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ANG Readies National Pacts for Services

A dispute between the American Newspaper Guild and Associated Press management over terms of an interim contract agreement was on its way to the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission this week as ANG representatives prepared to open negotiations for a new national master contract with the big wire service.

Federal Conciliator G. Harry Brown met with ANG and AP negotiators last week in an attempt to resolve disagreements over the interim contract for Atlanta, Michigan, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Kansas City bureaus from May 1 to December 31.

PAY UNSETTLED

But no settlement was reached on points involving retroactivity of AP wage minimums to May 1, general pay increases, and new minimums proposed by the Guild.

ANG-AP negotiations for the master 1945 contract, covering all AP bureaus where the Guild is recognized as collective bargaining agent, will open December 11 in New York City, with Paul Simmons of Atlanta, Ted Peck of Detroit, Leonard Millman of San Francisco and Israel Siperstein of Boston coming in to serve as members of a national wire service Guild negotiating committee.

A week earlier, on December 4, the ANG will open national negotiations for 1945 contracts with Hearst's International News Service and International News Photos. Guild negotiators will include C. J. Nichols of Cleveland and Robert Brockhurst of Washington.

PARLEYS OPENED

Negotiations with management of the Newspaper Enterprise Association and Acme Newspictures for new national agreements opened this week in Cleveland, where ANG International Representative Joseph Colangelo, director for wire services, was scheduled to start proceedings November 28.

Preparations were under way meanwhile for ANG negotiation of a new national memorandum with top management of Hearst newspapers, replacing a two-year over-all agreement which expires early next year.

ANG Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers were authorized by the Guild's International Executive Board in Chicago last month to appoint a national Hearst negotiating committee of four members.

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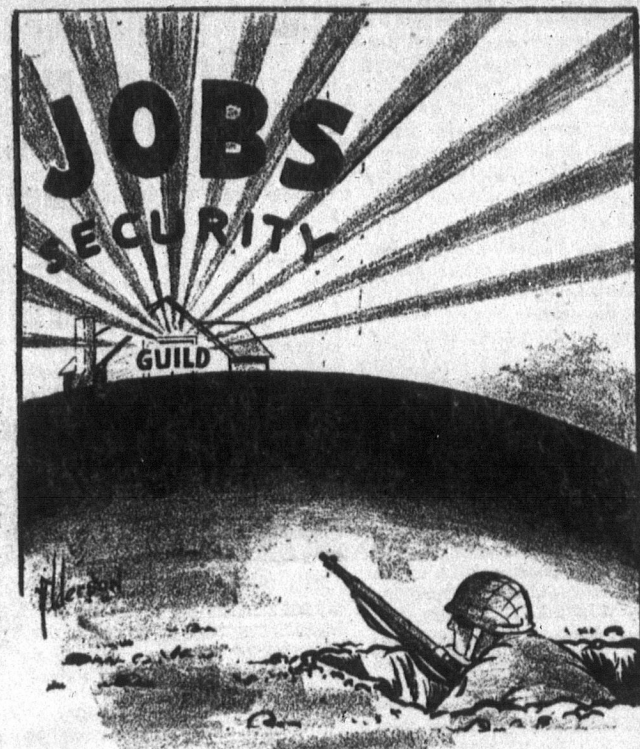
Here's a new one for the books:

In a Newspaper Guild-contract office, a non-Guild reporter applied to the managing editor for a raise due under the Guild contract, because another year of work had gone by.

Then the reporter asked, in addition, a raise because, as she put it, she hadn't joined the Guild.

The managing editor, when he formerly was eligible for Guild membership, had never joined. But even he couldn't stomach that one—so he politely turned down the request.

LIGHT IN THE WINDOW



—Cartoon by B. C. Alderson, Sacramento Valley Guild

WECHSLER FILING:

Curious Alibis Developed By Moulders of Opinion

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

WASHINGTON—One of the most entertaining aspects of the post-election period has been the effort of prominent publishers to prove that the Roosevelt victory was a great moral triumph for the American press.

The theory is a trifle complicated and you will have to follow me closely, but it seems to run like this:

Most of the newspapers were anti-Roosevelt.

A majority of the people voted for Roosevelt.

It would be very terrible if

the people voted the way publishers told them to vote.

Therefore we should be grateful for this splendid demonstration of democracy in action, which could not have happened if the press and the people had supported the same candidate.

Some variation of this theme has been advanced by the Scripps-Howard newspapers and by most of the other large and respectable newspaper houses which once again found themselves backing the man who also ran.

IDEA IS LIMITLESS

The idea could be expanded limitlessly.

Carrying this view to its logical conclusion, a public-spirited editor would ceaselessly seek to discover where the people stand on major issues and then carefully take the reverse position.

Each time that he was repudiated by the readers of his paper, he could proclaim the continuing vitality of democracy and pay tribute to the press for its gallant failure to influence public opinion.

The paper which went wrong most frequently—whenever a test of popular opinion could be made

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Two Disputes Are Taken To Commission

CHICAGO—Two new Newspaper Guild contract dispute cases have been placed on the docket of the Newspaper Commission of the War Labor Board here.

The Philadelphia-Camden Guild and management of The Atlantic City Press-Union were at odds over severance pay and wages, and The Muskegon Chronicle refused to agree to union security provisions proposed by the Guild in the Michigan city, where a local charter has been restored.

AGREEMENTS OKAYED

The WLB's Commission meanwhile approved voluntary contracts between Guild locals and The Rockford Morning Star and Register-Republic, San Pedro News-Pilot, Madison Capital Times and State Journal, Lansing State Journal and Brooklyn Citizen.

Guild-management merit pay raise proposals were approved for The St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press, Buffalo News, PM, San Francisco Examiner, New York Times, Detroit Free Press and San Francisco Chronicle.

Also approved was a war bond bonus at The Washington Star.

ANG Spurs CIO Plans

CHICAGO—An ever-widening contribution by American Newspaper Guild members and officers to the conduct and program of the Congress of Industrial Organizations was demonstrated at its seventh annual convention in the Stevens Hotel here.

The CIO sessions followed a regular meeting of the Guild's International Executive Board, which previewed many phases of economic and political problems which were worked out, with ANG participation, into far-reaching CIO plans for victory in the war—and in the challenging postwar era.

1945 Sessions Set for June In St. Paul

CHICAGO—The twelfth annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild will be held next June in the St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.

As set by the ANG's International Executive Board here, dates for the 1945 sessions will be June 25 through June 29. The Twin Cities Guild, host to the union's second annual convention in 1934, will repeat that role for the twelfth meeting.

IEB PICKS PHILADELPHIA

The IEB will next meet in Philadelphia on February 3, 4 and 5.

Philadelphia was designated for the meeting after ANG Vice President George A. Harris of Boston proposed that sessions of the ANG's governing body be scheduled, when feasible, outside of New York City to give local leaders and rank-and-filers in other Guild centers opportunities to confer with IEB members.

Baldinger Quits As GR Editor

Wilbur H. Baldinger, for the past three years editor of The Guild Reporter, has resigned from the staff of the American Newspaper Guild effective December 1, following publication of this issue.

The resignation was taken "with deep regret" by the ANG's International Executive Board at a session in Chicago November 15, when the IEB gave Baldinger a unanimous vote of confidence in his work as editor since December 1, 1941. He said he had no immediate plans.

The IEB designated Wilbur E. Bade, ANG director of organization, as acting Guild Reporter editor for subsequent issues pending appointment of a successor to Baldinger which was scheduled to be made at the next IEB meeting in February.

IEB Restores Two Local Charters

CHICAGO—American Newspaper Guild Local Charters 63 and 28 have been restored in cities where they once were held.

On the Inside...

IEB sidebars — page 2.
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M. MURRAY

—were continued and intensified political action by labor, a more equitable break for workers in the wartime economy, and a reconstruction program envisaging President Roosevelt's goal of 60,000,000 jobs.

These things were linked to and wrapped up in the top task of winning the war, and the CIO, without flagwaving, took modest pride in its record on this score. Its no-strike pledge was reaffirmed without a dissent from the 600 delegates.

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ANG "COMMITTED"

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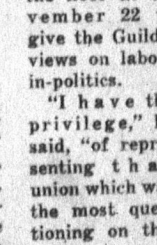
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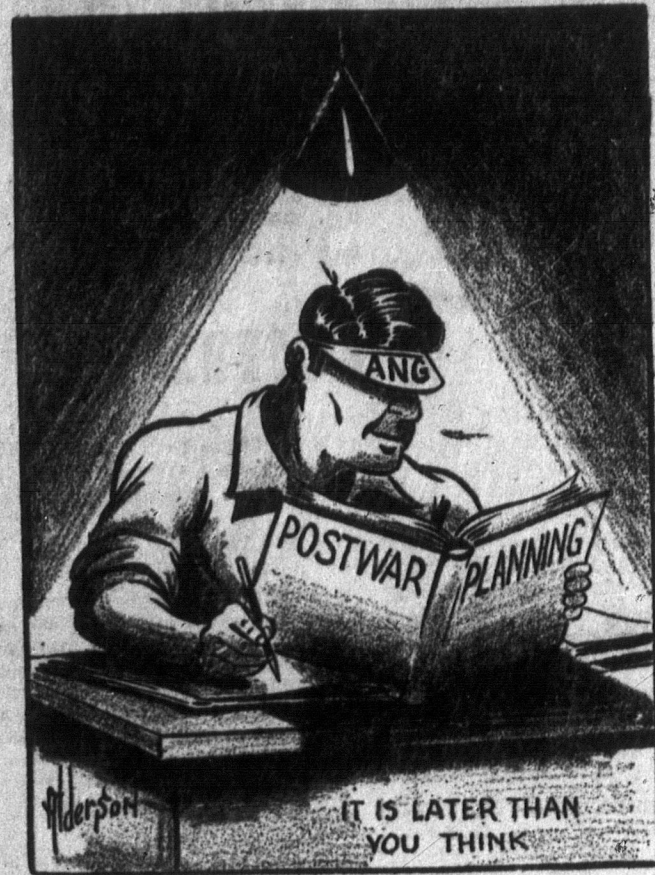
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CROUSE

TIME FOR MIDNIGHT OIL



—Cartoon by B. C. Alderson, Sacramento Valley Guild

Haywood Praises Guild For 'Prestige' in CIO

CHICAGO—The American Newspaper Guild has a high prestige rating in the Congress of Industrial Organizations, Allan Haywood, national CIO director of organization, told the ANG's International Executive Board at its pre-CIO convention meeting here.

Haywood, who appeared before the IEB accompanied by John Green, president of the CIO Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, said:

"The prestige of your organization is far in excess of its numerical strength. The Guild is a giver to the CIO—not a taker."

Haywood also said:

Close Study of Pensions In Locals Is Urged by IEB

CHICAGO—Pension plans, proposed as part of the American Newspaper Guild's collective bargaining program but comparatively unexplored in contract negotiations, were reviewed by the International Executive Board of the union with a recommendation that they be studied carefully by local leaders.

A basis for the IEB's survey of pensions at a November 15 session in the Hotel Morrison here was a 15-page report by ANG International Representative Stephen Ripley, who warned that some paternalistic employers used employee "retirement" plans "to 'bust' unions or discourage their organization," and that

"It is necessary for the Guild as for any union—to look with a critical eye upon any pension plan in the light of its relationship to the union's whole collective bargaining program, to consider the possible modification of relationship of employer to employee which it will cause, as well as to consider the relative merits of any pension plan as such."

IEB GRANTS FUNDS

CHICAGO—Contributions of \$25 each to the Workers' Defense League and the American Civil Liberties Union from the American Newspaper Guild were voted at a session of the union's International Executive Board here.

Guild Plays Increasing Role In National CIO Programs

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and we committed ourselves to the cause.

"I am proud to report that since this convention began, a number of the regional directors of the PAC have come to me to express their thanks for the work that was done in behalf of political action by members of the American Newspaper Guild."

"Now the Guild and its officers are committed to a continuation of the program."

"We believe that a great deal of educational work is still necessary in educating the workers of the country, the people of the country, in the proper course of democratic action."

PAY POLICIES PROBED

Wartime collective bargaining problems and War Labor policies, which took up most of a day-long session of the Guild's governing body November 14, were worked over on the CIO floor November 24.

CIO President Philip Murray led an indignation meeting of the delegates, who demanded revision of the WLB's wage-freezing Little Steel Formula. Recounting repeated failures by government agencies to keep pledges to be kept in line with wages, the CIO chief said:

"We demand our government accede to our request for justice to American workers now."

"I'm proud of this organization, and our organization is proud of you. You are a union in the CIO that is vital, that is unique."

The CIO organization director told the IEB that the Guild is "dealing with some of the most ruthless employers" in the country, and he urged continued vigilance and increasing organization within the newspaper industry.

Haywood singled out two ANG vice presidents for praise as members of his staff. They are Joseph M. Walsh of Wilkes-Barre, CIO regional director in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and W. A. Copeland, CIO area director in Memphis.

Many Guildsmen Join In CIO's Chicago Sessions

CHICAGO—In addition to President Milton Murray and Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks, four members of the International Executive Board of the American Newspaper Guild attended the CIO's seventh annual convention here.

Region 3 Vice President Kenneth B. Crouse was an ANG delegate. Region 2 Vice President W. A. Copeland and Vice President

"The answer to America's future is the willingness of industry and government to provide sufficient money now for wage earners so they can maintain their purchasing power at the end of the war and to provide 60,000,000 jobs."

"Four years is too long to regiment the workers of the U. S."

NO CHANGE MADE

Home-bound CIO delegates read in Sunday papers November 26 that the WLB, acting on a crucial wage case brought by the United Steelworkers, which Murray heads, and granted some pay adjustments directly affecting 400,000 workers, but formally rejected demands for a guaranteed annual wage and for realistic changes in the Little Steel Formula.

As WLB Chairman William H. Davis put it, in estimating that night-shift steelworkers would be paid about 5 cents an hour more, the Little Steel Formula was "not even bent" by the directive.

The WLB's steel decision permitted elimination of intra-plant inequalities and approved the principle of severance pay—a Guild-pioneered phase of collective bargaining.

PLAN IS "BOLDEST"

The CIO's reconversion-reconstruction program, which The New York Times said was characterized "as one of the boldest

and most comprehensive yet advanced," contemplated overall, co-operative efforts of government, industry, labor and agriculture in achieving peacetime prosperity.

Among its proposals were construction of 1,500,000 new houses a year for 10 years, extension of the Tennessee Valley Authority idea, railway renovation, construction of 6,000 airports.

The Guild, whose members do not work in mass manufacturing industries which would be mobilized in the CIO's program, nevertheless faces related postwar employment problems.

The IEB was told in a report by Executive Vice President Eubanks that a continuing study of the postwar outlook in the newspaper industry was being made at ANG headquarters in New York City by ANG International Representative Stephen Ripley in collaboration with Guild locals.

Eubanks and ANG President Murray were members of the press and publicity committee of the CIO convention, and Murray also served on the committee on officers' reports.

TAYLOR IS SPEAKER

Convention speakers included two members of the Washington Guild—Eleanor Roosevelt, who addressed the delegates on the opening day, and First Lieutenant Barney B. Taylor, former ANG international representative.

"I do not think I am violating any confidence here this afternoon when I say to you that Mrs. Roosevelt is a member of the great American Newspaper Guild," CIO President Murray said in introducing her.

Lieutenant Taylor, wounded twice in France, spoke at an Army show staged for the delegates, describing ordeals of men in arms overseas. Captain Louis P. Ade, former ANG vice president, was one of the officers in charge of the convention show.

IEB Fills Out Appointments To Committees

CHICAGO—Members of four American Newspaper Guild committees were named by its International Executive Board at November sessions in the Hotel Morrison here.

ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers, Vice Presidents William J. Farnon and George A. Harris, and Acting Vice President John T. McManus were appointed to an IEB sub-committee, to review the ANG's constitution for recommendations to the 1945 convention in St. Paul.

Charles E. Crissey of Elizabeth, later appointed an ANG international representative, was added to the Contracts Committee of the IEB.

SMITH APPOINTED

Charles Smith of the Associated Press unit of the New York Guild was named a member of the IEB's Wire Service Committee, replacing Marion Hatch, another member of the unit. At the same time the resignation from the committee of John Schick of Philadelphia, former ANG vice president, was accepted "with appreciation for his services."

Milton Miller of the New York Guild's PM unit, was designated chairman of the ANG Press Committee. Herman Masin of the Scholastic unit in New York was appointed a member of the committee, replacing Kenneth Stewart of PM, who resigned.

SECRETARY TALKS IT OVER



CIO members, too, were on hand at the AFL convention in New Orleans. Here Ed Stone, New Orleans News Digest editor, and Frances Bryson, right, New Orleans Item woman's editor, members of the New Orleans Newspaper Guild, intervene to have a few words with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, a convention speaker.

WOMEN'S CITYROOM CORPS TAKES OVER SIOUX CITY PAPER



Sioux City newspaper-women's cityroom corps is on the make here. The only man on the editorial staff of The Journal in the Iowa city had a day off, and the women had the cityroom field to themselves. From the left, lined up at the bulletin-and-assignment board,

Remember That 1943 Denver Pact? It's Signed, at Long Last, by Post

DENVER—At long last, the Denver Newspaper Guild's 1943 contract with The Denver Post has been signed, and the Guild and Rocky Mountain News management signed a 1944 contract.

In both agreements, provisions ordered by the Newspaper Com-

mission of the War Labor Board were indicated as WLB-directed. Both contracts embody wage scales giving virtually the full increase allowed under the Little Steel formula since January, 1941.

But new delay has arisen now

General Boost Proposed In Sacramento Contract

SACRAMENTO—A contract between the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild and The Sacramento Union calling for a general wage increase of \$2.50 per week in editorial and circulation departments was started on its way to the War Labor Board's Newspaper Commission in Chicago following whirlwind negotiations requiring only two meetings.

The speed of negotiations was in interesting contrast of a long delay in getting the Guild certified as bargaining agent for the two departments.

LONG FIGHT WON

The trouble started last March when an "independent" union attempted to gain recognition for circulation employees. A National Labor Relations Board election and directive finally brought about the reestablishment of the Guild unit.

Besides the general pay increase, the new contract lifts the car allowance for circulation district managers from \$7.50 to \$10 a week.

If approved by the Commission, the contract will grant annual increases totaling approximately \$5,000 for some 40 employees. New top scales are \$50 for reporters and desk men, \$42.50 for circulation district men, \$32.50 for circulation bookkeepers and \$27.50 for circulation clerks and stenographers.

The increases are to be retroactive to October 14.

Negotiations were handled for the local American Newspaper Guild's Northern California District Council.

Bob Brown, executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, was the negotiator, assisted by Chip Day, chairman of the Union unit of the Sacramento Guild, and Dick Rodda, president.

Charles J. Lilley, editor and general manager, and C. E. Boron, business manager, represented the company.



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

\$5.80 Added To Minimums In Rochester

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—A new contract signed November 24 by the Rochester Newspaper Guild and Gannett management of The Times-Union and Democrat and Chronicle added \$5.80 to all wage minimums except those for copyboys.

The contract, signed for the Guild by President Norman Howden and Joan Schild and for the Gannett papers by Neal Murphy and Fred Glover, also provided maintenance of union membership and preferential hiring.

Severance pay provisions were lifted to 30 weeks' pay after 20 years' service, an unqualified no-pay-out clause was added, and city editors were removed from exceptions to overtime guarantees in the contract.

The wage increases were ordered for the two papers by the War Labor Board in a directive a year ago, but were not then put in minimum schedules. In effect, the raises immediately affected a dozen employees hired since January, 1943.

Dogged Patriot Appeals to WLB

HARRISBURG—Clinging doggedly to an overruled claim of "freedom of the press," the Patriot Company appealed to the War Labor Board in Washington from a decision of its Newspaper Commission in Chicago which directed inclusion of a maintenance of membership clause in the company's contract with the Harrisburg Newspaper Guild.

This time the Patriot Company, suddenly becoming conscious of a "duty as a trustee of the people's right to have a press free from government influence," boldly defies the government by declaring that it "cannot recognize an order of an executive agency of the government."

IT'S "NOVEL"

Even Elsie Hanson, eminent counsel for the American Newspaper Publishers Association, and local Attorney Douglas D. Storey,

admit that a "novel question of national importance is presented" in such argument.

They fall back on the trite contention they previously presented and which have already been overruled by the Board, and they add the further charge that the Harrisburg Guild is "irresponsible" and "un-American."

To this the Guild, through its counsel, replied that the shocking fact in this case is that although three successive decisions were handed down against the company, the Guild is still without an operative maintenance of membership and the publisher is still the "successful and not the defeated adversary."

Meanwhile, the Harrisburg Guild sent to the Newspaper Commission a long list of names of employees who chose to remain in the Guild.

First Hearst Arbitration Is Won by Boston Guild

BOSTON—The Boston Newspaper Guild, forced into arbitration for the first time in its six years of contractual relations with The Record-American-Advertiser, local Hearst papers, won an

arbitration award for a pay cut of \$50 given to Fred Barnard, Hearst advertising solicitor. The management claimed Barnard had two employees, one the Record-American.

Records disclosed, however, that The Record-American-Advertiser had Barnard on the payroll for the full \$140, although the papers received \$65 weekly from Boone.

The Guild contended that it was none of the Guild's business where The Record-American-Advertiser obtained any of the money for Barnard's pay. The arbitrator upheld the Guild stand and ordered Barnard to \$140 a week.

Four years ago, Barnard's salary was upped from \$90 to \$135, later to \$140, and he was given the job of handling national grocery accounts, usually handled by the Boone Organization, and of putting out a weekly food supplement to The Record and American.

THEN CAME A CUT

The supplement was abandoned several months ago. Later, his pay was cut back \$90, management claiming he was no longer working for Boone but for The Record-American-Advertiser only.

Boston President Amasa Howe and Treasurer Frank O'Donnell were the Guild members of the arbitration panel. Publisher Harold G. Kern and Business Manager James McGaffigan represented the management.

Executive Secretary Larry MacLean of the New England District Council presented the Guild case and Advertising Director Ernest Hofstetter presented the company's position.

NEW UNIT RECOGNIZED

LOS ANGELES—Management of Consolidated Publications has recognized the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild as collective bargaining agent for all circulation department employees. The unit comprises 12 members, 100 percent of the department.

Guild Is Praised For Hospital Work

PHILADELPHIA — The war activities committee of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild has inaugurated a program which has won this accolade from an Army officer: "We appreciate the energy, interest and loyalty to country of your committee."

The war activities committee, under the chairmanship of Ann Mann of The Record, concentrated this Fall on constructive work such as reconditioning and rehabilitation of wounded servicemen.

RESPONSE IS PROMPT

The committee wrote to Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, N. J., and received an immediate request for its services.

The committee pledged itself to provide teams of speakers and entertainers regularly for the Reconditioning Service at the Fort Dix hospital, Eleanor Gaynon of The Inquirer is chairman of a program committee which plans the teams, whose purpose is to impress upon wounded servicemen that they can be reconditioned and perform many normal jobs when they are returned to civilian life.

Speakers will be recruited from unions, industry, the professions, sports and the theater.

The first of the teams to make the trip by staff car to Tilton was composed of Arthur Klein, who spoke on plastics; C. W. Finkle, who discussed television, and George Seyers, golfing expert.

MAJOR FILES REPORT

How that first trip was received at the hospital was reported in a letter from Major George W. Irons, Chief of the Reconditioning Service, to Miss Mann:

"I am writing, at once, to tell you again how much we appreciate the energy, interest and loyalty to country of your com-

mittee in scheduling the most excellent speakers, which we had today . . .

"You asked for comments from us as to nature of future programs. I believe there is little to suggest—frankly. You rang the bell the first time. . .

"Thanks again to that great war activity committee."

MACK JOINS TEAM

Best-received speaker so far was Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics. Connie, over 80, made several speeches in the hospital auditoriums, answered a barrage of questions tossed at him by the soldiers, gave them advice on their future and accepted a challenge to a checker game.

In the team with Mack were Alfred diLardi, Philadelphia Inquirer expert on color photography, and Leo T. Riordan, executive sports editor of The Inquirer. Both are Guild members.

The war activities committee, besides Miss Mann and Miss Gaynon, is composed of Herman Altman, Inquirer; Gertrude Love, Record; and Harry Roberts, Bulletin.

Other Philadelphia-Camden Guild war activities this year included mailing packages to more than 125 Philadelphia-Camden service members overseas, sending Christmas gifts to those still in this country, working as hostesses and other aides at the USO Labor Plaza; participating in Red Cross, Travelers Aid and other work.

VACANCY FILLED

COLUMBUS, O.—The Columbus Newspaper Guild elected Tom Krupick vice president to fill an unexpired term of Tony Tachovich, now on leave from The Dispatch.

CIO HEARS REPORT ON ITALY



George Baldanzi, Textile Workers Union leader, center, urged more American relief for the Italian people on his return from Italy as member of a labor commission. He said economic conditions there were "desperate." Discussing labor union revivals in Italy with him were Leo Perlis, left, director of the National CIO War Relief Committee, and Irving Abramson, committee chairman and New Jersey CIO leader.



Newspaper Guildman FRANK NEILL, former INS war correspondent in Pacific who's worked in Los Angeles, Washington, Honolulu, Miami, New Orleans and San Francisco, shifted by Marine to Washington from San Diego for indoctrination as Marine Corps combat correspondent. . . . CLAIR JORDAN, Denver Rocky Mountain News copywriter, joined Marjorie WILLIAM BAIRD, former Pittsburgh Guild executive boardman and Sun-Telegraph picture editor, promoted to corporal and assigned "by Army" to Camp Gordon, Ga. . . . OF from Philadelphia into WAVES: VIRGINIA SCHULTZ, Inquirer library; HELEN HINNEGAN, Inquirer business office; KACHEL ANTONELLI, Record art department.

GUNTHER REINHARDT, New York Guildsman, had feature articles in November issues of Esquire, Tomorrow, The Woman, World and Magazine Digest. . . . CHARLOTTE (SHERRY) PANCOAST, Philadelphia Record cityroom Guild shop steward, had a poem in Saturday Evening Post. . . . ROLFE GARRETT, Philadelphia Inquirer copydeskman, crashed Collier's.

Technical Sergeant RAY MCGOVERN, former Denver Post sportswriter, shifted from Camp Roberts, Calif., to Yank staff in New York. . . . HARLIN SMITH, past Sacramento Valley Guild president, transferred to San Francisco as NEA photographer. . . . GEORGE NOLAN, Camden (N. J.) Courier-Post Guild unit chairman, serves 12 hours one night a week with Coast Guard Reserve, then reports at paper at 7:30 a. m. for work.

FRANCES WALKER, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette feature writer, and JANET CRAWFORD, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph cooking editor, attended national conference of food editors in Chicago. . . . HOWARD CUSHMAN, former New York, Buffalo and Philadelphia newspaperman, now on Philadelphia Bulletin staff after a year in Haiti editing paper at government synthetic rubber project.

CHAIRMEN NAMED IN PHILADELPHIA — Andrew Khinoy, copydeskman, has been unanimously elected chairman of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild's Inquirer unit, succeeding Mrs. Katherine Mullen Martin, who has taken maternity leave.

G. Norman Collie, telegraph desk, was similarly elected chairman of the Record unit, succeeding Leeds Moberley, who resigned because of outside duties.

CHAIRMAN NAMED COLUMBUS, O.—Art Robinson, past president of the Columbus Newspaper Guild, has been elected to head its Citizen unit.

PREKY RENAMED IN ELIZABETH — Elizabeth N. J.—Charles E. Crissey, later appointed an international representative of the American Newspaper Guild, was reelected president of the Elizabeth Guild for a third term at an annual meeting and second anniversary dance in the Windfall Scott Hotel.

Other officers named by the local are Franklyn L. Umber and Charles F. Walker, vice presidents; Franklin O. Williamson, treasurer; Nadia Zizalka, secretary; Anna E. Miller, assistant secretary.

CCF PLANS PULP MILL REGINA, Sask. (LPA)—The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation of this Canadian province is negotiating for machinery to establish a pulp mill to be operated on a non-profit basis to salvage poorer timber left by private lumber exploiters.

Baldanzi Aids Italian Unions In CIO Tour

The leading free labor movements of Italy are organizing into an Italian Confederation of Labor, independent of existing political parties and moving toward development of their own political program, George Baldanzi, executive vice president of the Textile Workers Union, said at a luncheon given for him in New York City by the National CIO War Relief Committee.

Baldanzi represented the CIO on a five-man labor commission sent to investigate the Italian labor movement in a six-week tour and to aid in its development as an integral part of a free Italy. Executive Vice President Sam B. Eubanks represented the American Newspaper Guild at the CIO report luncheon in the Hotel Roosevelt.

Baldanzi told the group of labor leaders and representatives of the National War Fund, War Department, and Free Italy American Labor Council that he had been present at the first meeting of free labor to be held in Italy since the coming of the Fascists to power.

At a two-day conference held in Rome, labor representatives of every province in Italy—even partisan leaders from still occupied areas—set up a constitution embracing all workers in Italian industry.

They also stipulated that no one of the existing political parties—Socialist, Communist, and Christian Democrat—should be permitted to exercise any disciplinary action against the trade union movement nor to direct the policy of the movement.

Parties RULED UNIONS Baldanzi said was especially significant, Baldanzi said, in view of the fact that Italian trade unions once were set up by the existing political parties and were distinctly subordinate to these parties.

The trade unions were used, Baldanzi stated, "as a sort of a grazing ground" for the political views of party politicians. Stating the people of Italy will assert themselves in a democratic way if they are given a chance, Baldanzi said: "The Italians are not Fascist."

CIO Sets Up Planning Body

A further step toward labor participation in health and welfare planning has been made with establishment of the first national joint clearing body for such work, Leo Perlis, national director of the CIO War Relief Committee, announced in New York City.

The joint clearing body was set up by the CIO committee in cooperation with Community Chest and Councils, Inc., and the AFL Labor League for Human Rights. CIO representatives on the clearing body are Lawrence Rorger, Textile Workers Union; Mildred Jeffrey, United Automobile Workers; and Robert L. Kinney, National CIO War Relief Committee.

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PREKY RENAMED IN ELIZABETH — Elizabeth N. J.—Charles E. Crissey, later appointed an international representative of the American Newspaper Guild, was reelected president of the Elizabeth Guild for a third term at an annual meeting and second anniversary dance in the Windfall Scott Hotel.

Other officers named by the local are Franklyn L. Umber and Charles F. Walker, vice presidents; Franklin O. Williamson, treasurer; Nadia Zizalka, secretary; Anna E. Miller, assistant secretary.

Beyerman Leaves Post In Cincinnati

CINCINNATI — Fred Beyerman, president of the Cincinnati Newspaper Guild, has resigned. Formerly assistant news editor of The Cincinnati Post, Beyerman has joined the copydesk of The Chicago Daily News.

Russell Lusby, of the Cincinnati Times-Star unit and formerly vice president, will head the local until the next election.

Lusby, employed in the Times-Star ad department, is the first president from any of the commercial departments.

Lima Reelects Wayne Current

LIMA, O.—Wayne Current was reelected president of the Lima Newspaper Guild at its annual election.

Since organization of the Guild local Current has served a term as vice president, a term as president and was appointed delegate to the 1944 national Guild convention.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Doris Houtzer, vice president; Dortha Jean Geyer, treasurer; Richard Moffat, recording secretary; Frank Klein, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Virginia Tackett, assistant treasurer.

All in Local Pledge to Fund

SYRACUSE, N. Y. — With a pledge from every member, the Syracuse Newspaper Guild has promised a new high of \$478.40 to the 1945 United War Fund drive, according to Alfred McGreen, the local's vice president and war activities chairman.

The figure represents an average of \$13.66—considerably above the Guild's 1944 contribution.

POSTWAR NEWSCASTS ARE URGED BY DAVIS WASHINGTON (FP) — Continued international broadcasting after the war has been urged by OWI Director Elmer Davis and Nelson Rockefeller, co-ordinator of inter-American affairs. They told the Federal Communications Commission that distribution of American news would contribute to expansion of the good neighbor policy.

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Four Philadelphia Guildsmen Awarded Bronze Star Medals



CAPT. ROBERT BARRY "...untiring... excellent..."



LIEUT. LEONARD REIF He ignored shells, bombs

PHILADELPHIA — Four members of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild have been given the Bronze Star for meritorious service in action.

They are: Marine Captain Robert Barry, of the Philadelphia Inquirer's Washington bureau staff.

Army Lieutenant Leonard Reif, of the Record cityroom.

Marine Lieutenant Frank McDevitt, Inquirer reporter.

Army Technical Sergeant Robert Boris Yarrow, of the Record advertising department.

Barry's citation read: "He landed with the initial waves of assault troops on Eniwai Island and, within four days, established a radar station which was instrumental in the subsequent defense of the island."

The citation further praises Barry for "his untiring efforts and excellent technical skill" and credits him with "contributing materially to the successful operations of radar stations in the South Pacific."

Barry is now an instructor at the Naval Radar Training School, St. Simon's Island, Ga. He used to be treasurer of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild.

REIF AT CASINO Reif, seriously wounded at Cassino, is recuperating at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington. His Bronze Star citation recorded "meritorious service in combat from 29 September, 1943, to 3 January, 1944, in the Italian campaign."

"Although weather conditions were extremely severe and roads often under shelling, Lieutenant Reif tirelessly checked and located the wounded and missing so that they could be safely and quickly evacuated," the citation said.

"On one occasion when his unit was subjected to an air attack, he administered first aid to wounded until he himself was wounded by bomb fragments."

Reif was a medical administrative officer with the 34th Infantry Division. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Reif of Philadelphia.

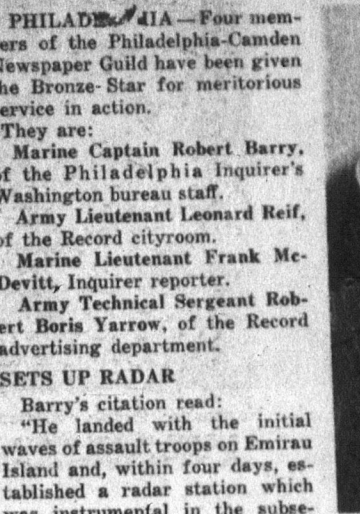
EXPOSED TO FIRE McDevitt, a Marine combat correspondent, won the Star for "exposing himself to heavy enemy fire while assisting in administering first aid to the wounded and evacuating them from places of danger" in the South Pacific.

He also was cited for carrying messages between administration posts under enemy fire.

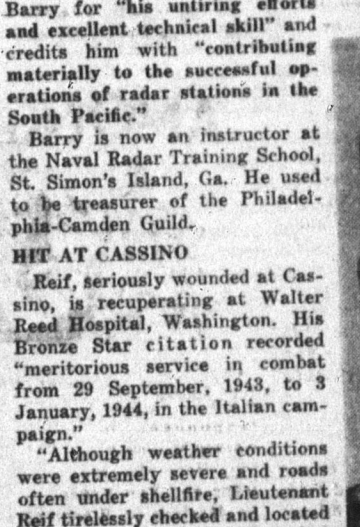
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George Emery, Guild Veteran, Dies at 60

PHILADELPHIA — George McLaughlin Emery, longtime Newspaper Guild member and a copyeditor on The Philadelphia Record, died suddenly at his home in Drexel Hill.

Emery, who was 60, complained of feeling ill at work and went home early. He died just after reaching his house. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

GRADUATED IN LAW He was a graduate of Penn Charter School and the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania. He never practiced law, going into newspaper business as soon as he graduated.

Emery's first job was on the old Philadelphia North American, which suspended publication in 1924.

He later served on the staff of The Philadelphia Public Ledger and for a time was city editor of The Evening Ledger.

TOOK WELFARE POST He left the newspaper business to become publicity manager for the city's welfare department. After seven years, Emery returned to The Evening Ledger, where he served on the rim.

When The Evening Ledger closed in January, 1942, he went to The Record.

His wife, the former Irene Nettleton, well-known contract bridge player, died in 1938. There were no children.

EVERY LIMA MEMBER JOINS IN WAR FUND LIMA — One hundred percent participation in the Allen County War Chest has been achieved for the second consecutive year by the Lima Newspaper Guild.

Every member of the Guild pledged a minimum of one day's pay.

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Newsprint Outlook Bleak As Deliveries Fall Short

By URCEL DANIEL Washington Guild

WASHINGTON — U. S. newspapers, depending on Canadian newsprint, will have to draw further on their own reserve supplies to maintain the same size papers in the first half of 1945 as they published in 1944.

The War Production Board has announced that Canadian deliveries of printing paper for the first six months of next year will be no greater than during the current one.

DELIVERIES SHORT

Deliveries from Canada already are running short of the orders placed under the Board's regulation, Order L-240. By the end of 1944, U. S. publishers will have ordered 25,000 tons over the amount Canada is pledged to supply for October, November, and December. For the month of November, this meant an eight percent cut in deliveries.

The orders are within the quotas set by L-240, and when the

1944 Record Is Distributed

Printed copies of proceedings of the eleventh convention of the American Newspaper Guild in Milwaukee in August have been mailed from New York headquarters of the union to delegates and to presidents, secretaries and treasurers of locals.

ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers notified locals at the same time that additional copies in a limited supply of the 136-page convention record are available at 35 cents each, "about one-fourth printing cost."

Canadian supply falls short, newspapers are free to dip into their own stockpiles to make up the difference.

Among those reporting to the American Newspaper Publishers Association, there was a 54 days' overall supply on hand at the end of October, the ANPA estimates. Publications east of the Rockies and north of the Mason-Dixon line are permitted a reserve sufficient to fill 60 days' needs, while others are allowed 65 days' supply.

ORDER STANDS

Even though L-240 authorizes publishers to more newsprint than they can obtain at the present time, no modification in the regulation is expected at the WPB, although the agency's newsprint officials admit they don't know what they are going to do about the discrepancy between supply and demand.

One factor which concerns them is the newsprint requirements of liberated countries which must be met, according to B. R. Cancell, acting director of the WPB's Forest Products Bureau.

Deliveries have not started yet because of shipping difficulties, and Cancell said the "hope is to delay them as long as possible against the day when the Baltic will be open and Sweden will be able to supply the need."

Continued shortages were anticipated some time ago by the WPB's publishing industry advisory committees. They asked for a report and received this one from J. Hale Steinman, director of the WPB Printing and Publishing Division:

"Demand for printed matter is at an all-time peak, but lack of available print paper forces us to limit the limitation orders on

use of paper until increased production permits an orderly relaxation of all orders.

SOME RELIEF SEEN

"Canada's production of pulpwood is almost certain to increase during the 1944-45 cutting season, and there is a possibility of some relief from Scandinavian sources next spring, but the effects of one or both cannot bring any material change in the present situation until the middle of 1945."

"Prospects that V-E Day in itself, eventual as it will be to the American public, will automatically slide pulpwood into the paper-making mills are nil.

"The possibility of an increased pulpwood cut in Canada, which will not come down the streams until next spring, is a major factor in any possible overall improvement in newsprint paper supply."

1941 LEVEL FAR OFF

The WPB estimates that production must be increased about 1,300,000 tons to reach the 1941 level which will permit free use of printing paper.

Earlier the Newspaper Publishers Industry Advisory Committee had recommended that the WPB should continue to control newsprint until the supply equals that of 1941. It also asked that controls be relaxed and finally dropped "in an orderly manner" as soon as wartime needs permit.

CCF PLANS PULP MILL

REGINA, Sask

GUILDSMAN MAKES FRIENDS IN NEW GUINEA



First Lieutenant Joseph Shalit, a member of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild's representative assembly when he enlisted in the Army in September, 1942, poses with a group of New Guinea villagers in an area where he is attached to the military police. His wife is a first lieutenant in the WAC, stationed in New York City. Both were on the editorial staff of The Philadelphia Record.

Labor 'Guide' Provides Some Tips

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Newspaper managements can get some advice on how to avoid charges of unfair labor practices if they will follow the advice of the Department of Labor in a pamphlet, "The Foreman's Guide to Labor Relations."

"You will be on pretty firm ground," the pamphlet advises, "if you observe these three points:

"(1) Do not try to discover whether or not any of your employees are members of a union.

"(2) Do not discuss union

LABOR JOINS IN AD

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (FP)—CIO and AFL unions and the unaffiliated United Mine Workers and San-gamon Electric Company Work-ers joined to finance a full page labor advertisement in Springfield dailies backing the community's war fund drive.

CIO, AFL SCHEDULE

1945 RADIO PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON (FP)—Organ-ized labor will be on the air as never before in 1945.

The three largest networks of the U. S. have agreed to launch nationwide sustaining programs during the new year for the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Equal time and facilities have been granted the AFL and CIO by the networks of the National Broadcasting System and the Blue Network.

HE SHALL NOT PASS!



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

Top Offices Are Refilled In Chicago

CHICAGO—Justin McCarthy, Chicago Sun rewrite man, has been elected president of the Chicago Newspaper Guild to fill an unexpired term of Will O'Neill, director of the Yanks' Service Bureau of The Sun.

Elected secretary of the Chicago local was Richard Durham, feature writer of The Chicago Defender, one of the country's leading Negro newspapers. He will fill an unexpired term of Dolores Brust, Sun reporter, who resigned her post in the local to become secretary-treasurer of the Midwest District Council of the Guild.

McCarthy has been a Chicago newspaperman since 1935, having worked as general assignment reporter and in various other capacities for The Chicago Daily News until May, 1943, when he joined The Sun.

Durham, in addition to his duties with The Defender, is a radio script writer. He has turned out scripts for such radio programs as "Author's Playhouse," "Grand Central Station," "Hot Copy," and "What's New." Since working for The Defender he has been assigned to political and special news features.

O'Neill resigned as local president under doctor's orders.

AP Brief Filed By Chicago Sun

WASHINGTON (FP)—The Chicago Sun filed a brief in the Supreme Court in support of the government's anti-trust suit against the Associated Press, contending exclusive membership privileges of the so-called "co-operative" news agency should be adjudged "restraints illegal under the Sherman act."

These privileges have been denied to non-members through an agreement in the AP by-laws by which AP members "have the power to keep out, and have kept out competitors," the brief said.

"It is obviously detrimental to the public interest to have artificial restraints hinder the development of different slants on the news."

CHICAGO ARRANGES CHRISTMAS PARTY

CHICAGO—A Christmas Frolic for Chicago Newspaper Guild members and their friends is planned for December 9, on the 25th floor of the Skyline Club.

Heading the frolics committee is Dolores Brust, Sun reporter. Assisting her are Bob Levin and Jack Pierce of the local's labor press unit and Tom Drennan of the Times unit.

Points of Information

By MILTON MURRAY
President, American Newspaper Guild

Probably the annual observance of "Freedom of the Press Week" is a salutary thing.

Like Christmas reminding us of the brotherhood of man or New Year's jogging us into new resolves, it can, at least, be a stimulus of an ideal—if not a practice.

I like the perverse satire of Archibald MacLeish, Librarian of Congress, in staging a display of books banned, not in Nazidom, but in our own land of the free.

His exhibit emphasizes the fact that so many who prate loudest of freedom of the press are least honest in observing it.

A choice example is that of Bertie McCormick—and may I have strength to bear the stench of it while examining it.

McCormick has seized the doctrine of press freedom as a license, limited only by certain vague restrictions on libel and obscenity, to print what he sees fit, to suppress what he wishes, to distort, to garble and to falsify.

In this license he exhibits neither taste nor scruples. Nor in his licentiousness is he guided by any interests, either of state or citizenry, except his own lusts—whether those be for power or profit.

It is reported here in Chicago that a governor and a United States senator knuckle to his whims. There seems no doubt that lesser public officials have made dubious decisions on public welfare in fear of his wrath or in solicitation of his favor.

This power of the press is a power to blackmail. McCormick is not typical of all publishers. Most of them, I assume, within their lights attempt to be fair and responsible citizens. Many of them make a pretty fair job of it.

But McCormick, in blazing his trail of press freedom, is not unique. There are others who share his attitudes, at least in part.

Truth has died a silent death on other citydesks than that of The Chicago Tribune. Slants and twists have been fed into other linotypes.

And, I suspect, McCormick would not be the only publisher who ever sent his man to the city hall or the governor's mansion to demand a favor payment for publicity printed.

All of which raises some thought as to the vested interest of freedom of the press.

Is it a private right? Does it mean that anyone with money enough to buy press and paper, hire a staff and equip an office can print what he pleases?

Or is it a public right? Does it mean that those who assume the privileges and perquisites of publication at the same time assume obligations?

Under either premise, those who enjoy freedom of the press are required to defend it.

Uninhibited, uncontrolled exploitation can only invite attack and restriction.

In the traditions of our American freedoms, we must oppose attack or restriction upon freedom of the press.

At the same time, we cannot deny or ignore the abuses that exist in the name of that freedom.

While McCormick may not be typical, he is a warning of the perils of abuse.

It is sometimes difficult to defend a freedom while excusing the abuse of that freedom.

Not all people are Voltaires who can deny what you say while defending your right to say it.

Chicago Launches Drive For Commercial Employees

CHICAGO—A citywide organizing drive, aimed principally at commercial departments of three Chicago newspapers now under contract for editorial brackets, is being mapped by a permanent organization committee named by the Chicago Newspaper Guild's executive board.

Immediate task of the representative committee is to plan organization of Chicago Sun commercial departments. Groundwork will be laid, meanwhile, for commercial organization at The Times and The Defender, Negro weekly.

Chairman of the committee is Justin McCarthy, Sun rewrite man and newly elected president of the local.

Other committee members are Ken Hunter, Bob Levin and Jack Pierce, Labor Press unit; Sylvia Crosby, Dorothy Mowery and Betty Wood, Sun unit; Ed Thom, Charles Wheeler, Jr., Al Jackson and Bob Kleckner, Times unit; Dick Durham and James Apperson, Defender unit; Horton Trautman and Julia Edwards, News unit, and Lois Johnson, wire services.

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.

"FULMINATIONS" ARE PROTESTED

BROOKLYN.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: For many years now I have been reading among other things in the Guild Reporter, Letters to the Editor now captioned "It Seems to Us." During that time I have been exposed more often than should be the lot of an old member whose dues are up to date, to the fulminations of Oliver Pilat.

As subsequent events have inevitably borne out Pilat is usually wrong. Although his attacks are full bodied and fraught with epigrams and name calling such as titling McManus "I am New York," by the time his fears have proven futile, Pilat is off fishing in the bottom of the swell barrel for another red herring. In your last edition he came up with, of all things, comments! "I am sure the ANG is not misled by 'I am New York' McManus," writes Pilat. On the other hand this writer is absolutely certain that no one will be misled by Pilat.

Every Guild member is aware of the kind of adversary who employs the word "communist" against any and all opposition. Ham Fish and Martin Dies virtually martyred the word. Unfortunately Pilat doesn't appear to have endowed it with additional glamour. The word is no longer a key to indignation. Sorry Pilat, I remember when Pilat ran for office in New York. He lost. Maybe if he didn't understate the New York Guild's intelligence by playing boogey-man every other month or so in "It Seems to Us" we'd forget that he's just a sore loser.

DANIEL LIONEL,
Eagle Unit.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

My first reaction on reading William J. Farrow's profound "one comment" on Robert Bowman's analysis of the GR news story of the election to fill the IEB vacancy was "oh, nuts." But four days have now passed and my blood pressure still goes up whenever I think of it.

As a member of IEB, Farrow certainly didn't bring any glory to that exalted body if that's the best he can do. Will he please tell me what the hell Bowman's silence of three or four years ago has to do with the chrysanthemums that bloomed this fall?

I could just as well have been silent on this, but now I don't want to take a chance of having someone leer at me in, say, 1947, and ask if the cat had my tongue in 1944.

And, just incidentally, has it occurred to Farrow that one man's hemlock is another's Cutty Sark? Maybe Bowman didn't think his local was being "smeared" but that a few truths were being told. I don't know, it's just a passing thought.

Since Mr. Farrow seems to set

himself up as a defender of the true faith and champions "factual reporting," may I ask where he was when, during the Engels-McManus campaign, the Philadelphia-Camden local's hierarchy blandly threw out a little circular in which the amazing claim was made that the Philadelphia-Camden local had the best Guild contracts in the nation?

Just to show this master of the non-sequitur that I'm not grinding a personal ax, may I take this occasion to wish him a Happy Bastille Day?

HARRY HOFFMAN,
Inquirer Unit.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The editor of The Guild Reporter has always been a fair target for complaint, criticism and denunciation within our union. And that is the way it should be. He is the guy out in front, wide open to attack and to sniping.

There are almost no limits to the assault which the editor must face. But we think one flank limit was reached by Robert Bowman in his letter, published in the November 1 GR, which said that Wilbur Baldinger had got his job as editor in return for "carrying" the Pittsburgh local in the 1941 election for the present administration.

For the information of Brother Bowman and any of his colleagues who may care to know them, the facts are that in 1941 the Pittsburgh Guild voted for a change in administration because the members of this local could no longer tolerate the Communist Party enterprise of the American Peace Mobilization, the Guild picketing of the White House, the avid support of the North American Aviation strike, the obvious CP influence in the high councils of our union.

Baldinger didn't carry the Pittsburgh local in 1941. He was simply one of a great many in this local who knew, desperately, that it was time for a change. And we won that change. Let's keep it changed.

ZORA UNKOVICH,
MARION LESLIE,
ANNE D. BREGG,
P. B. DIGBY,
Sun-Telegraph Unit.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Writing on behalf of all of the members of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild, I should like to express our regret at the news of Wilbur Baldinger's resignation as editor of The Guild Reporter.

Wilbur was always a good friend, and he treated us fairly and honestly. He gave the Middle West complete coverage, and never failed in his awareness of our problems.

Goodbye, Wilbur, and best wishes for the future in whatever job you undertake. We're sure you'll continue to give your best—and your best has always been good enough for the boys and girls of the Guild.

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Russell won the fabulous newspaper boss who in pre-Guild days had strolled through his cityroom and breezily notified one-half of it that: "Every guy on this side of the room is fired!" On another occasion, he chanced to see a picnic photograph of his staff and said to his wife: "Do all these people work for me? Get rid of a third of them!"

After ignoring repeated requests by the Newark Guild for contract negotiations, answered only by bulletin board threats, Russell addressed a bulletin to his staff to the effect that "within two weeks, before departure for Hot Springs, Ark., he intended to discharge 25 percent of the staff and upon his return, later in the Winter, he intended to discharge 25 percent more."

The Guild Reporter continued: "Mr. Russell did not wait two weeks, the firing began almost immediately.... Among the casualties was a man with a wife and four children, who only two weeks before had moved his family to Newark from Westchester County at considerable expense in the belief that his employment was secure."

After an all-night session, The Ledger unit voted 24 to 8 to strike. Within a few hours picketing began and strike headquarters were set up next door to the newspaper plant.

A two-day suspension of the paper followed. On the morning that the Ledger presses stopped, 24,000 copies of the strikers' "alternate daily" newspaper, The Reporter, were distributed in Newark and suburbs. The Reporter was "complete with cartoons, editorial page and a summary of the news of the day." A front-page editorial told readers that "The Ledger Falls Yea—Its Staff Down!"

Russell then met with the Guild negotiating committee on several occasions and while making concessions and finally agreeing to sign a contract, he persisted in imposing conditions that the union could not accept.

In resuming publication of The Ledger, with about a dozen scabs and recruited strikebreakers on the job, Russell announced that, "There won't be any more issues missed so long as I have a dollar to spend producing it."

The December 1 issue of The Guild Reporter 10 years ago also recounted the point-blank refusal of the New York World-Telegram to sign a contract with the Guild (although making unilateral concessions) because of the "whole trend of the Guild toward class-conscious trade unionism."

President Roosevelt met with a Newspaper Guild delegation headed by ANG President Heywood Brown in a two-hour conference at the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y.

The informal discussion, featured in the November 15 issue of The Guild Reporter, a decade ago, covered "press association codification (under the National Recovery Act), various other aspects of the Guild, the newspaper industry in general, the proposed revision of the newspaper code, vertical unionism, mass picketing and the employing impetus given by the five-day week as opposed to the 40-hour week."

The President was described as "sympathetic and extremely interested."

A facsimile of a letter from the Council of American Industry, "composed of national, regional, state and local trade and industrial associations pledged to the promotion of sound industrial relations to the Citizens Alliance of Minneapolis, a notorious open-shop outfit, was carried in the same GR. The closing paragraph read:

"By the way, look into your local newspaper situation and see what efforts are being made by the editorial departments to formulate a guild. No doubt the manager will be glad to have you call on him on this subject. One good device is to have the ringleaders in the editorial departments hand in their undated resignations so that when codes come into effect there will be no difficulty in giving them the air."

The Twin Cities Guild reported the 1934 election of a St. Paul Pioneer Press political writer as vice president of the local. Name of Joseph H. Ball.

Ball, now a Republican Senator, staunch internationalist and advocate of world solidarity, also had a letter to the editor in the same GR issue, ending on this bedrock trade union note:

"Most of us in the Twin Cities are fully aware now that publishers are not going to hand out any pay boosts on a platter, that Marlon Pew (of Editor & Publisher) is not a staunch admirer of the Guild, and that national solidarity is our best hope of achieving better working conditions."

(It developed later, however, that Ball's idea of "national solidarity" in the Guild did not embrace the idea of one union for all unorganized newspaper workers. In 1937, when the ANG voted to become an industrial union and line up with the CIO, Ball wrote his resignation from the Guild, giving the vertical union proposition as his reason.)

Columbus Rents Central Office

COLUMBUS, O.—The Columbus Newspaper Guild no longer is doing business out of its vest pockets.

In another step in a long-range program to conduct Guild affairs on a more business-like basis, the Columbus Guild rented, Room 629 in the Rowland Building at Broad and Third Streets in downtown Columbus.

The new office is directly across the street from The Columbus Citizen, less than a block from The Columbus Dispatch, and within a block of four wire services.

GIRDLER GUARANTEES SEVERANCE PAY

WASHINGTON (LPA)—When and if Tom Girdler is ever fired "for cause" from his post as chairman of the Republic Steel Corporation, he'll get \$36,000 a year for life from the company. That's part of a severance pay clause in his contract with the corporation, it was revealed by the CIO United Steelworkers of America.

RUNS TWO COLORS

CHICAGO (FP)—The Packinghouse Worker, organ of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers edited by Newspaper Guildsmen Even Godfredsen, has joined a growing list of two-color labor papers.

The Rewrite Desk Press Finds It Gives a Light That Shines Despite Editorials

There is one thing that can be said for sure about the hoary hierarchy of the American Federation of Labor: it seldom permits any fatherly feelings for laboring people to interfere with sternly partisan dictates in its holy "house of labor," where the deadliest sin is to make common cause with any heretic who carries a CIO card.

The Newspaper Guild, which always gets along fine with AFL craftsmen in the shops, and vice versa, will not soon forget an appalling experience with hierarchy hate a year ago, when the Guild was virtually fighting for its wartime life in Washington in hearings before the War Labor Board.

AFL President William Green gave *The New York Times* a statement to be read into the WLB record of the Guild's maintenance of membership proceedings. He said, in behalf of union-busting publishers, that the AFL "could not get its views properly presented in the newspapers without bias because the CIO controlled the Guild," that he believed "the freedom of the press" was indeed "involved" in the question of whether the Guild should have some measure of wartime union security. This, of course, was wonderful anti-labor stuff.

The American Labor Press Association (which still is doing nicely, thank you) burgeoned into one of the most promising public relations instruments which the labor movement—CIO, AFL and independent—has produced.

Then came word from on high in the AFL that editors of AFL papers would play it smart by staying the hell away from this dual union outfit, which (past!) was even reputed to have a couple of Communists among its members.

When it looked like the CIO Political Action Committee was going to be a major influence in the Presidential campaign, Philip Pearl, AFL publicist, brought out his bazooka in the AFL's *Weekly News Service* and let go with:

"Perhaps you would like to know the strongest anti-labor force in America today. It is the CIO Political Action Committee." (The *Reader's Digest*, labor's best friend, was proud to reprint these authoritative labor press sentiments.)

And this weekend delegates to the AFL convocation in New Orleans will head home lugging copies of the *Report of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to the Sixty-fourth Annual Convention*.

One section of this AFL Bible (page 86) deals with the dying Special House Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities, which is loathed by all right-minded, decent citizens, whether they are union card-carriers or not.

The lame-duck chairman of the Committee, Martin Dies, was reported by *PM* on November 26 to be "preparing to enter private industry—selling information and material on the victims of his witch-hunts to reactionary employers." The full text of the section of the AFL report on the Dies Committee is:

"This Committee, which has done excellent work over a period of years, despite powerful opposition, has consistently been supported by the American Federation of Labor. At present it is engaged in investigating the Political Action Committee of the CIO." (Boldface superimposed.)

Oh, yes. AFL President Green also pleaded piously for "unity" between the AFL and CIO at the New Orleans prayer meeting.

Speaking of the PAC and the CIO and the election, and speaking of publishers, it is not old stuff to note a couple of incidents and quotes in connection with what happened last month. What the PAC fought for in the election, and what the publishers fought against, will never be old stuff in the dynamic development of American democracy.

Item. From "PAC and the Future" by Helen Fuller in *The New Republic*: "A streamlined public-relations program is necessary. Perhaps this is the most important point of all, for in the past it has been the spot of greatest deficiency in the national CIO. Here labor leadership has shown itself hopelessly old-fashioned."

Item. From an editorial in *The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*: "If the newspapers now on the losing side (representing 68.5 percent of the nation's total circulation) considered they were trying to mold public opinion, they have fopped ignominiously. If they were trying to interpret and follow public opinion, the failure is equally bad."

Item. From an editorial in *The Denver Rocky Mountain News*: "That the public does not always accept the editor's interpretation of the facts may tend to diminish the stature of the editor, but it is no indication of any diminution in the people's faith in or dependence on the daily press."

NAM News, National Association of Manufacturers organ, warned subscribers in a post-election study that President Roosevelt would "waste little time in seeking consummation of the New Deal objectives." . . . The *Kiplinger Washington Letter*, private business tip-sheet, groaned that the election meant a "mandate" for "MORE of the New Deal."

Yank, in a story by Sergeant Al Hine, paid tribute to "the average guy in a war plant," exploding home-front newspaper rumors about high wages, "expensive pretties and night club carryings-on." . . . A poll in *Factory Management and Maintenance*, McGraw-Hill publication for industrialists, showed that a "representative cross-section" of workers "believes firmly that the worker's best chance of making a good living lies in joining a union."

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—would automatically be entitled to a special Pulitzer Prize.
"CONVERSELY—"

And, conversely, any journal that was repeatedly caught exposing views widely held by the common folks would be guilty of violating the most sacred canons of American journalism.

Some of the press apologists have not gone quite as far as the exponents of the theory cited above.

They have merely insisted that the results of the election proved that the press was generally fair in its news columns, thereby giving the people enough light so that they could find their way out of the editorial pages.

T is point would be more convincing if it conformed more closely to the facts.

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DIES COMMITTEE DIES UNMOURNED

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Few government officials will mourn the passing of the Dies Committee, which seems certain to die officially December 10 when the 78th session of Congress adjourns.

Only half of the current committee members will return in the next Congress. The ranking member who will remain, Parrell Thomas (R. N. J.), has said that he "not interested in carrying on."

Charles E. Crissey, a founder of the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild and its president since the New Jersey local was chartered in October, 1942, has been named an international representative of the American Newspaper Guild.

The fourth addition to the ANG's organizing staff since the union's Milwaukee convention in August, Crissey was appointed to the post by the International Executive Board at a Chicago session November 15. He joins the staff December 4.

Others named international representatives since August are James D. White, Ward B. Melody and Edna Berger.

Crissey will be paid \$70 a week and an added \$10 weekly expense allowance by the ANG.

HE'S A VETERAN

For more than 20 years Crissey has been a member of the editorial staff of *The Elizabeth Daily Journal*, where the Guild now is organized in all non-mechanical departments.

He aided in organizing editorial employees of *The Long Branch Daily Record* into a unit of the Elizabeth local, which he represented as a delegate to the Milwaukee and Boston conventions of the ANG.

In the 1944 election of substitute ANG vice presidents to fill war-leave vacancies, Crissey was a member of a national bi-partisan committee which supervised the referendum.

SERVES COMMUNITY

He organized and for three years was president of the Journal Employees' Federal Credit Union in Elizabeth, has been a trustee of the New Jersey State Officers' Federal Credit Union, was elected in 1943 as CIO representative on the board of trustees of the Community Chest of Eastern Union County, and is a trustee of the Elizabeth Family and Children's Society, social welfare agency.

Crissey, 49, is unmarried.

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JAMES A. WECHSLER
He probes an alibi

Industry Bests Labor in WLB

WASHINGTON (FP)—Although almost half of National War Labor Board's cases in three months from June 15 to September 15, 1944, were decided by unanimous decision of its public, labor and industry members, a survey showed that the public and industry members got together more often than public and labor members.

Covering 1,407 cases, the survey showed 685 or 47.6 percent were handled by unanimous agreement of the tri-partite board.

In 722 cases in which there were split decisions, public and industry members outvoted labor members in 315 or 43.6 percent. Labor members were joined by the public members in 296 cases or 41 percent.

Industry and labor got together to outvote the public members in 11 cases or 1.5 percent.

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