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National AP Contract Advanced

Guild Council In Michigan Is Perfected

LANSING, Mich.—The Michigan District Council of the American Newspaper Guild is on its way.

Members representing all Guilds of the state, meeting here October 22, approved a constitution after nearly two hours' discussion and voted to continue the temporary officers until a permanent organization is perfected within the coming three months.

TREASURER NAMED

One other temporary officer—a treasurer—was appointed. He is Carlisle Carver of the Lansing Guild. Other temporary officers are Ross H. Collier, Battle Creek, chairman, and H. R. Palmer, Lansing, secretary.

Attending the meeting here as delegates were Gerry Hanna and Georgianna Griffin of Battle Creek, Ken Park and Carlisle Carver of Lansing, James Henderson of Muskegon, Peter Harvey and Mrs. Betsy Olsen of Grand Rapids, Ray Kuhn and Leslie Stanton of Bay City, and Russ Jewett, Donald Schram, Paul Weber, Warren Stromberg, Ted Péck and Mary Valentine of Detroit.

While Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and Muskegon came to the meeting with full powers to affiliate with the council, the Detroit, Lansing and Bay City Guilds must first get approval of their memberships before officially affiliating. That step was regarded as a matter of routine.

SESSIONS SCHEDULED

Permanent officers will be elected at a meeting to be held within the next 90 days. The council's constitution was drafted by a committee composed of Weber, Park and Kuhn.

A guest at the conference was Harry Garduk of the Chicago Guild. Garduk, now in armed service, is a patient at the Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek.

FOR VICTORY AT HOME...



FOR L.P.A.

—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild, from Labor Press Associates

\$1,400 Is Contributed to NCPAC By Guild Members in 20 Locals

Nearly \$1,400 had been contributed voluntarily last week by American Newspaper Guild members to the National Citizens Political Action Committee in the CIO's "Dollar for Roosevelt" campaign.

And indications were that nearly twice that amount actually had been turned in by Guild members as a token of their belief in political action by labor, since locals of the union were asked to retain half the contributions for local political action purposes.

SCORE LINE UP

A score of Guild locals were in the NCPAC lineup when reports were filed at the week's end to ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers for transmission to NCPAC headquarters in New York City.

Heading the lineup was the big New York Guild, whose members chipped in \$739.12. Next was Los Angeles, with \$132.50 on the political action line. Third was Philadelphia-Camden, with \$108.88.

ROLL IS CALLED

The local-by-local rollcall in the

voluntary drive for the NCPAC, yielding \$1,349.85, was:

Akron, \$4.25; Boston, \$54; Cincinnati, \$24; Denver, \$15; Detroit, \$88.75; Houston, \$12.85; Indianapolis, \$16.50; Knoxville, \$6.50; Los Angeles, \$132.50; Milwaukee, \$6; New York, \$739.12.

Northwestern Indiana, \$6; Philadelphia-Camden, \$108.88; Rochester, \$34; Sacramento Valley, \$6; San Antonio, \$10; Scranton, \$10; Springfield, \$7; Washington, \$61; Wilkes-Barre, \$4; miscellaneous, \$4.

MORE UPCOMING

The list was incomplete, and some locals whose members participated in the NCPAC campaign had not formally filed returns with Rodgers. Among these were Pittsburgh, which was reported ready with \$51, and St. Louis and Pueblo, with \$15 apiece.

All Are Registered in Elizabeth

ELIZABETH, N. J.—As a result of persistent effort by the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild's Political Action Committee, every

eligible member of the local has been registered for the November election.

In a partisan sense, the Guild membership is sharply divided on the national tickets, but there was no dissension on the need, this year of all years, to register and vote.

R. Allen Durling, courthouse reporter for The Elizabeth Daily Journal, is chairman of the local's PAC.

He has had monthly reports in Elizabeth's Guild Bulletin since before the May primary elections, and The Bulletin has published in full the statements of all Congressional candidates in the Sixth New Jersey District.

ACE BUSH KILLED IN RAID ON LEYTE

SAN FRANCISCO—Newspaper Guildsman Asahel (Ace) Bush, 31-year-old Associated Press correspondent, was killed outright October 25 in a Japanese bombing just after he had reported the big naval battle off Leyte.

Bush, a member of the AP unit of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, fell when Jap planes attacked American-occupied Tacloban, capital of the island in the Philippines.

rank and file of the citizenry. Many of them used every dirty device in the handbook.

Their biggest crusade, of course, was aimed at labor's Political Action Committee.

What they were trying to prove, as they have tried so unsuccessfully in the past, was that they were the real guardians of the workingman's welfare. But labor didn't listen.

Great chains of newspapers lied about the Political Action Committee.

They invented or exaggerated tales of "revolt" in the PAC.

They gave Earl Browder an unprecedented publicity buildup by suggesting that a vote for Roosevelt was a vote for the Communists, and they soft-pedaled Mr. Roosevelt's unequivocal repudiation of Communist support.

They glorified every aged labor-skate who was willing to lend his name to a Dewey placard, and they maligned every leader of labor who remained loyal to Roosevelt.

They smeared the foreign-born, forgetting that even the men who

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AP Agrees To Negotiate Uniform Pact

The American Newspaper Guild's national collective bargaining program for wire service employees rolled forward last week after the union won Associated Press management agreement to a proposal that a master 1945 contract be negotiated, covering all organized AP bureaus and replacing a patchwork series of separate agreements.

ANG officers, acting on instructions of the Guild's Wire Service Committee, obtained management consent to the plan for a single national contract stemming from New York and embracing AP bureaus in Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit and outstate Michigan, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Denver, Salt Lake City and San Diego.

PROPOSALS REVIEWED

All Guild AP units were asked in letters sent from New York October 26 to review and act on the preliminary contract proposals, which included negotiation of an interim 1944 agreement, to be dated from May 1 to December 31, covering bureaus outside of New York and providing a uniform expiration date for all AP contracts.

The proposed national master contract would bring formalized Guild benefits for the first time to AP employees in Cleveland, Denver, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, San Diego and Salt Lake City, newly-organized AP centers which have had no Guild-AP contracts.

This major development on the ANG's wire service front came after other news and photo agencies had rejected a Guild proposal that all join in negotiating one big contract to end disparities in pay schedules and working conditions.

WORK IN PROGRESS

ANG work was in progress meanwhile on varying phases of separate negotiations for new wage and other pacts with the United Press, International News Service, International News Photos, Central Press, Acme Newspictures, and Newspaper Enterprise Association.

All of these involved national contracts, although CP and NEA negotiations, in effect, centered on employees at headquarters of the agencies in Cleveland.

In preliminary sparring for position in the proposed national master AP contract negotiations, management split AP bureaus into four classes, topped by and based on its big New York headquarters offices.

DIVISIONS PROPOSED

The AP moved to put Atlanta, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and San Francisco into a second contract division, submitting pay differentials under New York minimum levels.

Minneapolis and Michigan bureaus outside of Detroit were listed by the AP in its proposed Class 3, and Denver, Salt Lake City and San Diego were proposed for the fourth division by the AP.

WECHSLER FILING:

Publishers Face Hangover On a Gray Election Day

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—Once again a lot of distinguished publishers will have an unhappy hangover on a gray November morning.

Once again it will have been demonstrated that the press is least powerful when it loses interest in truth.

This year, perhaps more brazenly than ever before, an overwhelming majority of newspaper owners have attempted again to sell their own candidate to the

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Bomb Veteran Says Coconuts Are Hazardous

SACRAMENTO—A veteran of 83 bombing raids in the South Pacific, Photographer's Mate Irving Camp of the Sea Bees, a character member of the Blue unit of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild, has been home on a 30-day leave.

Camp had one close call when a piece of shrapnel struck his tent. But coconuts seem to have caused him as much trouble as the Japanese.

"They're dangerous," he warns. "The coconuts drop the year around and fatal injury can result if they strike a man on the head."

CAMP

Camp witnessed the air raid of June 16, 1942, at Guadalcanal in which 98 Japanese planes were shot down. His battalion won a Presidential citation for rescue work after a ship was hit off shore by enemy action.

Before joining the Sea Bees two years ago, Camp was a Sacramento Bee reporter.

Guild-Named Ship Is Sunk On Murmansk Convoy Run

WASHINGTON—The SS Edward H. Crockett, fourth of five war-launched ships carrying Newspaper Guild names, was torpedoed and sunk by a Nazi submarine on a convoy run from Murmansk, the War Shipping Administration reported October 28.

Named for a 31-year Associated Press correspondent and Guildsman who himself went down in a torpedoing in the Mediterranean in February, 1943, the Crockett, a Liberty Ship, was launched at South Portland, Me., on January 26.

One Crockett crewman was lost with the ship, which was com-

War Fund Drive Backed by CIO

President Philip Murray and other top leaders of the CIO joined last week in urging CIO members to support the National War Fund, endorsing it through the National CIO War Relief Committee, which reported in New York City that the average CIO worker's contribution in last year's drive was \$4.80.

Other CIO leaders backing the campaign included James B. Carey, secretary-treasurer; Sidney Hillman, Amalgamated Clothing Workers president; R. J. Thomas, United Automobile Workers president; John Green, Marine and Shipbuilding Workers president; and Samuel Wolchok, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees president.

Blood Donors Get Day Off

Newspaper Guild members at The New York Journal-American are getting a day off "to save a life" in a joint management-labor drive to obtain 500 blood donors for the Red Cross Blood Donor Service.

The drive, jointly participated in by the Guild and all printing craft unions, is under the direction of Dick Kingsbury, new chairman of the Guild unit.

New Labor Songs Recorded In Albums Sponsored by CIO

"Songs of Citizen CIO," sponsored by the National CIO War Relief Committee, have been recorded in a new phonograph album by Asch Records, 117 West 40th Street, New York, for distribution at \$3 by music shops generally and by the CIO agency, 1776 Broadway, and its national area offices.

The new labor song album follows an earlier Asch record release—"Songs for Victory"—sponsored by the CIO Political Action Committee.

Tom Glazer, who became engrossed with American folk and blues song forms when he worked under Archibald MacLeish at the Library of Congress, is chiefly responsible, as composer and singer, for "Songs of Citizen CIO." He also was featured in the PAC album.

Others represented in the War Relief Committee album are Langston Hughes and Emerson Harper, Bees and Bitch Haves, and Jack White.

Songs composed and sung by Glazer in the new collection are "Social Workers' Talking Blues," "Citizen CIO," and "GI Joe and the CIO." He also sings "I'm Gonna Put My Name Down," and is the composer of "No More Blues," sung by White, who recorded "Freedom Road" by Hughes.



TOM GLAZER

He sings for the CIO

In "GI Joe and the CIO" Glazer sings:

We've got a plan, Joe, we've got a plan—
Jobs and security for every fighting man.
You fight for us and we fight for you.
And we'll all work together when the fighting's through.

The chorus of "I'm Gonna Put My Name Down," the CIO War

Relief campaign song, goes:
Put my name down, brother,
where do I sign?
Each and every month I lay my money on the line.
Gotta keep those tanks a-rollin',
The airplanes a-hummin' and the dollars a-comin'.

So I'm gonna put my name down,
Glazer's "No More Blues" starts:

No more, no more, no more bread-lines
After this war.
No more breadlines in the head-lines
After this war.

No more—great God!—no more cryin'
After this fight.
No more cryin', too damn much cryin'—
It just ain't right.

Glazer, who has taken his songs and guitar twice to the White House for parties given by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt for soldiers who guard the grounds, is establishing himself as one of the foremost exponents of the American ballad.

He has appeared on the National Broadcasting Company's "Trans-Atlantic Spotlight" program, the NBC's "Words at War," and an Office of War Information broadcast to the British Empire, among others, including the BBC's "Children's Hour" program.

NUJ Greets ANG in Broadcast For BBC's London 'Bridgebuilders'

Members of the American Newspaper Guild and the British National Union of Journalists have a "great and responsible task" in the war and in the development of peace, North American listeners were told in a weekly "Bridgebuilders" program of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

"After all," said NUI Secretary G. J. Bundock in the quarter-hour broadcast from London, particularly addressed by leaders of the NUI to ANG members, "few can do more than we can to promote goodwill and understanding among the nations."

"It will be our high privilege to work for international harmony during the years of peace."

ADMONITION QUOTED

Bundock said that newspapermen in England and the United States will be helped in achieving that objective if they remember an admonition of a "grand figure of British Journalism," the late C. P. Scott of The Manchester Guardian:

"Comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Others who appeared on the BBC program, which was prefaced by NUI greetings to ANG President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, included R. J. Finmore, NUI president; Louise Morgan, London News-Chronicle reporter; and H. R. S. Philpott, London Daily Herald Parliamentary correspondent.

The NUI president, described by the BBC as leader of a "team of men whose service is vital to all of us," reported on visits to NUI offices in England by ANG members, now in American armed forces, who "cast a friendly but critical eye over our work."

3,000 IN UNIFORM

Finmore said that nearly 3,000 members of the British counterpart of the Guild were serving in the armed forces of their country, and Bundock listed 71 who had been killed in action—5 fighting men and 16 war correspondents of their papers.

On the English home front, the NUI president said, newspaper workers "have had to carry on, through the worst of the air raids and under 'flying bombs' to get their papers out.

The "worst of the worries" bothering English newspapermen at home, Finmore reported, was getting news copy into strictly newspaper-rations four-page papers.

INDUSTRY "FLOURISHING"

"For a sub-editor, it's an added worry and nerve strain; for the reporter, it's heart-breaking," he said, adding, however, that:

"The industry here in Britain is in a flourishing state," and the "membership of our union is reaching a new high."

"We've been successful throughout the war in stepping up wages, especially outside London."

Miss Morgan said that she and other British newspaper women had gone to work in their "newest suit, newest hat, and best shoes," carrying suitcases stuffed with valuables, particularly "every pair of stockings" they owned, because they couldn't be sure their home would be standing when they returned from the office.

Philpott ("whose dateline has always been Westminster") told how his Parliamentary beat had been maintained despite the bombing of the House of Commons.

"We are all members of one of the most heart-breaking and most rewarding professions," he remarked.

The BBC program, recorded by the BBC in New York City, ended with:

Guild Lowdown Is Given To Ohio Press Convention

CLEVELAND—What the Newspaper Guild is doing to aid in the improvement of newspapers was the theme of two talks by Cleveland Guildmen before the annual convention of the Ohio Newspaper Women's Association here.

The Guild's message was presented by Harding Christ, president of the Cleveland Guild, and James Chandler, member of its Press unit.

Christ discussed the general program of the Guild and stressed the prominence of the annual awards made to Cleveland newspapermen and women for outstanding journalistic achievements.

CLASS DESCRIBED

Chandler gave details of a Guild class which is now in its fifth month in the Press office. This class, designed originally for the instruction of new staff members, now includes subject matter for seasoned writers and deskmen. A recent class speaker was Mayor Frank Lausche.

Editors Nat Howard of The Cleveland News and Louis B. Seltzer of The Cleveland Press were other speakers on the convention program of the association.

"Good luck, ANG; good organization, and good results."

The National Union of Journalists was in the cable news last week following an announcement by the British Trades Union Congress that there were press table places at its 76th convention for NUI members only.

Strong protests against this "dictatorial" TUC policy were voiced by The London Daily Mail, Daily Express and Times. While Sir Walter Cline, TUC general secretary, scorned "an attempted boycott" of the convention by some papers, most of them carried full stories about the convention, which was covered in detail by news agencies.

In Australia, earlier, members of the Australian Journalists' Association helped make cable news after Sydney newspapermen suspended publication in support of the publisher of The Evening Sun in a dispute with printers. The papers then joined in a composite edition, for which some mechanical staffs and AJA writers refused to work.

The New South Wales Labor Party then directed that reporters from the suspended papers should not be admitted during the lock-out to the New South Wales Assembly if they worked on the composite paper, and these reporters were excluded from the legislative hall.

How Much of a Break Do We Get at Home? Is a Question Servicemen Want Answered

By LEONARD H. WHITE, USNR
Los Angeles Guild

CLEVELAND—I've got friends and some acquaintances, too, ex-civilians and ex-newspapermen of various stages of journalistic development, who now are either overseas or assigned to domestic activities in Uncle Sam's colors of khaki and blue.

Their thoughts on postwar questions relative to their futures as working newspapermen, scribbled on much-worn V-mail blanks, scraps of mud-spattered paper, and nicely-typed sheets of clean correspondence copy, are concerned with such considerations as these:

• Many newspapermen now working in governmental bureaus, created by war demands, which will not exist in postwar days, will be seeking jobs and will have a hard start in locating openings.

• News replacement men—and women—will have gained invaluable experience in coveted positions they will want to retain. This, while the men they replaced were in foxholes and slit trenches on the rock-marked terraces of North Africa, France, the Anzio beachhead, Guadalcanal.

• Several thousands of servicemen with no previous working press experience, will, because of their work on battalion and camp house organs, think they have the necessary requisites and qualifications to search for employment in New York, Kansas City, St. Louis, Los Angeles and in the small towns, too.

Here is an idea which one of the boys regularly expresses: "As you know, I formerly worked on a conservative sheet (how many aren't so?). I had

(Newspaper Guildsman Leonard H. White, formerly on the Los Angeles City News staff, now is a storekeeper first class in the Navy, assigned to public relations duty with the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts in Cleveland.)

only a passive interest in the functions of democracy. I never read my Congressman's record. I have a great many new ideas now. I'm going to be interested in that Congressman; others, too, I'm going to participate in the democracy for which I'm fighting. In short I'm going to be a liberal guy."

"It's going to be difficult to see eye to eye with an organization, even after ten years with it, whose policies are diametrically opposed to my own."

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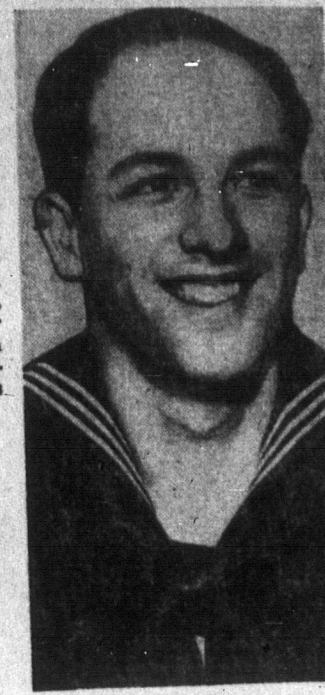
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LEONARD H. WHITE

"What's going to happen?"

"True, I could subordinate my thoughts. I could expend my energies in other forms, at other times. But, I've talked with Nazi prisoners and some of the peoples we've liberated."

"I've seen so much ruthless, heart-breaking suppression and oppression that it has me still sitting in the corner when my new-found liberal analysis rings the bell for the next answer."

This may be a problem that many servicemen will confront in the reversion period—in many domestic fields. The same ideas have been expressed in other letters I've received.

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THEY POINT UP THE ISSUES



In this corner campaign caucus are Ernest G. Bayton, left, president of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild, and Ray Madden of Indiana's First District, seeking reelection. He's a 15-minute private interview with Vice President Henry Wallace here.

Bayton Confers With Wallace On Labor Role

GARY, Ind.—Ernest G. Bayton, president of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild, had a 15-minute private interview with Vice President Henry Wallace here.

The two met in Wallace's Gary hotel room shortly before the Vice President addressed a group of Lake County voters who overflowed the Gary Memorial auditorium.

Bayton and Wallace discussed the general situation of organized labor and the strides that labor has made under the Wagner Act.

"The days of \$100,000 salaries in Lake County are over," the Vice President told Bayton. "The days are also over when superintendents and company officials gave tickets to the workers and said them how to vote."

Wallace gave high praise to the role of organized labor in improving the lot of the American working man.

"The strides we have made," he said, "have not been made by the government or by any outside agency. The Vice President told Bayton, they have been made by organized labor itself, working and expanding under the provisions of the Wagner Act."

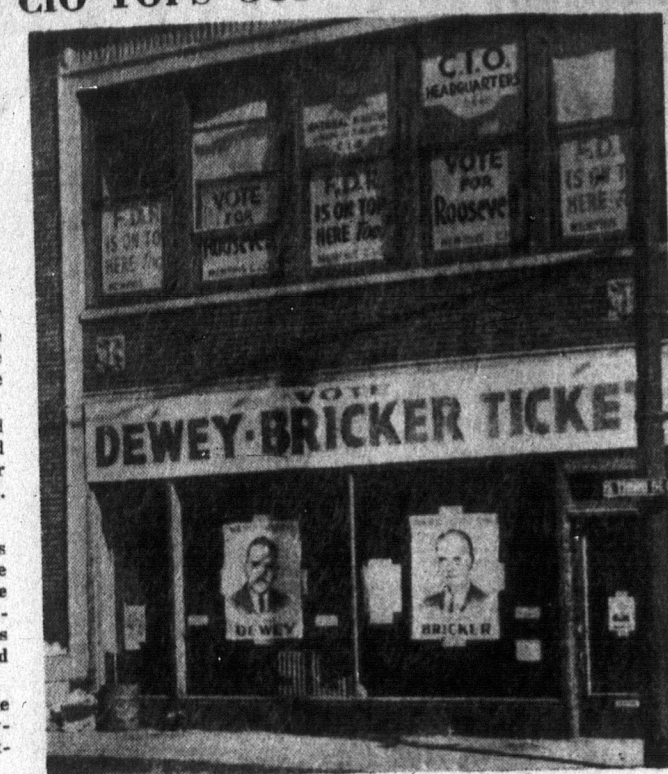
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CIO TOPS GOP VOTE SLOGANS



"Mighty embarrassing," said W. A. (Red) Copeland, American Newspaper Guild vice president, when the Memphis Dewey-Bricker Club opened headquarters right under CIO offices where he is area coordinator. So he sprang into action in an outburst of sign-posting, topping the GOPers with the slogan: "FDR IS ON TOP HERE, TOO."

Late Poll Ballots Support Presidential Endorsement

MILWAUKEE—A supplementary report on the American Newspaper Guild's advisory referendum poll on endorsement of a candidate for President shows that a majority of late-voting members, most of them now overseas with armed forces, wanted he counted in favor of the proposal.

J. Nash McCrea of the Milwaukee Guild, chairman of poll tellers when the referendum returns were tabulated at the ANG's convention here in August, reported to the International Executive Board that the belated returns added up to 82 to 52 in favor of endorsement.

The count at the convention, where the poll was formally closed was 2,764 "Yes" and 2,105 "No" on the question. The convention later voted lacking to President Roosevelt for reelection and to Senator Harry S. Truman for Vice President.

The late returns came on postcard ballots received at the Milwaukee Guild.

NCAPAC GIVEN \$25 BY MRS. ROOSEVELT WASHINGTON (FP)—A contribution of \$25 to the National Citizens Political Action Committee by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was announced by President Dorothy Rockwell of the Washington Newspaper Guild, of which the nation's First Lady is a member.

Atlantic City Awaits Rule On First Pact

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Six months of Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild negotiations for its first Atlantic City Press-Union contract have ended with agreement on 25 articles and certification of two others—wages and severance pay—to the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission.

The publisher made a wage proposal the Guild considered inadequate. When the Press-Union unit and the Philadelphia-Camden Guild, with which it is affiliated, insisted on a higher offer or certification, the publisher chose certification, then reduced his offer.

On severance pay, the main obstacle was a death benefit, which the publisher refused.

The agreed upon sections include the eight-hour day, guarantee of full day's overtime pay for work on a day off or guaranteed holiday, sick leave up to six months, a leave-for-war clause (which covers not only armed forces, but any labor draft, the merchant marine and the various women's military branches), Guild leave, no pay cuts, pay of higher classification during a tryout advertisement, job security, arbitration of grievances and duration of one year.

The unit reluctantly accepted an offer of maintenance of membership from the publisher. It was felt by the Guild that the offer was in poor grace, since in National Labor Relations Board elections the vote was 19-0 for the Guild, with every eligible voting.

The unit expressed its determination to get the Guild shop at the first opportunity. Warren Brown is unit chairman; James Farrell, vice chairman; Allyn Jones, treasurer and Calvin Mansfield, secretary.

The Guild was represented in negotiations by Arthur Riordan, president of the local; Jules Schick, former ANG vice president; Constance Myers, local secretary, and Mary E. Smith, Guild office manager.

L.A. PACT EXPLORED BY SUB-COMMITTEES

LOS ANGELES—Sub-committees of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild's negotiating committee, working on a new Daily News contract, have gone into session with management representatives to streamline proceedings.

The subcommittees were set up to explore all phases of a real holiday schedule for all workers (they must be returned to their old jobs if publisher decides to remove them from exempt positions), a dues check-off and an extension of the war leave clause to cover conscientious objectors.

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THE MUSCLE



Cartoon by R. C. Adger, Sacramento Valley, Guild

INS ED WINS SYMPHONY SPOT



Angelo Alabisi, night editor in Boston's International News Service bureau, took off-hour violin lessons from a Boston Symphony player, then won an audition which brought him a contract as violinist with the Indianapolis Symphony under Fabian Sevitzky, nephew of Serge Koussevitzky. Here, Newspaper Guildman Alabisi, right, is congratulated by George E. Judd, the manager of the Boston Symphony.

10 Pct. Raise Negotiated In Proposed Chester Pact

CHESTER, Pa.—The second Chester Times-Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild contract has been agreed to, with a 10 percent increase in wages and minimums retroactive to March 1, subject to approval by the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission.

The new Chester contract carries a pledge by the Philadelphia-Camden Guild and management that they will jointly use all means to gain approval of the contract.

Should the War Labor Board refuse, the parties are pledged to reopen negotiations whenever the stabilization program is changed. The agreement expires August 31, 1945, but can be reopened in any event by the Guild on wages on June 1, 1945.

New provisions include Guild leave, protection for Guild members raised to exempt positions (they must be returned to their old jobs if publisher decides to remove them from exempt positions), a dues check-off and an extension of the war leave clause to cover conscientious objectors.

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PANEL STUDIES DEPARTMENT SNAGS

LOS ANGELES—District circulation managers in the Herald Express unit of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild have named three men to represent them on a six-man panel to formulate new working conditions and wage policies in their department.

Named were George Hutchinson, Max Berger and Harry Plotkin, who will meet with three management representatives to try to iron out conditions that have long been unsatisfactory to the Guild.

Guild Aids Newsboys' Negotiations

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Newspaper Guild negotiators for the Newsboys Union scheduled two meetings with publishers with diverse results.

Representatives of the Los Angeles Times met, but refused to negotiate with LANG members and other CIO officials selected by the Newsboys Union. The matter has been placed in the hands of War Labor Board officials.

Robert L. Smith, executive vice president of The Daily News, not

Commission Again Orders 'Security' at Denver Post

CHICAGO—The War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission ordered maintenance of membership provisions incorporated in a 1944-1945 contract between The Denver Post and Denver Newspaper Guild, ruling in a dispute case which echoed management protests against a similar directive for its 1943-1944 contract.

The Commission's Denver directive also provided for night differential pay at The Post retroactive to January 17.

NWLB DENIES APPEAL In another dispute case, the National War Labor Board in Washington denied a management appeal from a Commission directive for a Hollywood Citizen News contract.

Newly certified to the Commission was a dispute between The Memphis Commercial Appeal and Press Scimitar and the Memphis Guild.

Acting on voluntary Guild-management agreements, the Commission approved contract pay

bonuses were approved for Minneapolis Times reporters and classified departments of The New York Times and Detroit Times, and Sacramento Bee car mileage compensation was authorized.

The Commission modified contract minimums for The Post-Gazette and Sun-Telegraph in Pittsburgh and Star Journal and Chiefman in Pueblo, where the Guild filed appeals, and for The Minneapolis Star-Journal, Tribune and Times.

Merit pay raises were denied for The New York Times, but approved for The Indianapolis Times, Madison (Wis.) Capital Times, Brooklyn Eagle (modified), New York Herald Tribune (modified), New York Post, Minneapolis Times, Philadelphia Record, Portland Oregonian, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, San Francisco Call-Bulletin, Seattle Times, and Washington Times-Herald.

Awaiting Commission action were newly-filed contracts involving the Guild and Cincinnati Times-Star, Rockford (Ill.) Morning Star and Register-Republic, and Bronx Home News.

Questionnaires Are Distributed In Job Survey An eight-page printed questionnaire, containing 50 questions, was distributed last week at the New York Times, World-Telegram, Journal-American, Mirror, News, and Standard and Poor's as a starter in a job evaluation survey conducted by the New York Newspaper Guild to establish a scientific and sound wage structure for its 7,000 members.

Into these shops also went brightly colored posters, urging all employees to answer the questionnaire, and a four-page printed leaflet answering typical questions regarding the survey.

3,000 INVOLVED The survey, which eventually will be extended to all employees in the local jurisdiction, will affect initially more than 3,000 employees in the six shops where negotiations or arbitration proceedings are now under way.

Response in the shops has exceeded expectations. Within three days of distribution at the Journal-American, more than 600 questionnaires were returned to the survey committee.

The same was true at The New York Times, where on the second day returns showed more than 400 questionnaires had been returned by editorial, commercial and maintenance employees.

AIMED AT "CRAZYQUILT" Objectives of the survey are to end a crazyquilt pattern whereby workers of equal experience and equal ability in the same plant do equal work but are paid at a wide variety of basic salaries. The questionnaires and supplementary material were prepared by Irving Gilman, on leave of absence from The Times to conduct this project.

The questionnaires seek to determine five major factors present in each job: mental effort, physical effort, responsibility, educational requirements or skill, and "personality" qualities.

Point values are assigned to each question, the total received for the job establishes the value of the job. This, coupled with an analysis of actual minimum wages being paid, will form a basis for new wage rates.

N. Y. Vote Drive Goes Into High

Political action by the New York Newspaper Guildmen went into high gear last week, with 200 volunteer canvassers working in their home communities in behalf of President Roosevelt and with the distribution of a 32-page pictorial history of the Roosevelt administration and the war.

Five hundred thousand copies of the paper, produced by 15 members of the New York Guild, including Cartoonists Rollin Kirby and Milton Caniff, were being distributed in five key states—Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and New York.

The tabloid, "The History of a Nation at War," was prepared by the Guild staff for the Independent Voters Committee of the Arts and Sciences for Roosevelt, headed by Sculptor Jo Davidson.

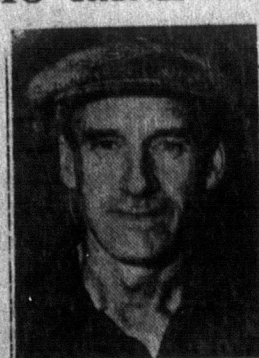
Ten thousand copies of the paper, were distributed in Guilds throughout the country. Secretary-Treasurer Wm. W. Rodgers of the American Newspaper Guild and Nat Elshorn, executive secretary of the New York local, wrote a joint letter to presidents of all locals urging the widest possible distribution of the paper, with the ANG and the local sharing the cost of mailing.

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SAN PEDRO—Lyle Proctor, Local 13, ILWU: "Under the Republicans our union was starved out. Under the New Deal we rebuilt our union and won a living wage. I don't want Hoover controlling America through his stooge, Dewey. I'll vote for Roosevelt and Truman."



DULUTH—Tom Black, president, Local 2542, USA: "I want to make sure my kids get a decent break. I want them to have jobs, not apple stands. I don't want them to march off to war, twenty years hence. The Republicans can't assure this. Roosevelt can."



CHICAGO—W. L. Borber, Local 274, UAW: "Roosevelt gets my vote. He rescued America from the mess the Republicans left in 1932. And now the Republicans, with Dewey on their front, want to get back into power. You don't think I want that?"



NEW YORK—Melvin Lipshutz, Local 430, UE: "I'm a war veteran who believes we shouldn't take a winning pitcher out of the box. Dewey can't and doesn't know enough about world or domestic problems. I know F.D.R. means quick victory and jobs for all."



BOSTON—Sommel, Albert, ACWA: "Roosevelt's the first president since Wilson who's helped the people. Back in depression days I had pay envelopes with \$2.98 and less. But everything is better now. Higher pay, better working conditions and social security."



ATLANTA—Mrs. Maggie M. Hanson, Textile Workers Union: "We workers, especially the women workers, know the country needs Roosevelt. He has led us to victory in war. He must lead us to victory in peace. The record proves he can do this."

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.

SCHICK URGES PENSION PLANS

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Annually since 1943 the IEB has discussed the advantages of retirement plans. At the convention in Milwaukee this year each Guild unit was again directed to demand the adoption of an employee retirement plan. But so far no unit has succeeded in having such a clause included in a contract with management.

This may or may not be due to lack of effort on the part of Guild negotiators. Where there has been some effort it may have had at least an indirect effect, for in the past six months management of several important newspapers have established such plans.

The Milwaukee Journal inaugurated a liberal pension plan this year. Management assumed the entire cost. (See Guild Reporter, March 15, 1944.)

In California, the McClatchy Newspapers have announced the adoption of pension plans for its three newspapers, The Sacramento Bee, The Fresno Bee and The Modesto Bee. Pensions start at age 65. Cost to employees averages 2% of pay, management pays the balance and assumes all cost of pensions to employees older than 65. (See G.R. Oct. 15, 1944.)

Two other leading newspapers have also established pension plans this year: The Dallas News and The Newark News. The management of The Dallas News assumes the entire cost; that of The Newark News, 80 percent of the cost.

It is encouraging to find that more and more publishers realize their obligations to aged employees, who have often spent a lifetime in their employ.

Retirement plans benefit both employers and employees. They reduce turnover, reward long service, and lead to the promotion of younger employees. Liberal pensioning of highly paid superannuated employees actually reduces the payroll cost.

Important, too, is the fact that managements can deduct contributions to pension payments from their taxable income. Guild units should use these arguments in contract negotiations if only for their indirect effect. This is a vital issue. It should be stressed in all contract negotiations.

JULES SCHICK.

OUR DAILY BREAD



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—Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, New York Guild. "Well, what could you expect? He got assigned to the Sidney Limerick Contest."

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SUCKER BAIT



—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild

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Permit me to quote and comment upon a few of the more glaring distortions and misstatements in your dandy little piece. And I ask you to print this letter in the Guild Reporter, preferably under one of your sly little slanted headings and with an italic footnote giving me the business.

Here it is, in Q and A form. The story: "Mrs. Howard, 1944 chairman of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild by more than seven to one."

The fact: The vote of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild, as carried in a box on the same page as the above mathematical miracle, was: Mrs. Howard 329; McManus 60. According to the figuring I did, this is exactly five and a third to one, which is not more than seven to one and not even more than six to one.

The story: "All but several of the 14 other locals in the region gave her (Mrs. Howard) big majorities."

The fact: Eight of the 14 "other locals"—meaning other than New York and Philadelphia-Camden—supported Mrs. Howard. Six supported McManus. The Howard locals: Buffalo, Elizabeth, Lehigh Valley, Reading, Scranton, Syracuse, Utica and Wilkes-Barre. The McManus locals: Harrisburg, Newark, Pittsburgh (your own local, for carrying which in 1941 you are reported to have got your present job), Rochester, Hudson County and Tri-City (Albany). Is eight out of 14 "all but several"? If so, how high is up? How do you expect newspapermen readers to swallow such guff as that?

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The fact: With more accuracy, I could refer to "this remarkable Guild Reporter story." I think McManus was perhaps a bit too bitter for a successful candidate, but then he had to take all the dirt that was dished out, and I didn't, so I'll give him the benefit of the doubt. But, at any rate, I don't get the "remarkable"; except, of course, as another editorial barb in a 100 percent slanted story.

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The fact: That is right out of Mrs. Howard's campaign literature. It is a downright distortion—and a ridiculous distortion, at that, coming as it does on the heels of a New York election which gave McManus 2,118 votes to 835 for Mrs. Howard in a straight-out contest. Both McManus and Mrs. Howard were slanted candidates for the convention on the New York administration ticket.

Mrs. Howard got more votes than McManus because both sides voted for her. In the face of a 5-to-2 vote (and that is no "more than seven to one" business) for McManus in the IEB election, why do you continue to try to preserve such a sorry fiction? Especially when Mrs. Howard's own unit, The Post, was carried by McManus!

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In closing, permit me to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ROBERT M. BOWMAN.

*Total Philadelphia-Camden ballots cast locally gave the "more than seven to one" ratio correctly listed in the Guild Reporter story, which was based on "dues-paying" members' votes counted and reported by Guild locals. Local totals in the table, compiled at presstime, also included mailed ballots from dues-exempt members in military service, opened and tabulated separately at ANG headquarters.—Ed.

"Big majority" (in ratios ranging from 4-to-1 to 36-to-0) were returned for Candidate Howard in seven of the 14 locals. The "several" remaining locals which returned "big majorities" for Candidate McManus numbered three (13-2, 30-11, 28-11).—Ed.

The Guild Reporter correctly stated that "McManus... piled up a lead of more than 1,100 in his local," by its count of 1,941 to 784. The table, as already noted, added later, separately-counted military service ballots to local totals.—Ed.

SEES "WISE WARNING" ON "NEW YORK RULE"

HAMMOND, IND.

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"Look at the New York Times contract."

"The last contract cost Times members more than \$40,000 in lost pay increases because of dilly-dallying by McManus and other local officers."

The Guild did not present its full proposals to the Times management until AFTER the contract expired.

"This blunder caused the War Labor Board to deny retroactivity to the 1,400 employees back to May 1, 1943. Instead, the WLB gave retroactivity only to August 13, a loss of 14 weeks."

"Said the Newspaper Commission:

"In the light of all the circumstances surrounding this case, especially the fact that the Guild did not present its full proposals to management until after May 1st (expiration of old contract) and the further fact that, for the maintenance employees, this is the first contract, the majority of the Commission rules that salary provisions of this contract shall be retroactive to Aug. 13, 1943, the date of certification, and that other provisions of the contract shall become effective on the date of the directive order."

"TIMES EMPLOYEES LOST THIS PAY TOTALING MORE THAN \$40,000 ONLY BECAUSE OF DILLY-DALLYING BY THE NEW YORK LEADERSHIP, LED BY MCMAUS."

McManus has told us what our intention was in distributing the above: that the document speaks for itself. McManus has accused us of a tactic that, to my mind, might be employed successfully by the unscrupulous as incentive to riot in a tinderbox situation.

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—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild, from CIO-PAC

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"The last contract cost Times members more than \$40,000 in lost pay increases because of dilly-dallying by McManus and other local officers."

The Guild did not present its full proposals to the Times management until AFTER the contract expired.

"This blunder caused the War Labor Board to deny retroactivity to the 1,400 employees back to May 1, 1943. Instead, the WLB gave retroactivity only to August 13, a loss of 14 weeks."

"Said the Newspaper Commission:

"In the light of all the circumstances surrounding this case, especially the fact that the Guild did not present its full proposals to management until after May 1st (expiration of old contract) and the further fact that, for the maintenance employees, this is the first contract, the majority of the Commission rules that salary provisions of this contract shall be retroactive to Aug. 13, 1943, the date of certification, and that other provisions of the contract shall become effective on the date of the directive order."

"TIMES EMPLOYEES LOST THIS PAY TOTALING MORE THAN \$40,000 ONLY BECAUSE OF DILLY-DALLYING BY THE NEW YORK LEADERSHIP, LED BY MCMAUS."

McManus has told us what our intention was in distributing the above: that the document speaks for itself. McManus has accused us of a tactic that, to my mind, might be employed successfully by the unscrupulous as incentive to riot in a tinderbox situation.

THE BACON

—Cartoon by John P. Maloney, Los Angeles Guild, from CIO-PAC

BEAUTY CONTEST RUN OFF IN LOS ANGELES



The Hollywood custom of capitalizing on beauty was adapted by the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild to a Family Day membership meeting. A beauty contest produced these top winners. Jacqueline May Hinsen, in the leg art pose at the right, took first prize of a \$25 war bond. Her father works for The Herald Express. Deanna Watters, left, daughter of a Daily News man now overseas, won the second prize.

New Officers Are Installed In Twin Cities

MINNEAPOLIS—New officers of the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild were installed at its annual membership meeting following election of candidates for contested posts.

William Hendrickson, president; Ray Thibodeau, commercial vice president; Dave Dreiman, editorial vice president, and Caroline Clogston, treasurer, were elected automatically.

In the contests, Marjorie Lundberg, St. Paul Dispatch, was named secretary; William Hennerty, St. Paul Pioneer Press, was named treasurer.

Alice Bennett, Minneapolis Star Journal; Joseph Meyers, St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press; Frances Boardman, Dispatch; James Gray, Dispatch, Pioneer Press, and Louis Greene, Minneapolis Morning Tribune.

George Roux is unit chairman; Stephen Castleman, unit secretary. The group comprises 12 members.

CLUB SET UP

The Twin Cities Guild membership also set up its own Bring 'Em Back Alive Club to promote blood donations to the Red Cross in conformity with a program proposed in August to the ANG convention in Milwaukee by Twin Cities and adopted as ANG policy.

Emil Krieg, retiring president; Dave Dreiman, Star Journal, and Eugene Aresta, Dispatch-Pioneer Press, representing the three newspaper plants, were designated co-chairman with authority to proceed.

Letters have gone out to all Guild locals suggesting that they take similar action, in view of an alarming lapse in blood donations the country over. Letters also have gone out to hundreds of organizations in the Twin Cities and will go to many more hundreds.

PINS PRESENTED

Guild pins were presented to new members appearing for the first time at a membership meeting.

Annual reports showed a membership of 604, servicemen included, and the highest good standing in history. They also showed a net worth of \$5,787 for the local, of which the greater part is in war bonds.

Prior to the meeting, the retiring executive board, carrying out instructions of a previous membership meeting, set up a severance pay fund in behalf of Guild employees in excess of \$600, to be invested in war bonds and added to at the rate of \$10 a month, to be paid on severance for whatever cause.

St. Paul Is Picked as Site Of 1945 ANG Convention

ST. PAUL—The twelfth annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild will be held in St. Paul, site in 1934 of the first convention of the union following its initial national organization meeting in Washington.

St. Paul was designated at the annual membership meeting of the Twin Cities Guild, which won the 1945 convention at the ANG's eleventh convention in Milwaukee in August.

STROM BID MADE

Members in Minneapolis, the other twin in the host local, raised no contest for the convention site. St. Paul city officials and civic organizations were strong bidders for the Guild sessions.

Carl Langland of the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press editorial department was elected general chairman of the local's convention arrangements committee.

ANG Vice President Kenneth B. Crouse of The Pioneer Press and Alice Bennett of The Minneapolis Star Journal were named as a nucleus in the committee to assist Langland. The committee will be enlarged later.

SECRETARY NAMED

SACRAMENTO—Eleanor (Kay) Kristofferson, an editorial secretary of the Sacramento Bee unit of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild, She succeeds June Ann Hoffman.

AMONG OURSELVES

Robert Ball, Detroit News aviation editor now on military leave, won newspaper coverage prize in annual TWA competition.

Other Guildsmen who took TWA awards included ROBERT H. HELMER, Cincinnati Enquirer; JAMES N. KERN, Dayton Journal-Herald; DAN K. PARK, Reading Eagle-Times.

TRICITY Guildsmen JEROME H. WALKER left Albany Knickerbocker News staff to become managing editor of Editor & Publisher... MAX GREEDY, former Denver Rocky Mountain News Guildsmen, recently on Denver Catholic Register staff, took makeup job on Des Moines Register and Tribune.

FLORENCE MURRAY, New York Guild member, compiled and edited 1944 Negro Handbook for Current Reference Publications.

BERNICE SHINE, former Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph York unit chairman, commissioned WAC second lieutenant and resigned to Foster General Hospital, Jackson, Miss.

Columnist Counts Some FDR Bills

By CHARLES FISHER
Philadelphia Camden Guild
Philadelphia Record Columnist

From CIO Political Action Committee

Now that we have invested a dollar in Mr. Roosevelt by way of the Political Action Committee, we look at things a little differently than we used to when we didn't have any direct financial stake in the election.

Maybe, though, our dollar was overdue. At any rate, we've already collected pretty heavily on it in advance. One of the premiums was a 40-hour working week, guaranteed by law. That's almost a dollar's worth alone.

Then there were jobs for perhaps a dozen men and women we knew. They were WPA jobs, but there were two ways at looking at WPA jobs during the depression. You could say they were terrible, compared with what you wanted. Or you say they were better beyond comparison than no jobs at all.

Looking back at this period, we can see that they provided an income and preserved self-respect, so we figure that covers another part of our dollar.

The exact proportion of the Army and Navy which our dollar entitles us to claim hasn't been computed yet.

We don't mean that the services are New Deal organizations, but only that they seem to have an abundance of history's finest military equipment with which to fight, and we recall a long period when industry was saying it couldn't make the stuff and Mr. Roosevelt was saying it could make it.

He turned out to be right, too. He had an awful lot of faith in industry for a man who is accused of deliberate animus toward it. More faith than either the GOP or industry itself had.

Some little part of the military success must be written off against our dollar.

The other items don't touch us quite so closely, but we suppose we ought to put down in the ledger the TVA, the great dams, electric lights on lonely farms and the like. And some day we might collect a fair return through varied social security benefits.

We might even agree that we've had our money's worth, except that we paid our dollar so recently that we expect a lot more for it. Perhaps—although it's a lot to hope for—it could make civilization infectious around the world, with the right sort of President spending it.

We wish our Mr. Roosevelt doubly well from now on. But we hope he'll be aware that he hasn't only a nation and a peace and international organization to worry about now.

He's got our buck, too. It's a pretty solemn responsibility.

AFL Opposes Cowles Radio Plan

MINNEAPOLIS (LPA)—Opposition to granting of a license for their newly purchased Minneapolis radio station to the Cowles newspaper interests has been voted by the Building Trades Council, the Central Labor Union and the Board of Business Agents here.

By unanimous vote, all three AFL labor bodies protested to the Federal Communications Commission against the granting of a broadcasting license. Hearings in Minneapolis were requested before the Commission made a final decision.

"MONOPOLY" CITED

The resolutions pointed out that the Cowles interests now control both the morning and afternoon papers and that the granting of a radio license would extend further their monopoly on the news in this city.

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AFL Publisher Gets GOP Money

COLUMBUS, O. (FP)—John E. Breidenbach, publisher of the AFL-indorsed Dayton Labor Union which has been carrying a series of articles attacking the CIO Political Action Committee as Communist, was paid \$29,223.12 by Governor John W. Bricker, the AFL Ohio Conference of Teamsters charged.

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The Rewrite Desk

The latest Executive's Labor Letter tip-sheet, supplied nationally by subscription to "the blue bloods" of American business, tells "HOW to protect YOUR company against these possibilities—

"Renewed efforts for wage increases.

"Unions for white-collar workers.

"Drive for closed shop. . . ."

Required reading: "The Press Gang-Up on the PAC" by Fred Maguire in the October 30 New Republic.

The press approach for assault on the CIO Political Action Committee probably reached its most frenzied point in a New York Daily Mirror story which, incredibly set out to show that James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer and PAC leader, "was followed by the Communist Party line avidly."

Probably nobody, as almost anybody knows, is loathed more avidly by the CP than Carey, and vice versa. It goes to show again that in the Hearst newspapers there literally are no limits to credulity.

The Commonweal, The Liguorian, and America, authoritative Catholic papers which can be presumed to be sensitively suspicious of any ideological goings-on, went to the trouble of looking into such charges by Republican papers and orators as that the PAC is "Communist-dominated." The Commonweal summed up: "unadulterated drivel."

Father Raymond McGowan, who measures men and motives with "The Yardstick" in The Michigan Catholic, had some sober comment on many publishers of "secular daily newspapers":

"They fight unions and labor laws because they are themselves employers. They fight high taxes on the rich because they are rich. They fight regulation of big business because they are big business. They are against the people."

The GOP's "Clear everything with Sidney" nonsense, gaily bandied about on the radio and on Hearst, Scripps-Howard, Patterson-McCormick and assorted other editorial pages, got so out of hand that Arthur Krock of The New York Times, who first used the comic line, felt obliged to rebuke his fellow partisans.

Krock, a Dewey man himself, protested that they were "misusing and distorting" his words, which he had applied in a Times column only to an alleged incident which he reported was connected by rumors with Senator Truman's nomination at Chicago.

Another political commentator who found himself somewhat sick at the stomach over the "Clear everything" sloganizing was Herbert L. Phillips, who writes for the McClatchy Newspapers, which publish The Sacramento Bee, Modesto Bee and Fresno Bee in California.

What Phillips wanted to know was "Does that clear EVERYTHING with the voters?"

In this department's prejudiced view, the most literate, expertly-edited and effective piece of 1944 campaign literature, in an election year marked by excellent PAC presswork, is The History of a Nation at War, produced by Newspaper Guildsmen in New York for the Independent Voters Committee for the Arts and Sciences.

Forty of 51 reporters who trailed Governor Dewey through the Midwest last week said in a poll that they believed FDR would win again. Twenty-eight of the 51 were for Dewey, personally; 17 for FDR.

Press Pattern Repeated In Campaign for Dewey

(Continued from Page One)
The scene was typical of Dewey's bid for labor support.

They deluded themselves and a few of their readers into believing that labor was ready to desert the White House. They went through all the motions of 1936 and 1940 and they provided another dreary chapter for the history of American journalism.

Not all Republican newspapers were guilty of these offenses, any more than all New Deal papers were lily-white in their handling of the campaign.

IT WAS NO "FORUM"

Moreover, no one expects an election campaign to be run under the polite rules of a women's forum.

But the memorable fact of this campaign has been the virulence of the anti-labor drive staged under the auspices of such major houses as Hearst, Scripps-Howard, Patterson-McCormick.

Thomas E. Dewey, traveling back and forth across the U.S.A., was boycotted by labor in almost every place he visited.

In Kenosha, Wis., a celebrated labor city, his reception was described this way by Kenosha Labor:

"Thomas E. Dewey spoke for 10 minutes at his train stop appearance here yesterday to an audience that was largely made up of students, who were dismissed from high school to hear him, and a number of employees of the Holm Manufacturing Company who were allowed time off with pay to listen to the candidate."

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