended that challenges of six voters by management be overruled.

The Guild, now awaiting action by the NLRB itself in Washington, won the election 16 to 7 but certification as bargaining unit was delayed pending an NLRB ruling on the challenged voters in circulation and editorial departments.

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SAUCE FOR THE GOP - AND THE PAC?



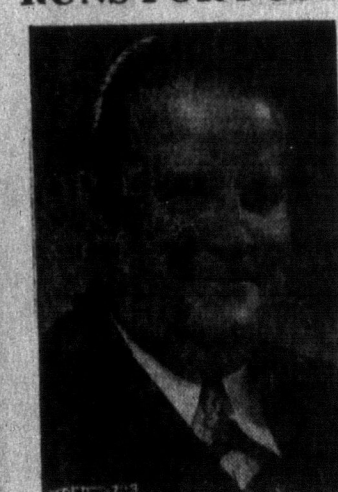
Since the Civil War the Union League in Philadelphia has been raising campaign funds for its candidates for public office by such methods as demonstrated at the left. This year each Union Leaguer is expected to kick in an average of \$88, and the chart shows they've been doing right well. No body, least of all Republican publishers, objects to this. It's legal and proper. The same publishers, however, howl long and loud about the "alien," "unwholesome," "dictatorial," "Communist" campaign method demonstrated at the right, where a CIO placard, asking for voluntary dollars, is posted.

FIRST LADY PLANS TO GIVE TO NCPAC

WASHINGTON (FP)—In addition to urging voters to register before November 7, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt expects to contribute to the National Citizens Political Action Committee, she said at a press conference.

The First Lady, in her first meeting with newspaper women since May, explained that voluntary contributions are being solicited by her union, the Washington Newspaper Guild, and that giving to the fund and urging people to vote would constitute her only political activity.

RUNS FOR POST



KENNETH V. PETERSON
Peterson, member of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild and a Hammond Times advertising staffman, is the Republican candidate for auditor of Lake County.

LOS ANGELES MAIL SERVICE MEN'S GIFTS

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Newspaper Guild's service men's committee and the local women's auxiliary has mailed more than 50 packages of new books as the first shipment of Christmas gifts to the Guild's more than 250 members in military service. Julie Williams has charge of arrangements.

PAC Dollars Roll in in Detroit

DETROIT—Voluntary dollars started flowing through a special Detroit Newspaper Guild political action fund following a general membership meeting at which the CIO's "Dollar for Roosevelt" campaign was endorsed unanimously.

One veteran Detroit Guild member contributed \$25 for the National Citizens Political Action Committee, and other contributions of \$5 were made.

Milton Murray, American Newspaper Guild president and member of the local, spoke at the meeting in behalf of the CIO program, using as his text the 50-year history of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees, whose progress he said had depended largely on hard work for friendly legislators and favorable legislation.

Another speaker said that until the CIO's PAC appeared, she

DENVER NEWSMAN LEADS DEMOCRATS

DENVER—Eugene Cervi, former president of the Denver Newspaper Guild and Denver delegate to the ANG's San Francisco convention, has been made permanent chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, succeeding Barney L. Whitley, Democratic candidate for United States Senator.

Cervi is a former Rocky Mountain News and Denver Post reporter.



NCPAC Fund Grows in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Voluntary contributions for the National Citizens Political Action Committee have been rolling in from newspaper workers and their neighbors, friends and relatives here, with a flying squadron of Los Angeles Newspaper Guild volunteers covering the area.

Writing out the receipts were Harvey Spranger, Ann Bahls, Eleanor Rorick, Ruth Merrill, Bib Tolins, Virgil Scardigli, Frank Thrasher, Elmer DuBois, Arthur Chance, Albee Slade, Lloyd White, Dick Reynolds, Herman Jerson, Tony Gentile and Hugh David.



Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

Aside from rage and indignation at the unfairness of the political propaganda being put out in the daily press, I must confess a certain envy of its effectiveness.

The campaign of distortion, falsehood, untruth and half-truth is making substantial progress with the general public. It is even making inroads in the ranks of labor.

Valid issues of the campaign are being lost and the public denied the right of making intelligent judgment as the publishers and their hand-picked candidate belabor two bogeys:

- 1) Communism.
 - 2) "Clear Everything with Sidney" Hillman.
- The clamor over these points is understandable. It is substantially easier to yelp about Communists than it is to explain the little propagandist's lack of such things as postwar employment plans.

Almost any honest editorialist could and would accept the unequivocal statement of President Roosevelt that "I have never sought and I do not welcome the support of any person or group committed to Communism or Fascism or any other foreign ideology."

It is perfectly true that, no matter how unsought by the President, and how unwelcome the Communists are to the President, that fringe of intellectual twidgets presumes, this year, to be on the side of Roosevelt. And of course, despite the President's disclaimer, a large portion of the press continues to whoop about Earl Browder as though he were leading the Democratic ticket.

I do not recall any horrified rantings when this same covey of turncoats imposed their support upon all opponents of President Roosevelt and his policies in 1940.

It might seem to reasonable persons that if the Communies were not a national political menace in their 1940 pretensions of loyalties, they should not be construed a menace to the Republic as of life in their current, unrequited amour. Particularly since (as of this moment of writing) they have switched from all their old slogans about militant reform and social change which once gave them a specious allure for some liberals.

While this issue of Communism in political action is a dishonest evasion of issues, the Hillman attack is far more sinister and despicable.

The Hillman attack is expanded deliberately to capitalize whatever bigotry can be evoked from Hillman being foreign born and a Jew. Representations are made that Hillman is the choice of the Communists as political commissar and that he is extorting money and support from good Americans.

You, as a union member, know that no one has forced you to give a cent to the Political Action Committee.

You, as a union member, know that on November 7 neither Hillman nor I nor any other person can force you to vote contrary to your conscience and your belief.

On July 7, 1943, I sat in Washington as a member of the CIO Executive Board when Sidney Hillman was nominated by Philip Murray as chairman of our Political Action Committee. I believe that I seconded that nomination. The vote was unanimous.

It did not occur to me that because Hillman is a Jew, our action would be attacked. It did not occur to me that he was foreign born and an American by choice instead of by biological incident.

Our discussion that day was confined, not to the bigotries that might be inflamed, but to the question of union livelihood. We talked about wages and working conditions. How your future and mine depended upon political action.

It was no sudden whim on my part to support the man in the White House. There was a background of 20 years of working for a living, 11 years of working for a union.

There was some experience back of my vote. Some experience of seeing unfriendly mayors order their policemen out against workmen. Of seeing judges issue or withhold injunctions on the basis of special interest. Of seeing laws passed—and not passed.

There was some experience of seeing men fired from their jobs. Of seeing men standing in line for jobs. Of seeing women standing in line at welfare offices for a grocery order.

And some experience, since I am that old, of buying apples from men huddled in the snow and slush at street corners.

It was my conviction that sultry day in Washington when the Political Action Committee was established that politics had come to play some part in how you and I live—that politics, whether we like it or not, have in part in our unions.

There is nothing that any publisher can publish, there is no force of propaganda that will make me forget the days when I came to work in fear and trembling that I, like others, might be fired.

There is no damnation of the Communists nor any slurs at Sidney Hillman that will erase the pain of the pay cuts I took nor the memory of the suffering I saw.

I may admire the glitter of the propaganda but I still propose to fight it.

An M. E. Reflects on Broun Award Idea And Concludes It Bolsters a Free Press

(Within a space of two months, Nathan Robertson of PM's Washington staff was elected vice president of the American Newspaper Guild, won the ANG's 1944 Heywood Broun Memorial Award, and was awarded a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard. It naturally followed that the Washington Guild, which he helped organize, threw a party for him. On this occasion this month Robertson's PM boss did some thinking about the implications of the Broun Award in relation to the responsibilities of newspaper publishers and working newspapermen. The conclusions of the boss follow, slightly abridged.—Ed.)

By JOHN P. LEWIS
Managing Editor, PM

Nate Robertson is being honored by the Newspaper Guild for the simple reason that he is a newspaper man's newspaperman.

By this tribute to Robertson, as I see it, the working newspapermen of the Guild, more than anything else, are taking the initiative to say that they stand for building into present-day journalism the simple and fundamental virtues which are, at once, both the justification and the protection of a free press.

These fundamentals—built around honest and courageous searching for the truth by men of integrity, bound by no obligations to anything but what they believe to be the facts and a burning desire that the truth shall prevail—more and more have been overshadowed by the frills, and gentilities and vanities of the modern newspaper.

PUBLISHERS STRIVE TO WIN "MONOPOLY"

More and more, newspaper managements are making their primary search not for the truth, but for the means of achieving and holding monopoly, for the keys to consolidation, for the easiest, quickest route to commercial affluence, for the right note to sound as a voice of the business community on which, more and more, they are interdependent.

You'll find the evidence in any record of journalistic vital statistics you care to pick up, for they all show the same trend toward centralization, monopolization, concentration of newspaper direction in the hands of fewer and fewer men.

This isn't to say that all those ends of business newspaper management are individually and necessarily wrong, but it is to say that the fundamental virtues of news journalism, as distinguished from journalism as a business, are in jeopardy.

If the fundamentals are not built into the changing structure that is arising, then we can all kiss good-by to the freedom of the press under which we operate.

"POSITIVE AFFIRMATION" GIVEN BY GUILD

I can read into the recognition and honor which you are giving



JOHN P. LEWIS
"Virtues" are "in jeopardy"

to Robertson a positive affirmation of the fundamentals of the kind of journalism of which I speak, for that is what—and all, which is no detraction—he stands for.

He is an unpretentious, unassuming newspaperman. All he asks—maybe asks is not strong enough, for he demands it—is the right to search for the truth and to call the facts as he finds and sees them.

We don't have to discuss the stories for which Robertson is honored. We all of us know that they represent plain, simple, unpretentious, dogged newspapering.

They represent hard work rather than a flare for the spectacular. Above all, these stories represent journalistic integrity—the simple business of calling facts as he found and as he saw them in the light of his own convictions as to what is the truth, without regard to what anyone else in the world might say, or think, or want.

UNCHARTERED AREAS ARE ENTERED

Exactly to the extent that you pay honor to him on this basis you are charting a course into

the uncharted areas of the newspaper relationships between newspaper reporters and newspaper managements that have not yet clearly been marked out.

HIGH OFFICIALS HONOR BROUN PRIZEWINNER



Top left: In the Capital joined the Washington Newspaper Guild at a testimonial dinner in the Mayflower Hotel for Nathan Robertson, ANG vice president who won the 1944 Heywood Broun Memorial Award. From the left here are Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Robertson, Justice Hugo Black of the Supreme Court, and Dorothy Rockwell, local Guild president. Others among 150 at the dinner included Archibald MacLeish, Thurman Arnold, Oscar Chapman, Randolph Paul, Jonathan Daniels. The ANG was represented by Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers. James A. Wechsler was master of ceremonies.

Henceforth, most of the exploring in this area has been done by newspapermen as individuals and not as a group.

The whole question of the rights of reporters to report facts, as they find them and as they see them has been worked out satisfactorily in a good many instances. But where it has worked out, it has been done largely, I believe, on an individual basis.

The rights of newspapermen generally to write as their own consciences dictate—rather than as newspaper policy or expediency dictates—have not been clearly defined.

EDITORS' "RIGHTS" ARE UNCHALLENGED

There is no question here about the rights of newspaper editors to refuse to print what they do not believe.

I think we all agree that no editor has the right to abdicate the responsibility of making his own decision as to what his paper will or will not print.

But as it works out, there is an unresolved question about the rights of individual newspapermen to refuse to write what they themselves may not believe—in the limits of pre-conceived ideas of implied or explicit policy.

The editor can protect himself by throwing out a story he doesn't want. The writer, by virtue of his personal financial or other circumstances, may not feel, on his part, the same freedom



A cap and gown, gift of the Washington Newspaper Guild, are being tried on for size by Nathan Robertson, ANG vice president and Heywood Broun Memorial Award winner who goes to Harvard next month for a year's study as a Nieman Fellow. At the left, President Dorothy Rockwell of the Guild local; at the right, Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress, first curator of the Nieman Foundation.

to refuse to write what he doesn't believe.

So the editor's is free, limited only by his own conscience and whatever compromise he may have reached with his business management.

But the reporter, all too often, is required to work not within the limits of his own honest opinions and conscience, but within the limits of pre-conceived ideas and predetermined policies not necessarily based on the facts which are the reporter's stock-in-trade.

Captured Guildsman Escapes Nazis

PITTSBURGH—Flight Officer Karl Yohn, 20, former Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph Newspaper Guildsman, was reported "safe and well" after escaping from German captivity in Holland, where he was aided by the Netherlands resistance movement.

In a sortie over Europe, Yohn was forced to bail out over a part of Holland still in German hands. A flying Fortress co-pilot, he failed to return to his base after

LONG BEACH FETES LEADERS OF LOCAL

LOS ANGELES—Members of the Long Beach Independent of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild entertained LANG President William E. Oliver, ANG Vice President George Hutchinson and Administrative Officer G. K. Williams of the local at a luncheon in the beach city.

LANG officials motored to the Long Beach, expecting to meet with the unit on strictly Guild business and found that the Long Beach members had arranged the luncheon in addition.

AMONG OURSELVES



CORPORAL DILLARD STOKES, Washington Post Guildsman who won 1942 Heywood Broun Memorial Award, now in South Pacific . . . HILARY DOBER, NECK, former Pittsburgh Guild president, serving with Army in New Guinea . . . There he met JOHNNY JONES, former Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph photographer, now on USO tour as magnificence.

FRED J. MARTIN, a Great Falls (Mont.) Guild founder, stationed at Helena as Marine Corps Lieutenant . . . JOHN LEONARD HUNTER reported from New Guinea that he picked up stray copy of August 15 Guild Reporter there . . . Captain WALTER BURSON, former Pittsburgh Guild president, returned from New Guinea after 20 months with military police.

Guildsman MATTHEW BLACK, New York Journal-American photographer, won grand and first prizes in United Seamen's Service photo contest . . . IRVING HABERMAN, PM photographer, took second prize in domestic division of same contest . . . RAY BLATT left West Michigan CIO News to edit Flint Weekly Review in Flint, Mich.

On sick list: LEE T. CABEY, Rocky Mountain News columnist, and a founder of Denver Guild, who was stricken with a serious heart attack; MARGARET DONLEY, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Guild unit treasurer, back again to hospital for eye treatment . . .

WEDDING BELLS: Treasurer CABERIA (BETTY) ARIOLI of Lynn Guild and THOMAS P. GREEN, and HARRY LOU JOHNSON, who left Denver Post society desk to marry JOHN GURTNER.

Twenty-fifth wedding anniversary for President ERNEST G. BAYTON of Northwestern Indiana Guild . . . Girl, GAIL ANN CLOUTIER, for LEO CLOUTIER, Manchester Union sports editor . . . Prolific New York Postman PAUL DENIS sold another article to This Week and a piece to Photoplay.

QUENTIN REYNOLDS, Heywood Broun Award judge, leaves soon to cover war again . . . New Orleans Guildsman HARRY NETT T. KANE, who wrote best selling "Louisiana Hayride," a author of "Deep Delta Country," to be released November 3 . . . MAURICE CLEVELAND shifted by Associated Press from Denver to Washington . . . MILLARE BROWNE left Sacramento Union to write Buffalo Evening News editorials.

Light Vote Marks ANG Election

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over as soon as the New York local's votes were counted.

McManus, New York Guild president who lost to Engels in a general ANG election contest last year for the regional vice presidency, piled up a lead of more than 1,100 in his local, which turned out a record number of voters in contrast to some other locals in the region, normally administration strongholds, where balloting was light.

NEW YORK WON IT.

Mrs. Howard, 1944 chairman of the New York Post unit, carried the Philadelphia-Camden Guild by more than seven to one, and all but several of the 14 other locals in the region gave her

big majorities. But all of them together, even if the voting had been much heavier, could not have been expected to overcome the McManus margin in New York.

The ANG administration, first elected in 1941 on an anti-Communist platform, thus won nationally in the election of Miss Coakley and lost, however temporarily, in its Eastern Seaboard regional contest for continued support.

Miss Coakley and McManus will occupy substitute IEB chairs until Lapine, now at the Navy's Armed Guard School at Norfolk, and Engels, now at the Navy's School of Military Government at Princeton, return from the war to their ANG posts.

If Lapine and Engels are not released from Navy service sooner, their substitutes will serve out the two-year terms—to November 1, 1945—to which the two IEB principals were elected in last year's general referendum.

REFERENDUM UPCOMING

Another general referendum election of ANG leaders will be conducted next year following the union's 1945 Twin Cities convention.

Members of the ANG bipartisan election committee which supervised the interim referendum of Washington went overseas with the Army in the European theater, was filled by Nathan Robertson of Washington, who was nominated without opposition at the Milwaukee convention of the ANG in August.

A third temporary vacancy on the IEB, caused when Vice President at Large Gordon H. Cole of Washington went overseas with the Army in the European theater, was filled by Nathan Robertson of Washington, who was nominated without opposition at the Milwaukee convention of the ANG in August.

Robertson, a supporter of the ANG administration, made the actual election count two to one for the administration in the filing of the interim posts on the IEB.

The election of McManus as a substitute on the IEB nevertheless was an acknowledged political setback for the ANG leadership, and it presaged a major fight for office in the 1945 referendum.

IT'S "ONLY BEGUN"

McManus himself gave an indication of this in a post-election statement, captioned "Victory Has Only Begun," which said that his vote over the administration-supported Mrs. Howard was "the beginning of the end of the ugliest era in the Guild's 11-year history."

He refused to identify these leaders or to substantiate the charges when he was challenged to do so by Mary Ellison of the Nation unit, who said the charges, if true, were sufficient to provide grounds for Guild trial. McManus said a campaign debate was no place to name names.

THEY'RE "MISLED"

Asked if he believed majority support for the ANG leadership in other locals indicated that administration backers there were "disrupters" and "stooges," McManus said that possibly they were not, but that they were misled and misled.

Mrs. Howard, a member of the New York local's committee who won more votes as a delegate to the ANG's Milwaukee convention than were given by the local to McManus, was referred to as "McManus campaign literature as 'somebody named Mrs. Howard'" and "this who-is-it that's running against him."

Nathan Robertson of Washington, Eleanor Coakley of Toledo and John T. McManus of New York, elected acting ANG vice presidents to fill temporary vacancies, will be entitled to IEB seats for the Chicago sessions.

Ballots Cast For Substitute Vice President

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GOES TO PM



MILTON MURRAY

President Murray of the American Newspaper Guild will join the Washington staff of PM this month. Long an assistant city editor of The Detroit Times, he accepted a full-time assignment from PM after ANG Vice President Nathan Robertson was given leave of absence from PM for Nieman study at Harvard.

WLB Refuses To Recommend Pay Adjustment

WASHINGTON (FP)—Fearful of meeting wage increase demands of American labor head on, the National War Labor Board's public and industry members combined to prepare a report to President Roosevelt regarding the relationship of wages to the cost of living without recommendations for action with regard to the Little Steel Formula.

This action, taken over the unanimous opposition of the four labor members representing the AFL and CIO, was termed by the labor members as an "inexcusable dereliction of duty."

The program which it has proposed is compounded of timidity, contradictions and double talk," the labor members said.

OFFERED AS "SOLUTION"

The resolution adopted by the WLB 8 to 4 was offered October 11 by the public members in a solution to the wage issue in the AFL and CIO demands for a modification of the Little Steel Formula.

Representing labor at the meeting were AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany, AFL International Representative Robert Watt, President E. J. Thomas of the CIO United Auto Workers and President Emil Rieve of the CIO Textile Workers.

These labor members, in a prepared statement said: "It is apparent to us that the board simply adopted this subterfuge in order to postpone and delay what it considers an unpalatable decision. There is no excuse for such delay."

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Logjam Break Is Reported By Commission

(Continued from Page One)

Commission to represent the Guild in its contract cases. ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Balaban, commuting from New York, is a principal labor member of the tripartite WLB agency.

CASES FILED UP

The break in the Commission's logjam came after repeated and continuing delays in processing of and action on Guild cases, some of which have been piled up many months on the Commission's dockets.

The only Guild contract dispute case cleared by the Commission in recent weeks involved The Jewish Day in New York City. A supplementary directive ordered a general pay increase of \$1.75 for a 35-hour week, retroactive to April 8, 1943, for all day employees on the payroll on that date.

The Commission approved voluntary contract wage agreements between Guild locals and The Grand Rapids Press, New Orleans Item, Acme Newspapers and The Racing Form in Los Angeles.

RAISES MODIFIED

Modified approval was given by the Commission to Guild pay agreements with The Washington News, Toledo Blade, Duluth Herald and News-Tribune, Minneapolis Star-Journal, Tribune and Times, Pueblo (Colo.) Star-Journal and Chieftain, and Sacramento Bee.

Proposed pay increases at the New Brunswick (N. J.) Home News, and Rochester (Minn.) Post-Bulletin were denied in Commission directives.

Individual merit raise applications were approved for employees of The Indianapolis Times, Sioux Falls Dispatch, Minneapolis Times, Birmingham Post, PM, and Detroit Free Press.

NEW CASES FILED

Newly-filed with the Commission were Guild contract increases proposed at The Quincy (Mass.) Patriot-Ledger, Brockton (Mass.) Enterprise and Times, Toledo Times, and Jewish Daily Forward in New York City.

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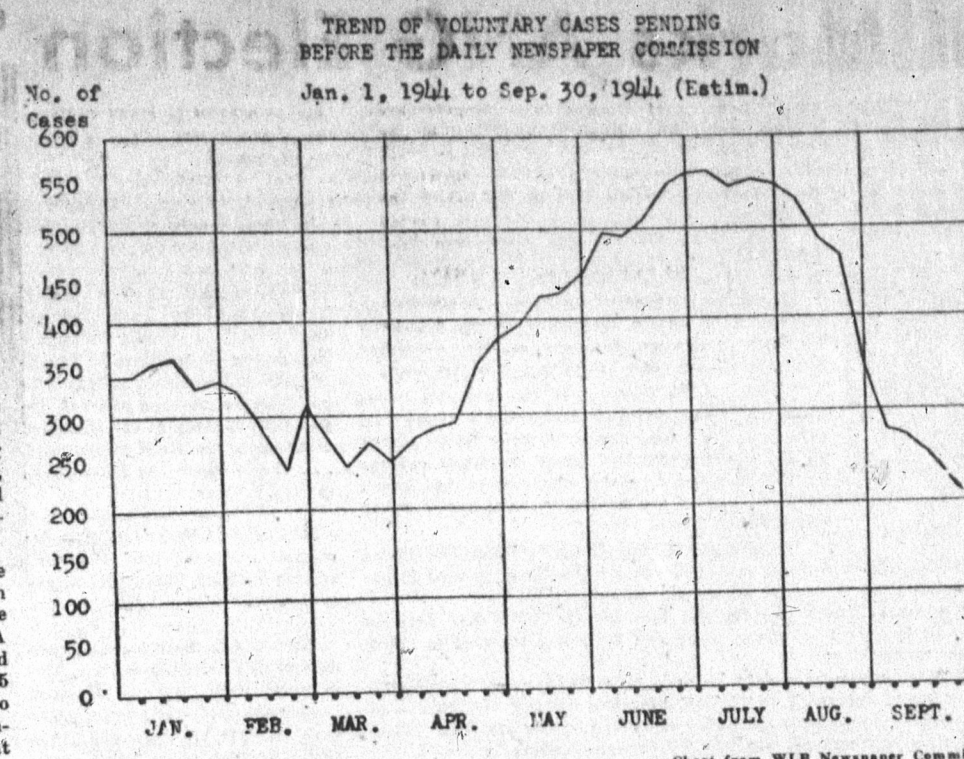
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—Chart from WLB Newspaper Commission

Publisher Lauds Record of Guild

LOS ANGELES—A publisher's praise for excellent management, Newspaper Guild relationships, and congratulations to the Guild on its "good judgment and foresight," were offered at a contract negotiating session at The Los Angeles Daily News.

Robert L. Smith, executive vice president of the publishing firm and negotiator for management, reviewed some of the problems faced by News management and the problems attendant to such a consolidation.

"The remarkable progress of The Daily News which has followed that consolidation offers irrefutable testimony to the desirability and beneficial results which can be achieved by the right kind of management-employee relationship, and mutual confidence and understanding."

"And I should like to extend my congratulations to the Guild for the good judgment and foresight which its members invariably have shown whenever major operating moves were necessary within the Daily News organization."

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L.A. Accepts WLB Denial Of Appeal

LOS ANGELES—Members of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild's Herald Express unit, meeting in special session, voted unanimously to approve a local executive committee's recommendation to accept a War Labor Board denial of the unit's appeal from a contract directive without further action.

The appeal had been in the hands of the WLB since March 24, after its Newspaper Commission had turned down nearly every recommendation of the War Labor Board's hearing officer.

EACH LIFTED \$2.25

The directive, as finally accepted, will give each Herald Express employee a \$2.25 weekly wage boost, retroactive to September 4, 1942.

The directive also provides for 8.7 percent increase in car allowance (about \$1.30 weekly), retroactive to January 3, 1944. Also lifted were differentials

The Guild Goes to Press

345 TICKER of Standard & Poor's Newspaper Guild unit in New York City ran contract comments from letters from unit members in armed forces. Typical was this, from the Pacific: "I think our gang in the service will kill an extra Jap or German after they read the new contract in order to get home sooner. Thanks."

The Portland (Me.) Guild published the thirtieth issue of its GUILD SERVICE LETTER for uniformed members. Home shop gossip included: "Day after state election woman called the office much interested to learn who won—Roosevelt or Dewey."

The New York Guild distributed the eighteenth issue of SUBWAY CIRCUIT, which covers the city for servicemen under such departments as "Our Town," "Main Stem," "G. I. Jabber" and "Sportin' Life."

The peripatetic George A. Harris, ANG vice president in New England Region, started another local paper—GUILDSMAN in Manchester, N. H. An editorial note in No. 1 of Volume I said that "his hope is that the local will continue it from now on."

The ANG's New England District Council published Vol. I No. 1 of THE COUNCILOR, distributed to all members in Boston, Bridgeport, Brockton, Lynn, Manchester, Newark, Portland and Salem.

The first issue in Volume II of VALLEY GUILDSMAN Sacramento Valley Guild organ, came out in a four-page news-crammed format.

GUILD LETTER recorded the stormy history of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild's Atlantic City unit, which "was organized last February in the midst of one of the winter's worst snow storms," and whose seventh contract negotiating session, which brought agreement on all but four points, "was held during the hurricane which struck so heavily along the Jersey coast."

A grievance committee session with Associated Press management in New York "took a sensational and unprecedented turn," IT (ALL WIRE POINTS IN) reported. Management agreed to open its hitherto secret personnel dossiers to staffers who wanted to see their records "to correct any inaccuracies."

GUILD GREETINGS GET BIG PLAY

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland Newspaper Guild's Global Greetings is bringing a tremendous response from men in the armed forces stationed around the world.

The greetings, in letter form, are sent out periodically by the Guild to its men in the services and carry notes on persons at home as well as those in uniform.

The following reply, from Edna Marty Dwyer, is typical of letters sent back to the Guild by servicemen. Dwyer, formerly of The Cleveland Press, is a Navy pilot. Here is part of his note.

"Yes, I'm the fellow that you had just about given up as lost and can't say that I blame you. From time to time your swell news letter giving all the latest scuttlebutt about the Guild catches up with me and I resolve to sit down and knock out some kind of a note, but up until now it never materialized."

"It is about 27 months since I left The Press and in that time I've been quite busy covering a lot of ground (since I'm in the Navy I guess I should say water)."

"I want to thank you for the fine job the Guild has done in seeing to it that the fellows away can keep up to what is going on back home."

John Gardner of The Brooklyn Eagle replaced Richard A. Yaffe of PM as editor of New York's citywide GUILDPAPER.

Twain Cities' GUILD REPORTER concluded a report on long-drawn contract fights with Minneapolis newspapers by recording this comment from one concerned member: "Publishers are the best organizers the Guild has."

Madison's GUILDSMAN, winding up a serialized history of the Wisconsin local, ran an editorial, "What the Guild Means." "The Guild has meant, most importantly, security for its members."

Under "FREERIDERS AHIOY AGAIN!" the Boston Record-American unit's ON THE RECORD reviewed a standing grievance against the "simply short-stroke," "this screwball" and "the tightest," who fail to take out Guild cards. But a back-page temperature chart showed that since 1943 the "freeriders" had fallen from 34 to 16.

MAKEROVER of New York's World-Telegram unit had an editorial on "NO RIDERS" who are a few hitchhikers who say that something about the union violates their principles or conscience. But see the raise they put in their billboards.

"I won't even mention the freeriders," said a letter from an Associated Press member.

UNITED NATIONS FACTS



THE LUXEMBOURG UNDERGROUND PAPER HAS REVEALED THAT ON ITS MAINSTAY DIRECT WIRELESS CONNECTIONS WITH LONDON, NEW YORK, MOSCOW AND CHUNGKING.

Churchill-Gazette

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Typo Dispute Shuts Papers In Rochester

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—A five-day suspension of publication of Rochester's two daily newspapers, both in the Frank Gannett chain, ended when International Typographical Union members agreed to a settlement of a contract dispute which precipitated the shutdown.

The settlement with the Gannett management negotiated by John Foster of the New York State Board of Mediation, provided for a return to a contract status quo existing before the dispute arose.

VIOLATION CHARGED

An issue was dismissed by The Democrat and Chronicle of a member of ITU Local 15 who refused to obey a foreman's order which, the union charged, constituted a violation of its contract with the morning paper.

Other Local 15 members walked off the floor at The Democrat and Chronicle October 6. Members of the ITU chapel at afternoon Times-Union, published in the same building, failed to report for work the same day after the union declared the incident constituted a lockout.

Bertram W. Kelly, president of Local 15, said the dispute, which involved 177 men, centered on reproduction of local advertisements furnished the papers in mat or plate form. Kelly declared the company had violated terms of its ITU contract regarding such reproduction.

THEY "DIFFERED"

Erwin R. Davenport, general manager of the Rochester Gannett papers, explained that the printers "had differed with the management in interpreting the rules."

The Times-Union appeared on the streets again October 11, and The Democrat and Chronicle came out again the next morning. During the suspension the Gannett company had bought time on Rochester radio stations for news broadcasts.

Members of the Rochester Newspaper Guild were kept at their posts as usual throughout the shutdown, as were workers in all departments outside the composing room, including editorial, business and mechanical divisions.

STATE CIO PAPER SUE FOR \$500,000

SAN FRANCISCO (FP)—Vivian Kellems, wealthy Republican industrialist, filed suit in federal court here for \$500,000 against the California CIO Council, The Labor Herald and nearly a score of persons listed as connected with the paper or the state council, its sponsoring body.

Miss Kellems made headlines last winter for refusing to pay her income tax and inciting other industrialists to do likewise. She hit the headlines again when Representative Coffee demanded an investigation of letters she wrote to an alleged Nazi agent in Argentina.

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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.

SEES "PLAIN WARNING" IN McMANUS' EDITORIAL

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

President John T. McManus of the New York Newspaper Guild sat down after his election as substitute regional ANG vice president and in the hot flush of victory wrote an editorial ("Victory Has Only Begun") in the New York Guildpaper which should be a warning to Guildsmen throughout the country.

"Victory is mounting in the New York Guild's long fight for true and self-determining representation on the International Executive Board of the American Newspaper Guild," McManus wrote, in the same issue which announced his election as acting regional vice president.

I hope Guildsmen who remember the days when New York owned the national administration will heed McManus' plain

warning: "Today New York, tomorrow the whole Guild!"

MALCOLM LOGAN, Post Unit.

RIORDAN DISAGREES BUT QUOTES VOLTAIRE

PHILADELPHIA.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I disapprove of virtually everything former Philadelphia-Camden Guild Member Florence Goldman said about me, but Voltaire I will defend to the death her right to say it.

ARTHUR RIORDAN, Philadelphia-Camden Guild.

THEY "WANT UNITY," NOT "LIP SERVICE"

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

As two Rochester Guild members who lent our names to support of Jean Howard, we wish it to be known that we took that stand solely on the grounds that Jean came out as a unity candidate.

Our affiliation with a Guild unit in which there has been no political strife in 10 years of its existence has made it difficult to accept the idea that there can be progress in a hickering union.

To support Jean Howard was not to discredit the ability of the other candidate, John McManus. We simply want more than anything else to see the leadership of the ANG and the leadership of our largest local, New York, work as harmoniously together as possible.

We repudiate the unbecoming bigotry of newspaper people who flatter say—and many do—that "you have to be for or against the New York leaders." That's avoiding the issue. Nor do we want lip service to unity. We want unity. If it is necessary to toss out both the ANG leaders and the New York leadership to achieve that end, we're for it. We've noticed the young, incoming members of the Guild don't give a hoot for our ancient political war, it bores them. They have the naive idea that the Guild should devote itself to progress in unionism. We're that naive, too.

VIRGINIA CRUMP, JEAN WALRATH.

KYKYRI RESIGNS IN MILWAUKEE

MILWAUKEE—John O. Kykryri has resigned as president of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild following his severance of employment with The Milwaukee Journal, for which he had worked 15 years as a reporter and writer.

His resignation from The Journal, which has no Guild contract, was by mutual agreement under terms proposed by Kykryri and accepted by management.

Kykryri was honored at a joint party of Journal and Sentinel men. He said he had made no immediate plans for the future.

DENVER UNIT ENROLLS MANY

DENVER—Under the leadership of Warren Lowe, unit chairman; Ruby Young, unit treasurer; and Victor Weber, local treasurer, the Rocky Mountain News unit of the Denver Newspaper Guild has enrolled many new members.

The News business office now is 100 percent Guild, except for display advertising men. The editorial department has been virtually all-Guild many months.

HEARST UNIT REELECTS

BOSTON—Harold H. Kolb has been reelected chairman and Trivia Frisora treasurer of the Boston Newspaper Guild unit at Hearst's Record-American.

WILBUR H. BALDINGER, Editor.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of September, 1944.

MARVIN LANSNER, Notary Public, New York County Clerk's No. 222.

(My commission expires March 30, 1948)

BOSTON MOVES

BOSTON—The Boston Newspaper Guild, long cramped in a small office, has moved across the hall at 294 Washington Street, Boston 8, from Room 605 to Room 648.

Which of the two would have had the highest rating—Dewey or Roosevelt?

I have avoided here discussing the dozen Dewey or so meetings I had with Willie during the past two years. My relationship with Willie was that of political reporter and politician.

Willkie's Death Encourages Press To Presume to Make Up His Mind

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN

It was too tempting. The stake might be two or three million votes, the prize the Presidency of the United States.

So when Wendell L. Willkie died unexpectedly on October 8, his death sparked a great debate—would he have supported FDR or Tom Dewey?

I use the word "debate" advisedly, because none of the men who have said that Willkie would have supported one or the other nominee has offered a shred of evidence to support the claim.

LETTER GAVE "TRUTH"

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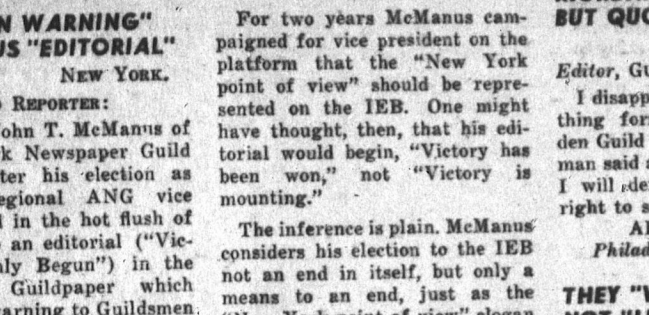
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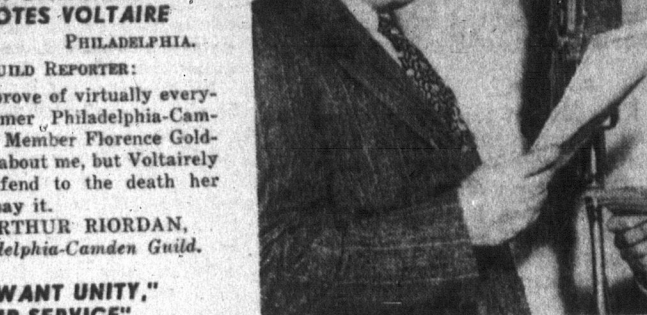
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King Features Syndicate, which took over the terrible responsibility for Westbrook Pegler after Scripps-Howard at long last washed its hands of him, already is busy wiping up after him.

The Hearst service, for instance, sent out a wire killing one recent Pegler passage which said that the American Newspaper Guild is "another Communist front organization." Apparently King Features figured that anybody who was slightly conversant with the facts of labor life would have caught Pegler in another back-of-the-barn business, *flagrant delicto*.

Papers which followed the lead of the Scripps *New York World-Telegram* in dropping Pegler have included *The Pittsburgh Press*, *Washington News*, *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, *San Francisco News*, *Cincinnati Post*, *Denver Rocky Mountain News*, *Albuquerque Tribune* and *Indianapolis Times*, making for a little cleaner atmosphere along that chain.

It would be helpful to newspaper morals if it could be reported that this Scripps-Howard step toward virtue brought immediate response in terms of reader faithfulness. But the actual reports seem to indicate again that virtue is its own reward, which maybe ought to be enough.

Cityroom gossip in New York, for example, was that *The World-Telegram* dropped 15,000 circulation along with Pegler and that *The Journal-American*, which picked him up, also picked up so much circulation that there was hardly enough newsprint to go around the newsstands.

The Associated Press sent out a BULLETIN ELIMINATION on a little two-paragraph item recording a report by the National Citizens Political Action Committee that it had received, as a contribution from a public-spirited woman, 10 shares of stock in Sewell Avery's Montgomery Ward and Company.

This bright little story, the AP said, was "UNNECESSARY."

On the Home Front, Republican National Committee clip-sheet, offered newspaper editors these "Famous Forgotten Words" of President Roosevelt (1936): "I have not sought. I do not seek, I repudiate the support of any advocate of Communism."

This issue of *On the Home Front* was dated October 9, four days after the President, somewhat wearily, had reiterated that he wanted no part of such characters. *The New York World-Telegram*, for one, faithfully picked up the "Famous Forgotten Words," however, running them October 10 in an editorial box.

Life, which came out (surprise! surprise!) for Governor Dewey in its October 16 issue, built up to this momentous editorial event in a lavish picture-and-text essay on the life and times of the candidate, man and boy.

The biography included an historical photograph of the Young Dewey, marking a temporary setback in his early career. The straight-faced underlines, which must mark a new and gay high in hero-worship, solemnly reported: "Dewey at 4 fell off this tricycle. Mother then took it away from him for a year."

In a circuitous approach to the story, the Associated Press on October 13 reported from Washington that the "labor press gave prominence today" to an Army circular on "labor's production record and strikes" which was addressed to soldiers August 21.

With the basis for the dispatch well-qualified, the AP then quoted the official Army report on labor and the "home front." The Army said the country could be "proud," despite the "most sensational" among war production "difficulties"—strikes, which actually have represented a "loss" in "man days of labor" of "less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the total labor time available."

It was gratifying to labor to have the Army give this official recognition to facts. Most of the commercial press continued, of course, to ignore them. Characteristic was a page one feature in *The Denver Post*, presenting pictures of battle casualties under "Go Ahead and Strike!" *The Post* went on: "So go ahead and strike—you'll get your pay—when these lads come home. Then will come the payoff, all right . . . it will be a good one."

The Chicago Tribune spread a piece on page one about how six girls struck a diamond tool plant because their boss wouldn't let them flirt with the mailman.

The Chicago Daily News (a Republican paper, too) looked into the situation. It was no strike, *The News* found. The girls up and quit because the boss shut off ventilation in an emery dust-filled working room, rats and cockroaches infest the plant, and the washrooms are filthy. And the girls belonged to no union.

Add dispatches from the poll fronts: *Negro Digest* reported that four of every five Negro newspapermen believe Negro voters will cast their ballots for FDR . . . *Fortune* reported that 44.1 percent of the people believed unions would be less strong under a Republican administration. Ideas and draftmanship among labor's drawing-board contingent.

The CIO *United Automobile Worker* (circ. 1,000,000) carried an illustrated spread on Bernard Seaman, *Guild Reporter* cartoonist, who "has been setting the highest standards for ideas and draftmanship among labor's drawing-board contingent."

Wechsler Records A Press Club Chat

(Continued from Page One)

stuff now occupying my colleagues. Recognizing my own limitations, I concede that I probably have only my pinky on the nation's pulse, which is scarcely as firm a grip as my older associates can boast. But the thing is definitely exciting.

By November 6 I think I will be able to predict with absolute conviction how the members of the Wechsler family will vote.

It is probably a form of craft-treason to indicate the method by which the nation's pulse is taken in these final momentous days. So let me confess that there probably are subtleties in the science that so far have eluded me, and that this is at best a fragmentary picture.

My initial observations, however, indicate that the pulse-taking goes something like this:

Correspondents Bleatt and Blatt meet at the Press Club bar.

BLEATT. How does Pennsylvania look to you, chum?

BLATT. Looks good.

BLEATT. Good for what?

BLATT. Well—I'll have one more of those—I was talking to a guy the other day whose kid brother works in a drugstore in Harrisburg. He says it looks like Dewey.

BLEATT. What looks like Dewey?

BLATT. Pennsylvania.

BLEATT. Oh.

BLATT. How does it look to you?

BLEATT. Good.

BLATT. Yeh?

BLEATT. Yeh. I was talking to a couple of people in a restaurant the other night who'd just passed through Pennsylvania. Said it looked swell.

BLATT. Swell.

BLEATT. This one is on me.

BLATT. Hell, no—well, okay.

BLEATT. What about the soldier vote?

BLATT. In the bag for Dewey. I talked to a soldier about it last night.

BLEATT. No kidding?

BLATT. No, that's straight; you can use it for your overnight if you want to. He said they're all for Dewey. Said it was all right to quote him if we didn't use his name.

BLEATT. Thanks a hell of a lot.

BLATT. Lemme buy this one.

BLEATT. Can't tell much by that Gallup poll. It's what you get first-hand that counts.

BLATT. That's the point. It's what people tell you.

BLEATT. Well, I gotta get a

piece out tonight. You sure saved my life.

BLATT. That's okay. Keep your ear to the ground.

BLEATT. Damn right. I'll let you know anything I hear.

The next day Correspondent Bleatt tells his readers, under byline and all, that "Washington observers see the soldier vote swinging to Dewey." Perhaps indicating a trend, Correspondent Blatt breaks the same news to his page one followers.

Wechsler's exclusive dope: Watch Notre Dame.



JAMES A. WECHSLER
He confesses "craft treason"

Sue-All Avery Sues Union Again

BALTIMORE, Md. (FP) — Montgomery Ward & Company filed a libel suit for \$50,000 against the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees and its Baltimore local.

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Nat Klein, president of the local, described the Ward action as "part of a campaign to hamstring the union in its effort to organize the workers by attempting to deplete the union's treasury through costly court actions."

Other suits brought by Sewell L. Avery, Ward's chairman, include a \$1 million libel suit against the same union and its Chicago local, a \$1 million libel suit against *The Chicago Sun* and a \$105,200 libel suit against the AFL Chicago Typographical Union.

WMC OFFICIAL SCOFFS AT "STRIKE" STORIES

ST. LOUIS (LPA) — Judge Charles M. Hay of the War Manpower Commission on a visit here gave an answer to anti-labor propagandists who talk about time lost from strikes.

In a newspaper interview Judge Hay said: "Although the time lost in strikes is regrettable, in all fairness it should be said that if every man engaged in war work were given 30 seconds a day to blow his nose, more time would be lost to the war effort in one year than has been lost through strikes in any war year."

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