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IEB Sessions Are Opened In Chicago

CHICAGO—Convening a week ahead of the national CIO convention, the International Executive Board of the American Newspaper Guild met November 13 in the Hotel Morrison here for three days of regular sessions.

Topping the IEB agenda were reports on developments in organizing and collective bargaining programs — particularly in the Guild's district council and wire service fields — since the union's governing body last met in Milwaukee in August following the 1944 ANG convention.

ADVANCES NOTED

The IEB noted advances in the three-month period in both of these major Guild program fields, in which ANG activity has been centered.

The organizing program adopted at Milwaukee stressed Guild expansion through district councils, and there has been increasing ANG collective bargaining concentration on wire services, with contract uniformity a prime objective.

The Chicago sessions were arranged because many members of the IEB were obliged to be here for the CIO convention, which opens November 20, and for preliminary conferences preceding it.

THREE DESIGNATED

ANG delegates at the convention will include President Milton Murray, Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Kenneth B. Crouse, vice president in Region 3. Lowell B. Nussbaum, vice president of the Indianapolis Guild, was designated by the IEB in August as another delegate, but was unable to arrange to attend the convention.

For the first time there were places at the IEB table for substitute vice presidents of the ANG, sitting in for Vice Presidents Gordon H. Cole of Washington, Milton J. Lapine of Cleveland and Walter Engels of New York, all now on military leaves from their Guild posts.

Acting vice presidents elected to fill the three places are Nathan Robertson of Washington, Eleanor Coakley of Toledo and John T. McManus of New York.

District Council Revives New England Guild Local

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Editorial employees of the four newspapers in Springfield have been organized in a revival of the Springfield Newspaper Guild and have applied to the union's International Executive Board for a charter as Local 28—the number once held here.

Fifty members named George Memmott, assistant city editor of The Republican, as temporary president of the revived organization, which presented demands that the Guild be recognized as bargaining agent at The Republican, Daily News, Union and Evening Union, owned by Sherman Bowles.

At the same time that the Guild was conducting its reorganizing campaign under direction of the ANG's New England District Council, the International Typographical Union was organizing

Nimitz Cites Guildsman For Exploits at Tarawa

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Newspaper Guildsman William F. Kelliher, formerly a Kansas City Journal photographer and now a Marine Corps sergeant and motion picture photographer, has been cited by Admiral C. W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific Fleet, for "great personal bravery and devotion to duty" at Tarawa.

Kelliher, who also participated in the Tinian and Saipan invasions, has been overseas two years and expects to be home for Christmas.

A member of a Guild family, he is a son of Dan T. Kelliher, formerly city editor of The Journal and one of the founders and a past president of the Greater Kansas City Newspaper Guild.

THREE MORE SERVE

Three other sons are in the service.

Lieutenant Lee Kelliher, St. Louis Globe-Democrat reporter and also a Guild member, is in North Carolina.

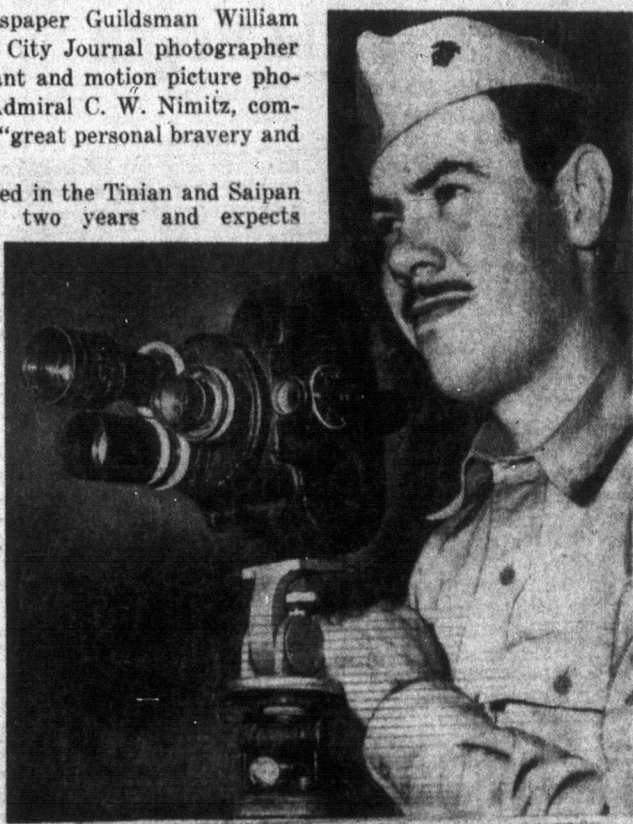
Lieutenant Dan C. Kelliher is in France. James Kelliher, the youngest, recently completed an Army training course at the University of Kansas.

"HIGHEST PRAISE"

Sergeant Kelliher's citation said:

"For outstanding work as a motion picture photographer, cool-headedness under fire, and devotion to duty in combat while a photographer during the Tarawa operation.

"He landed with the assault waves the first day, coolly taking pictures on the beaches and



SERGEANT WILLIAM F. KELLIHER
"... the best combat pictures yet ..."

throughout the action, always at great risk of life and limb. "Not only did he exhibit great personal bravery, but his

work was such that authorities say the best combat pictures yet filmed during this war were obtained.

"Following the battle, he continued to take pictures of enemy defensive installations, some of which still housed snipers. Although often without direction from a superior, he continued to work long hours during the entire operation and maintained a high standard of quality of workmanship.

"This display of loyalty, outstanding service, and valorous devotion to duty is worthy of the highest praise, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service."

Rodgers Warns Locals On New Dues Schedule

"A substantial number of locals will have to revise their dues structures by January 1, 1945," to comply with floor-and-ceiling requirements in the American Newspaper Guild's constitution, ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers warned this week.

Effective January 1, the ANG constitution requires that no local have a monthly dues schedule

with a minimum of less than \$1 nor a maximum of more than \$5.

"This constitutional provision was endorsed by the Milwaukee convention in August on ground that every member of a local should be required to pay something towards defraying the day-to-day cost of operating the local," Rodgers pointed out.

"The new constitutional minimums will mean that, after deduction of the regular ANG per capita of 75 cents (except for wire service members), every employed member of every local will be paying at least 25 cents a month into the local treasury."

Under another constitutional amendment effective January 1, locals which have members employed by press associations, feature syndicates, or news photo agencies of national scope will be required to pay a monthly ANG per capita of \$1 for each of these members.

CHARGED TO LOCALS

"The additional 25-cent per capita cannot be passed on to the individual member, but must be absorbed by the local," Rodgers said.

"The increase was voted by the convention on ground that locals should pay to the ANG a larger share of the individual member's total dues payment in the case of wire service members, since, under the constitution, the ANG is charged with the handling of wire service contract negotiations, whereas the local Guild performs this important function for its other members."

Guild Paces Many CIO Units In PAC Drive

CHICAGO — Nearly half of the American Newspaper Guild's active membership participated directly in political action programs of the union and the CIO during the Presidential election campaign.

This Guild record, surpassing that of many other and larger affiliates of the CIO which engaged in American labor's first major—and most decisive—venture into

(A sampling of detailed stories about political action by the Newspaper Guild is on pages 4 and 5.)

the business of national politics, was indicated this week in reports to the ANG's International Executive Board here.

\$2,127.68 CONTRIBUTED

A survey prepared for the IEB at the Hotel Morrison by ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers showed that Guild members in 29 locals voluntarily gave \$2,127.68 to the National Citizens Political Action Committee.

These contributions, cleared through ANG headquarters in New York City as part of the CIO's "Dollar for Roosevelt" campaign, probably were at least doubled in the Guild locals, which were expected to retain half for political action locally.

On the basis of figures so far reported to him, Rodgers estimated that fully 40 percent of the ANG's active members made a financial contribution toward winning election objectives of the CIO and NCPAC.

Nor did the Guild's part in the campaign end with collection of dollar bills and small-change token payments. In many ANG locals members were mobilized to ring doorbells, edit campaign newspapers, make stump speeches and otherwise join in the campaign, whose national success (Continued on Page Four)

Conciliation Is Sought In Interim AP Contract

Federal conciliation of a dispute with Associated Press management over interim 1944 contracts covering employees in six bureaus was sought last week in

New York City by the American Newspaper Guild.

This development in the national wire service bargaining field followed rejection by AP Guild units of management pay proposals for the interim period for bureaus outside of New York.

AP HOLDS TO OFFER

AP management then refused to make a further wage differential offer for the interim agreements, which would directly affect Atlanta, Boston, Detroit, Kansas City, Philadelphia and San Francisco bureaus, already under Guild contract.

Also involved were AP bureaus in Cleveland, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, outstate Michigan, Denver, Salt Lake City and San Diego, where initial Guild contracts have not been negotiated.

Meanwhile, ANG negotiators submitted to AP management uniform 1945 contract proposals, including wage minimums.

ARMY PAPER HAS GUILD SHOP

FORT GEORGE MEADE, MD.—The Fort Meade Post, this Army establishment's 12-page tabloid, has a Guild shop.

At least, all of its staffers are Newspaper Guild members.

The staff consists of Staff Sergeant Alfred Salerno, from The Brooklyn Eagle; Corporal Wayne Barr, from The Philadelphia Record; Private Taft S. Feiman, from The Milwaukee Journal, and Private Howard Dutkin, from The Washington Post.

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- On political action fronts — pages 4 and 5.
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Maintenance Finally Ordered For Harrisburg Patriot-News

CHICAGO—Maintenance of Newspaper Guild membership has been ordered for the Harrisburg Patriot-News by the Newspaper Commission of the War Labor Board in a long-delayed directive in a dispute which was the basis of a national test of application of WLB union "security" policies to Guild contracts.

The Commission's directive in the Harrisburg case had been pending since March, when the WLB in Washington, rejecting newspaper publishers' "freedom of the press" pleas against Guild membership maintenance, ruled that there were no reasons for withholding the wartime form of "security" from the Guild.

APPEAL ANTICIPATED

Hearings in the Patriot-News case, in which major sections of the newspaper industry joined, were conducted in October, 1943, by the WLB in Washington. It was expected that Patriot-News management would now appeal the Commission's directive to the WLB in an attempt to start the argument all over again.

Detroit Wins Differential At Free Press

DETROIT—In a decision by Arbitrator A. C. Lippin the Detroit Newspaper Guild won a 5 percent night pay differential at the morning Free Press.

Since the Guild's inception, The Free Press has been holding out against a night differential, although Guild contracts with the Detroit Times and The News provide for 5 percent.

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

The Guild's evidence before Arbitrator Lippin showed that the percentage of employees working nights on the morning Free Press was substantially the same as the percentage on the afternoon Times—the chief difference being that most Times night work falls in the early morning hours, and most Free Press night work in the evening hours.

A fresh dispute broke out, however, concerning the meaning of the arbitrator's decision. The Guild had asked for 5 percent applied to the weekly pay of anyone whose regular schedule required his services at night at any time during a week. This is the effect of the clause in the News and Times contracts.

The arbitrator, agreeing with the Guild's arguments, and basing his decision on the practice in the area, nevertheless ordered only that "the principle" of night differential be recognized with a 5 percent payment, leaving several specific questions unanswered.

NEW HEARING ASKED

When the Guild queried Lippin for an interpretation, Free Press management countered by challenging the arbitrator's right to interpret his own words. The company demanded a new hearing.

In the same decision, the Guild won an important grievance case involving the experience clause in its contract.

The arbitrator decided that an employee who had been upgraded from one business office group to another deserved at least partial credit for past experience. He ordered the employee, Helene Gracyk, paid \$3 per week retroactive to a date in 1942.

Four other disputed Free Press contract points, including dues checkoff and maintenance of membership, are before the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission. Guild Vice President Don Schram and Executive Secretary Paul Weber will argue these issues in Chicago November 21.

Many other directives for Guild maintenance were handed down by the Commission before it got around to the pivotal Patriot-News order. Part of the delay was caused by uncertainty within the Commission on legal procedures affecting the 1943-1944 Harrisburg contract, which had expired.

Newly-certified to the WLB, meanwhile, was a dispute between the Chicago Guild and Chicago

Night Pay Dispute Ends In Extra Guild Payoff

DENVER—Denver Post Newspaper Guildsmen discovered this month that even a small night differential of 50 cents a shift can produce an acceptable pay advance.

Management, accepting an award by the Newspaper Commission of the War Labor Board in a Post-Guild four-point dispute over a 1944 contract, paid accumulated night differential pay to all editorial employees affected, retroactive to January 17, expiration date of the last contract.

\$100 CHECKS PAID

A few Guildsmen received extra checks running close to \$100. Reporters and copywriters customarily working a night shift only on Saturday received about \$20 apiece.

Post management agreed to sign the 1944 contract at once, with WLB directives noted in each instance. It agreed also to sign a long-delayed 1943 contract if the WLB provisions were noted in the typed agreement.

The Guild had fought against such conditioning of the contract for more than a year, but management pointed out that contracts had been signed with the Scripps-Howard El Paso and New York papers with the WLB directives so indicated.

Management of the Rocky Mountain News also agreed to

'Share Loss' Bonus for Ads Is Won for Detroit Times

DETROIT—After an 11-month struggle to get an agreement reached last winter written into an acceptable Form 10 for approval by the War Labor Board, the Detroit Newspaper Guild has finally won a 1-cent-per-line "share loss" bonus for Detroit Times classified advertising sales people.

The plan, as finally approved by WLB's Newspaper Commission, provides:

- 1) That the Hearst company will figure an extra penny a line on the weekly sales of each employee.
- 2) That if, in any week, the employee's earnings fall below his average earnings for 1943, he shall be paid the extra penny, but not to exceed his 1943 average.
- 3) That the bonus shall be retroactive to January 1, 1944, and remain in effect until the

MANCHESTER SIGNS UP COMMERCIAL EMPLOYEES

MANCHESTER, N. H.—Commercial department employees of The Manchester Union-Leader have joined the Manchester Newspaper Guild, adding a score of members to the local's roster in a drive directed by the ANG's New England Council.

President Walter Emerson of the Guild local served notices on Cornelius Dekker, management representative, that the Guild now represented commercial workers and that it wanted them covered by terms of an editorial contract pending before the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission.

Philadelphia Wins Fight for Roadmen

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild has won a signal victory in an appeal to the National War Labor Board from a decision of the then Newspaper Panel and Region 6 of WLB.

The decision affects only two roadmen in the circulation department of The Camden Courier-Post, but should be far-reaching in its results.

"ISSUE" IS RAISED

When the roadmen joined the Guild late in 1941, management first raised the issue of a possible jurisdictional dispute.

After the AFL Teamsters and the Guild came to an agreement on that, negotiations began, but management immediately refused to give the circulation men the same job security provisions granted other employees, and offered inferior wages and other conditions.

The Guild unit, sensing an attack on job security, rejected the proposals. Negotiations went on, with only the plea of local and unit officers preventing a strike on several occasions. Finally, on April 12, 1943, the Guild asked for WLB certification.

The Panel took until December 4, 1943, to hand down its decision, which was approved by the Regional Board, despite a strong protest from the Guild. The local then appealed to the National War Labor Board on March 20, 1944.

"SECURITY" GRANTED

The Panel had granted the roadmen the same job security as other employees, but had given them little else.

On November 2 the NWLB decision was handed down. Here are the salient features:

Retrospectivity of pay increases—Employees making the same salaries as the roadmen had been given a 7 percent increase (negotiated in a voluntary agreement) retroactive to October 31, 1942. Management argued the roadmen should get no general increase. The Panel gave them the raise retroactive only to the date of certification. The WLB extended the retroactivity to October 31, 1942, about five and one-half months additional.

The Northern California District Council of the American Newspaper Guild is providing assistance in the Guild's contract negotiations, Bob Brown, who is executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild. Chairman of the unit's negotiating committee is Chapin A. Day.

Charles J. Lilley, editor, and C. E. Boron, business manager, are the company's negotiators.

Group Sessions Mark Survey Of N. Y. Jobs

Moving methodically ahead, a job survey conducted by the New York Newspaper Guild entered a new phase as representatives of 21 key or "bench mark" jobs began a series of meetings with Irving Gilman, survey director, to establish factors in each job.

The initial meetings were held with editorial artists, copywriters, rewriters, reporters and photographers, classified telephone and outside advertising salesmen, promotion copywriters, telephone operators and advertising publication men.

Each job group prepared a composite questionnaire based on common experience. These composite questionnaires were then used to make a series of sample ratings shot, from the left, are Chief Photographer Charles S. Smith, chairman of the Northwestern Indiana Guild's unit at his paper, and Herbert Lukmann and James Daniels. Smith took first place in spot news and feature divisions, Lukmann was first in sports, and Daniels placed second in the spot news photo section of the state contest.

Top honors in the 1944 news photo contest conducted by the Indiana Associated Press Association at Indianapolis went to Newspaper Guildsmen on the staff of The Gary Post-Tribune. In this mutual congratulations shot, from the left, are Chief Photographer Charles S. Smith, chairman of the Northwestern Indiana Guild's unit at his paper, and Herbert Lukmann and James Daniels. Smith took first place in spot news and feature divisions, Lukmann was first in sports, and Daniels placed second in the spot news photo section of the state contest.

BROTHERS MEET IN FRENCH PORT

ALBANY, N. Y.—Seaman Perry Van Gysling, art director of The Albany Times-Union, and his brother, Staff Sergeant Walter Van Gysling, of the Times-Union accounting department, met in France for the first time in more than three years.

Walter was disembarking with other troops from England when he spotted his brother's ship in the harbor. He boarded it and the joyful, brief reunion followed.

"Valter, one of the first draftees, spent many months in Iceland. Perry entered the Navy last Spring. Both are married and Perry is the father of a two-year-old son.

Council Called To Sacramento

SACRAMENTO—The quarterly meeting of the American Newspaper Guild's Northern California District Council is scheduled to be held here in the Hotel Sacramento November 19.

President Charles De Lorenzo of San Jose will preside, and delegates are expected from San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, Stockton and Sacramento.

The council meeting will be preceded by a bi-monthly meeting of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild.

Lansing Names Council Delegates

LANSING, Mich.—The Lansing Newspaper Guild formally affiliated with the American Newspaper Guild's newly-organized Michigan District Council as the result of a meeting at which three delegates, Lansing's quota under the council constitution, were elected.

These delegates are Fred C. Olds, Carlisle Carver and H. R. Palmer. Palmer and Carver are temporary officers of the council with Ross H. Collier of Battle Creek, temporary chairman. Collier attended the meeting of the Lansing Guild and outlined the proposed plan of the council operations in Michigan.

XMAS BOXES SENT TO SERVICEMEN

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild sent 112 Christmas packages to members in military service in a gift project directed by Anne Mann, war activities chairman of the local.

XMAS PARTY PLANNED

SACRAMENTO—Plans are under way for the annual Christmas party of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild. Courtney Alderson is entertainment chairman.

YANK SETS UP SOUTH PACIFIC NEWSSTAND



Lined up here, at a Southwest Pacific Army post, are members of the reading public of Yank Down. Under, new edition of the Army weekly. Constantly shifting circulation districts are a problem in distribution for Yank's staff, but it's met by plane, jeep and foot Special Services troop delivery.

News Bombs Spur Defeat Of the Enemy in Europe

TRUTH IS AMMUNITION, TOO

WASHINGTON—Flying newsboys in Marauders have dropped more than 50,000,000 news and message leaflets in France, Belgium and Holland since the invasion began.

They showered leaflets on German garrisons in besieged channel ports from St. Nazaire at the mouth of the River Loire in France to the Scheldt Estuary in southern Holland.

They covered the escape routes of Nazi troops retreating from Normandy and they followed the enemy north past the River Seine into Holland.

NAZIS ARE PURSUED

Everywhere the German army has moved in France, Belgium and Holland, it has been followed by the leaflet-bearing medium bombers of the Ninth Bombardment Division of the Ninth Air Force for the Psychological Warfare Division, Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force.

Newspaper Guildsmen attached to the PWD and on duty now in Europe include Gordon H. Cole, ANG vice president at large on leave, and Alfred Tromb. Both are past presidents of the Washington Guild.

In the World War, propaganda experts considered that had performed a gigantic feat by disseminating 5,000,000 leaflets in October, 1918. The Marauders, during a day, dropped 4,400,000 leaflets and also carried out two bombing missions.

Many of the leaflets carry instructions in the procedure of surrender and information as to the rights of prisoners under the Hague and Geneva conventions. Others contain special messages for civilian populations, but the bulk are intended for German troops.

Frequently the Nazi soldier's first news of developments at home or at the front comes to him through leaflets. According to prisoners of war, this was the case July 23 when Marauders showered German troops in France with leaflets reporting events incident to the successful attempt on Hitler's life.

In August, news that the Red Army was fighting on carried so German soldiers by leaflets.

In September, the leaflets told of the landings and progress of the Allied Airborne Armies in Holland.

PRISSEES RUN 24 HOURS

The Psychological Warfare Division in London, keeping abreast of the war by cross-channel telephone, takes advantage of late developments on all fronts to prepare special messages. Printing presses controlled by the



Ready for uncapping here is a 105 mm shell in which are stowed copies of Frontpost news leaflets to be shot over the lines in Italy to Nazi soldiers. The shell bursts in the air, spreading the German-language papers over enemy areas, bringing United Nations news to Hitler's men. A French Algerian fuse-setter works on this circulation job.

PWD are kept busy 24 hours a day to meet the ever-changing situation.

Packed into a special type bomb, the leaflets generally are delivered to air bases in advance of their anticipated use.

The news bombs consist of a cardboard cylindrical container laced with explosive "primer cord" and detonated by a barometric fuse. The fuse is set to detonate at a predetermined altitude, scattering the leaflets in desired concentrations. A standard 300-pound bomb contains 80,000 leaflets.

Leaflet mission crews undergo the risks of any operation over enemy territory. Flak sometimes is more intense on their missions because these operations "take crews over spots where enemy resistance is particularly stiff."

Evidence of the seriousness with which the German high command considers these Allied leaflet operations is indicated in captured enemy documents. Here is one from the Cherbourg peninsula which had been circulated to all commanding officers of regiments and battalions.

"It has become decisive for the outcome of the war that we provide officers, N.C.O.'s and men with convincing counter-argu-

ments well ahead of time and that we promptly parry any propaganda attack by the enemy.

"We must bear in mind that during the first World War enemy propaganda succeeded in wearing down the morale and fighting spirit of the German people to such an extent as to contribute materially to the military and economic breakdown."

The Germans are reported to have set up special organizations in cities for collecting leaflets. Following a recent attack, a detail of motorcyclists was dispatched to gather them up.

BOOBY TRAPS SET UP

The Germans are known to have placed explosives in some leaflets, which they published notices in newspapers that the Allies had dropped explosive leaflet packages and warned the public not to pick them up.

The published order reads: "There are reasons to emphasize that all leaflets and pamphlets hostile to the state must be surrendered to the police at once."

Military instructions require that a German soldier who picks up a leaflet must immediately label it with the word "Feindpropaganda" (Enemy Propaganda).

But it is reported that between 40 and 75 percent of captured German prisoners possess leaflets or have read them.

"Various prisoners of war, when questioned, have revealed they 'saw leaflets written in German, liked them because they gave news concerning what appeared to be the truth and appealed to them because of the attractive prisoner of war conditions.'"

Leyte Bombing Costs Life Of Second War Reporter

FORT WORTH—War Correspondent Stanley Gunn, former Texas Newspaper Guildman, died from wounds received in a Japanese bombing raid on Tacloban in the Philippines in which Guildman Asabel (Ace) Bush, Associated Press correspondent, was killed.

Gunn died four days after his wife, at her home here, received a message from him reporting that a leg had been broken in the Jap attack, but that he expected to be home soon.

Bush, 31, a member of the AP unit of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, was instantly killed in the bombing of the liberated capital of Leyte island on October 25, precisely a year after he left on his Pacific assignment.

10-PINT DONOR IS GUILDSMAN

ALBANY, N. Y.—John Wanhope, veteran Tri-City Newspaper Guildman and first Albanian to contribute to the Red Cross blood bank here, became the first ten pint-contributor in Albany.

Wanhope's initial donation at the opening of the blood bank two years ago was featured in a radio broadcast from a local station.

The Knickerbocker News, on which Wanhope is a staff writer, also carried an interview with Wanhope by Robert McCain, another reporter, in which Wanhope described his reactions to the blood-giving "ordeal."

WDL Schedules Eubanks Speech

Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks of the American Newspaper Guild will address an opening session of the 1944 national convention of the Workers Defense League at the Presbyterian Labor Temple in New York City December 8 and 9.

He will discuss "work of the WDL's Free Labor Committee, of which he is co-chairman. Keynotes at the convention will be CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey and President A. Philip Randolph of the AFL. Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

A roundtable discussion, "Building the Labor Press," will be led by Carl Leatherstock of The St. Louis Labor World.

N. Y. SENDS BOOK AS XMAS PRESENT

The New York Newspaper Guild has sent 1,846 copies of Bennett Cerf's book, "Try and Stop Me," as Christmas gifts to its members in military service and to service papers, hospitals and Red Cross units. Each copy carries a special Guild imprint.

CHARTER GUILDSMAN RETURNS FROM WAR

HAMMOND, Ind.—After 18 months of service in the Army medical department, Corporal Jim Brahos has returned to the staff of The Hammond Times with a medical discharge from service.

Brahos, a charter member of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild, is a former secretary and treasurer of the local. He was in charge of the East Chicago, Ind., bureau of The Times and also served as assistant to John Whitaker, sports editor, prior to entering the service.

SERVICEMEN GREETED BY LEHIGH VALLEY

ALLENTOWN, Pa.—The Lehigh Valley Newspaper Guild, following a custom started at the outbreak of the war, sent to its members in the armed forces a Christmas remembrance.

This year a card of greeting with signatures of Guild members at home was sent, along with a money order for \$5, to 14 members in uniform.

Forum Program Provides Post-Election Lessons

(Now that the election is over and the nation presumably is united again, it may be impolitic to indulge in any re-telling of the election. The record of some of the proceedings, however, continues to be instructive—and perhaps entertaining—to the electorate. One such is the transcript of a pre-election "American Forum of the Air" broadcast from Washington, from which excerpts are herewith submitted, for the record, by The Guild Reporter, whose opinion may be biased by the fact that the president of the American Newspaper Guild participated in the program.—Ed.)

THE AMERICAN FORUM OF THE AIR "Political Periscope"

THE CHARACTERS

MILTON MURRAY, American Newspaper Guild president, appearing as a member of the Washington bureau staff of PM.
ERNEST K. LINDLEY, chief of the Washington bureau of Newsweek.
GLADSTONE WILLIAMS, Washington correspondent of The Atlanta Constitution and the McClatchy Newspapers of California.
EMIL HURJA, publisher of The Pathfinder.
NEO BROOKS, Washington correspondent of the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance.
THEODORE GRANIK, Chairman.

THE PROCEEDINGS

HURJA. The trend is to Dewey, by public opinion as definite and determined as the people of the United States have ever been, with but one thought in mind. . . . This is ominous for the New Deal, as ominous as the tick of the undertaker's clock. . . . WILLIAMS. I think he is all wet. . . . LINDLEY. Why do you think so, Mr. Williams? WILLIAMS. Well, No. 1, your betting odds. . . . HURJA. Personally, I think the betting odds are wrong and have no basis in fact whatever. . . . With a big treasury full of money, the CIO undoubtedly is using the money that they can't use politically to influence public thought with betting odds very low order of operation. MURRAY. May I interrupt there? There is not a large surplus in the CIO treasury. There is not a large surplus in the political action campaign fund, and certainly none of it is going into betting. Of course, some of the rank and file members might like to make a small bet, and after this meeting is over I will discuss it with you, sir. . . . BROOKS. Since this is running into the Second Battle of the Stater, I would like at the start to get in my opinion. I agree with Mr. Hurja. . . . MURRAY. Aren't you going to let me make my speech? I have been treasuring it here. . . . I have a guess that the trend is a very strong trend toward President Roosevelt. . . . That President Roosevelt will be reelected. . . . LINDLEY. What are Dewey's most effective issues? BROOKS. I would say . . . his indictment of the whole Roosevelt record . . . the administration's failure to live up to its promises, its extravagance, its regimentation of people's lives, its quarrels and its failure to provide private jobs for the unemployed. . . . MURRAY. But Mr. Brooks, don't you think that issue collapses completely when Mr. Dewey fails to prove his indictment? BROOKS. Do you think the fourth term issue is a decisive one in this campaign? MURRAY. It doesn't seem that to me because . . . the people who are most excited about the fourth term are the ones who didn't like the first term. LINDLEY. Has either side made any serious tactical errors during the campaign? HURJA. I think the Democratic Party, when they trotted out Sidney Hillman, certainly did a major service to the Republicans. . . . He is the second coming of Harry Hopkins.

Guild, in Unprecedented Drive, Shares in PAC Election Victory

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was written in November 7 returns.

"UNPRECEDENTED"

It was an unprecedented activity for the Guild, whose Milwaukee convention in August endorsed Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman for election following a rank-and-file advisory referendum on the issue.

A large minority of Guild members did not concur in the endorsement policy, and no member was bound to it.

But the subsequent active participation of members in the campaign indicated that an ever-increasing majority was convinced that labor, whether it liked it or not, was of necessity involved in politics, that the very existence of State unions depended upon

the kind of candidates who win public office.

"LARGER ISSUES CITED"

The CIO entered the campaign, however, with concern for larger issues of the war and the peace overshadowing any narrowly partisan labor issue. Most observers gave the CIO much of the credit for the November 7 results. And in this the Guild could claim at least a small share.

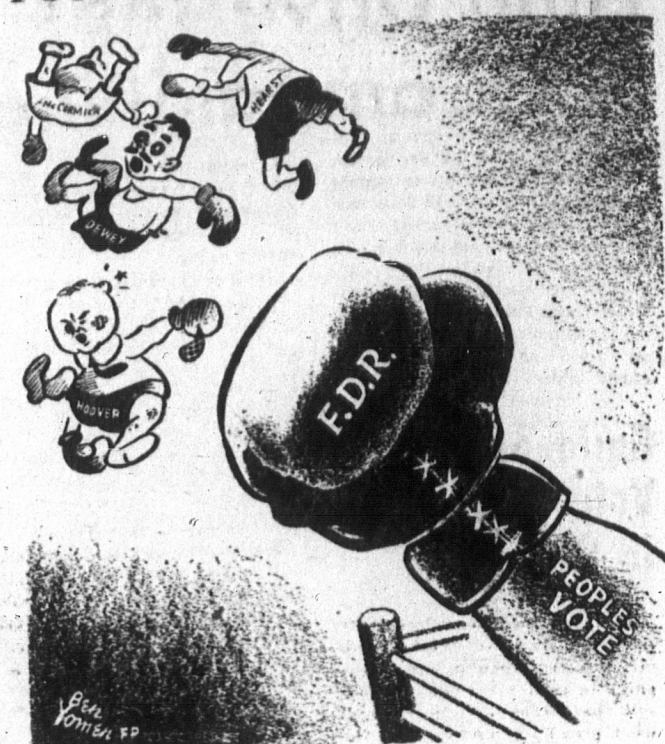
The biggest share in Guild members' NCPAC contributions was taken by New York, the biggest local, which cleared \$936.45 through ANG headquarters. Next was Los Angeles, with \$287; third, Washington, \$231.40; fourth, Philadelphia-Camden, \$108.88.

ROLL IS CALLED

A local-by-local tabulation of

Guild contributions to the NCPAC follows:	
Akron	\$ 4.25
Boston	25.00
Chicago	75.00
Cincinnati	15.00
Denver	15.00
Detroit	82.75
Houston	15.00
Indianapolis	15.00
Kansas City	7.50
Los Angeles	287.00
Milwaukee	936.45
New York	936.45
Northwestern Indiana	6.00
Philadelphia-Camden	108.88
Pittsburgh	15.00
Portland, Ore.	17.50
Pueblo	15.00
Rochester	24.00
Sacramento	12.50
St. Louis	15.00
San Antonio	15.00
San Jose	7.50
Seattle	15.00
Springfield, Ill.	7.50
St. Paul	15.00
Union City	15.00
Washington	231.40
Wilkes-Barre	6.00
Wichita	15.00
Worcester	15.00
TOTAL	\$1,374.65

FOURTH ROUND



Run for Congress Lost by Walrath

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—High-lighting election activities of Rochester Newspaper Guild members was the campaign of Jean Walrath, secretary-treasurer of the local, for a seat in Congress. Running on Democratic and American Labor Party tickets, she opposed James W. Wadsworth, veteran Republican member of the House from the 41st New York District, who won re-election with about 79,000 votes against Miss Walrath's 46,000.

IT WAS "VIGOROUS"

On leave of absence from her duties as a reporter for The Democrat and Chronicle since early September, she conducted a vigorous campaign, speaking at numerous rallies and meetings throughout the district.

Several members of the Guild helped her gather material for some of her talks.

Also active in the political scene here was William J. Kirby, financial editor of The Democrat and Chronicle, who is secretary of the A.L.P. in Monroe County, secretary of the PAC here, and vice president of the CIO Council.

HE RANG DOORBELLS

He assisted in directing PAC activities in Rochester, and was one of the most energetic in a doorbell-ringing corps.

In the Guild organization itself, the membership was divided into ward and town groups, and

Record Made In Registration

ALBANY, N. Y.—Virtually 100 percent registration by Tri-City Newspaper Guildsmen was attained as a result of work of a "get-out-the-vote committee" of the local.

The committee obtained enrollment lists from the Board of Elections and each committee member was given a quota of Guild members to contact.

Booklets and other literature from the CIO Political Action Committee were distributed to members.

Janet Scott, Tri-City treasurer, represented the Capital City CIO Council in a radio plea to the citizens to register and vote.

CHICAGO TRIB CHECK CONTRIBUTED TO PAC

CHICAGO (FP)—Chicago Tribune money went into the CIO Political Action Committee's treasury when an Army officer formerly employed by The Tribune endorsed a Tribune compensation check over to the labor fund.



JEAN WALRATH
She polled 46,000, anyone captains named to marshal those groups to the polls.
Solicitors in both units conducted vigorous campaigns in the PAC drive for "A Buck for Roosevelt," and Guild funds were swelled by contributions from printers, members of Rochester Typographical Union, Local 15.

URGES LABOR DAILY

KENOSHA, Wis. (FP)—Establishment of a labor daily in Kenosha has been urged by Editor Elmer Beck of The Kenosha Labor, joint AFL-CIO union weekly.

Harris Bested In State Race

ARLINGTON, Mass.—Running for the first time for state office, George A. Harris, Region 1 vice president of the American Newspaper Guild, was defeated by three oldtime officeholders.

Harris, nominated by the Democrats for the General Court of Massachusetts in July, when he lost a bid for Republican nomination, polled 5,096 votes, placing fourth against 10,869, 9,053 and 5,625.

A registered Republican, Harris drew some election consolation from comment by some local political observers that his was the best fourth place run in the history of Arlington, where he is a veteran town meeting member.

Fund Drive Tops N.Y. Campaigning

New York Newspaper Guildsmen contributed approximately \$2,300 to the National Citizens' Political Action Committee and its local counterpart during the Presidential campaign.

This was, in addition to the \$1,600 raised last Spring within the New York Guild and brought the total collected to almost \$4,000. Banner New York unit in

the recent fund drive was PM, where 75 percent of the members contributed a total of \$580.46—or an average of almost \$4 per member.

DOORBELLS WERE RUNG
Another outstanding election campaign activity of the local was its contribution of manpower to house-to-house canvassing in behalf of President Roosevelt. Well over 200 members, most of them working out of American Labor Party clubs, gave many nights to the job of carrying into effect the Milwaukee convention's recommendation for work on the "local level" of doorbell ringing.

In addition to such rank and file workers, all six of the New York Guild's fulltime staff worked in behalf of the CIO and President Roosevelt during the last two weeks of the campaign.

PAPER PUBLISHED
Still another activity of the local, in the most intensive political program in its history, was publication of a 32-page paper, "History of a Nation at War," whose 500,000 copies were distributed by the Democratic National Committee in the key states of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Contributors to the paper included 15 Guildsmen.

In a report to the New York Guild's representative assembly summarizing election work of the local Guildsmen, Executive Secretary Nat Einhorn pointed to the fact that more than 800,000 votes were cast in New York state for the President on the lines of the minority—American Labor and Liberal Parties—almost double the number of such votes in recent years.

Doorbells Rung By Guildsmen In Denver

DENVER—The Denver Newspaper Guild, active in the local pre-primary campaign, played a comparatively small direct part in the main Presidential campaign—chiefly in doorbell ringing by individuals for registration.

Contributions to the CIO Political Action Committee were disappointingly small, both from the Guild and from most other CIO locals.

If the newspaper editors, shrieking daily about the "enormous slush fund" being raised by the PAC, had seen the actual record, they might have gasped.

RADIO GAG ALLEGED
Gene Cervi, former Denver Guild president, who was chosen Democratic state chairman for the campaign, accused the NBC radio station here, KOA, of permitting the Post and News to dictate its news policies. KOA, he said, refused him radio time for answering their Republican charges.

When he then threatened to plug for votes for Attorney Daniel Flood, who defeated the Guild's international vice president for the Democratic nomination in the primaries.

St. Louis Stages Party for PAC

ST. LOUIS—Two hundred and fifty St. Louis Newspaper Guild members, wives, husbands and friends participated in a Greater St. Louis Political Action Committee benefit "FDR Victory Rally" in the Hotel DeSoto ballroom.

The rally, attended by several CIO leaders of other unions, was arranged by the local Guild's PAC committee, headed by Julius Kiyman. Net proceeds from \$1 ticket sales will be contributed to the St. Louis PAC fund.

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!



CIRCULATORS TAKE their bundles of The Free Press, Democratic campaign newspaper edited by Los Angeles Newspaper Guild members. Distribution routes were covered by many housewife volunteers.



GIRL AND SAILOR share a copy of the Guild-edited election paper, which reached a circulation of 1,400,000. Among byline contributors was Adela Rogers St. John, Hearst special writer who supported FDR.



HOME DELIVERY of The Free Press is made by a volunteer route-man. Members of circulation crews made it a point to chat with householders on doorsteps, thereby winning friends—and also votes.



POLITICAL ACTION by the Los Angeles Guild was helped by Don Kirby, left, head of that department of the local; Helen Danforth, Free Press associate editor, and G. K. Williams, editor.

L. A. Produces 5 Newspapers For Campaign

LOS ANGELES—The major political action project of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild was the writing and editing of four minor campaign newspapers and one major paper—The Free Press—with the total circulation of all papers adding up to 1,775,000.

The Los Angeles program also included mobilization of members for precinct work and for National Citizens' Political Action Committee collections. A breakdown showed:

Nearly 100 LANGERS active politically.

More than \$1,100 raised for political action (with a per capita of 727 members).

Six LANG members in top spots of Congressional campaigns.

LANG troubadours entertained at a score of rallies.

Two editions of The Guildsmen (LANG paper) devoted to political action.

Mailed reminders of LANG endorsements sent to all members.

Soldier ballot applications sent to all in military service.

Women's auxiliary mobilized for political action.

The newspapers centered around The Free Press, sponsored and paid for by the Hollywood Democratic Committee at a cost of more than \$20,000.

A three-publication, 24-edition, standard size campaign job, The Free Press was published three times (September, October, November) and reprinted for each of eight Los Angeles County Congressional districts.

First edition of The Free Press was 320,000 copies, second edition was 480,000 and the third skyrocketed to 600,000—ample proof of the paper's effectiveness.

Unique in campaign literature, The Free Press carried positively to set forth the issues of the campaign, and brought into the office a steady stream of "fan" mail, contributions and requests for "subscriptions."

PAC Funds Are Collected In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO—The raising of \$30 through voluntary contributions to the CIO Political Action Committee fund, in addition to \$15 subscribed during the primary campaign, highlighted 1944 political action by the small Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild. Guild members also campaigned among their friends for the defeat of Proposition No. 12, so-called "right of employment" constitutional amendment. This vicious anti-labor measure, which would have outlawed the closed shop in California, was defeated. In an effort to get out the vote, every member of the local was telephoned on election day.

PAC Gets Out Hammond Vote

HAMMOND, Ind.—In spite of a Republican victory in Indiana, industrial Lake County turned in a record-breaking Democratic plurality in the November 7 election.

No Republican candidate for any county, state, or national office was given a majority Tuesday, and none came close enough to threaten.

After the election, even its most bitter enemies conceded that the CIO Political Action Committee had done a remarkable job of getting out a record labor vote. President Ernest G. Bayton and other leaders of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild were active in developing joint labor strength for the election.

NOW YOU SEE IT—AND NOW...

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BY CHARLES RENTROP

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Reader's Digest Does a Fine Job Of 'Editing' AFL Quotes on PAC

CLEVELAND, (FP)—A Reader's Digest reprint of an editorial from The Cleveland Citizen, official AFL newspaper, was "an obvious falsification, a complete and deliberate distortion," Editor A. I. Davey, Jr., charged.

In a signed story on the front page of The Citizen, which also carried photostats of the original Citizen editorial and the Reader's Digest version of it, Davey accused the magazine of distorting the editorial to smear the CIO Political Action Committee.

"BIAS" IS "APPARENT"

"The labor bias of The Digest has been so apparent to every thinking union man that The Citizen has never bothered to expose the publication," Davey said. "But now The Digest has seen fit to attack the very integrity of The Citizen."

"In brief, The Citizen's original editorial said this: It chided the CIO-PAC for endorsing Vito Marcantonio who boasts a very bad voting record on preparedness. At the same time the PAC was very justly attacking other men for the same sort of record.

"Our editorial simply accused the PAC of being inconsistent. We still hold that view.

IT WAS "MASTERPIECE"

"The Digest reprint says this: Sidney Hillman is a Communist. The 'editing' job done by The Digest on the Citizen editorial is a masterpiece. Sentences appearing at the beginning of the original show up at the end of the reprint. The same thing can be said for qualifying clauses. Complete paragraphs have also been switched around.

"The intent of The Digest reprint is clear. The Digest wants to give the reading public of America the impression that labor itself is against Mr. Hillman.

"While we have never actually endorsed Mr. Hillman, his committee and their efforts, we are on the side of any man or group that makes Americans aware of their serious responsibility in exercising their right to vote."

The reprint of the Citizen editorial appeared in the November issue of The Digest along with alleged quotations from 10 other AFL papers and magazines under the heading, "Some Comments on the PAC From the Labor Press."

REPLY NOT CARRIED

This Digest feature followed an article ("Is the PAC Beneficial to Labor and the Country?") by Hillman in the same issue. In a letter to The Guild Reporter, The Digest had represented this article as a reply to "I Object to My Union in Politics" by Newspaper Guildsman William E. Mullins of Boston in the September Digest.

(The Hillman article as published, however, was a generalized statement of PAC objectives which did not cite the Mullins article and did not give specific answers to certain points offered by Mullins. A specific reply to these points, written by President Amasa Howe of the Boston Guild, was rejected by The Digest but published in the October 1 Guild Reporter.)

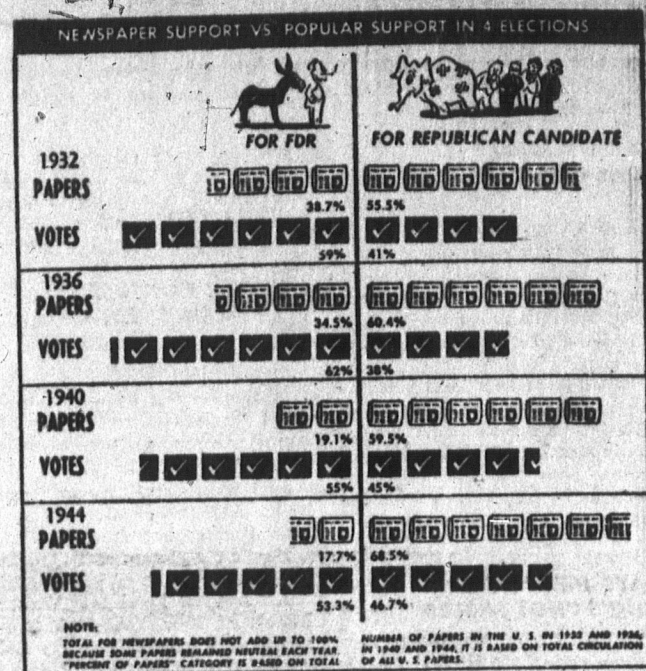
Pointing out that not one CIO paper was quoted in the Digest roundup, Davey said it "is therefore a very obvious smear, rigged

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IS STRIKE RECORD

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Only an anti-labor publicist with a powerful magnifying glass will consider the number of strikes during September as important.

According to the Department of Labor, idleness due to strikes (which includes both the strikers and those made idle through no action of their own) amounted to nine one-hundredths of one percent.



to combat the whole idea of political action.

"Whether you are for or against the PAC, you will still recognize that as dirty pool. Knowing how The Digest has distorted our editorial, we naturally wonder how many of the others The Digest has tampered with. We wonder if the other editorials have also been 'edited'."

Davey said he had at first been tempted to refuse a check for \$50 which The Digest sent him in payment for reprinting the editorial, "but since we know how The Digest hates honest liberalism and labor unity, we have turned the check over to Labor's Joint Committee for Political Action to do with as they see fit."

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Labor Unrest Analyzed In Study by Papermakers

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A report by a special committee of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers is getting wide circulation in government offices here.

"Labor Unrest and Dissatisfaction" is the subject of the report, made after several years of study of the problems of the union.

The 70-page report to the membership covers every aspect of union members' gripes from the way elections of international officers are handled to bad attendance at local meetings.

Suggestions for improving operation of the union are made at each point, and criticisms of the administration of the union nationally and locally are discussed frankly by the committee.

PEPPER PRAISES IT

The study, lauded by Secretary of Labor Perkins, includes an introductory statement by Senator Claude Pepper (D. Fla.) praising its "healthy spirit of frankness, self-analysis and self-criticism."

"Unrest and dissatisfaction," the committee members remind unionists reading the report, "are characteristic of the people of the democratic countries. Because of these and a spirit of determination to find causes and remedies, our people are what they are today."

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While there was no announcement of Steelman's plans, there were two reports about them from unofficial sources. The first was that he was being considered as a candidate for Secretary of Labor by President Roosevelt, the other that he had been offered a labor relations job by a large corporation.

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