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New Goal Set by ANG On Newspaper Wages

A new goal for newspaper wages was set by delegates to the American Newspaper Guild national wage policy conference in Washington. A basic part of the 1945 wage program, unanimously adopted and recommended to all locals, sets standards for four key minimum rates, with proper differentials to be maintained for other classifications.

All Guilds were urged by the conference to seek a contract minimum of \$65 for reporters of

more than three years' experience, with proper differentials to be maintained in other editorial classifications. Rates for commercial department classifications would be fixed by maintaining differentials from a top minimum base of \$40 for stenographers and telephone operators, or \$35 for typists.

IN ALL CONTRACTS

These classifications were selected because they are classifications common to all contracts

and the job titles provide accepted classifications for comparison from plant to plant.

The 1945 wage program, recommended by the IEB, was acclaimed by the 41 delegates, representing more than three-fourths of the Guild's membership, in a two-day meeting at national CIO headquarters. The conference was called by the ANG to devise means of combating the serious cost of living problem confronting newspaper workers.

In adopting key minimum rates, special attention was paid to minimums in commercial departments. "It is the position of the ANG that the long practice of exploiting clerical workers should be challenged squarely," the program stated. "These workers have responsibilities and skills equal to or more than those of many factory workers who receive considerably higher pay. (Highlights of the wage program, page 2.)

A feature of the conference was the appearance of Dr. Robert K. Burns and Dr. F. S. Deibler, chairman and vice chairman of the Newspaper Commission.

TONE OF SESSION

Tone of the session devoted to the Newspaper Commission was set by ANG President Milton Murray, who said, in his introduction:

"Dr. Burns and Dr. Deibler have been asked to be present so that they can hear the complaints and opinions of the members on the operations of the commission. There are major matters that we have to complain about against the commission.

"The matter of policy seems to be one policy one day, and a directly contrary one the next. The Newspaper Commission is trying to see that newspaper workers get as little as possible.

LIKEABLE CITIZENS

"I regret that Dr. Burns and Dr. Deibler personally are both

two likeable citizens. I wish that I could find it in my heart to dislike either of them personally, so that I could swat at them with a baseball bat.

"But don't let them fool you. . . . There are the men taking our bread and butter. We are actually entitled to a certain increase, but by one device or another, they have found reasons for denying us what we are entitled to. To me, the acceptance

In preparing the 1945 wage program, the ANG had the assistance of Ben Fischer, international representative of the United Steelworkers of America.

He had been research director of the Aluminum Workers, CIO, until consolidation with the Steelworkers. Fischer will continue to act as consultant on the wage program.

by labor of the no-strike pledge, and of a national wage stabilization policy, meant that in return labor was assured and guaranteed at least the minimum allowable under that stabilization policy."

STORM OF QUERIES

Drs. Burns and Deibler sought to justify commission modifications and denials, and met a storm of queries from delegates, many of whom cited contracting

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There Were a Few More Points to Discuss



After speeches, charges and cross-examination at the wage policy conference, there still were a few points the Philadelphia-Camden and New York Guilds wanted to clear up with Dr. Robert K. Burns and Dr. F. S. Deibler, chairman and vice chairman of the Newspaper Commission. Left to right: Arthur Riordan, Philadelphia-Camden president; Dr. Deibler; Dr. Burns; Ward Melody, ANG International representative who has been representing the American Newspaper Guild on the commission, and John T. McManus, New York president.

NEW CHARTERS ARE GRANTED

At the IEB meeting, a new charter was granted the Newspaper Guild of Woonsocket, R. I., which was organized by the New England District Council.

Separate charters were granted to the Hammond Newspaper Guild and the Gary Newspaper Guild. Formerly these units had constituted the Northwestern Indiana Guild. The members voted to seek separate charters because of difficulty of holding joint meetings.

Two units of the Boston local also were given separate charters with the approval of the Boston Guild. They are Quincy, Mass. and Pawtucket, R. I. When originally organized, it was planned to give them separate charters when contracts had been secured and membership increased.

McClatchys Drop Papers on Holidays

Sacramento—In the interest of saving newsprint, McClatchy Newspapers have announced suspension of publication of the Sacramento Bee, Fresno Bee and Modesto Bee on the following holidays: New Year's day, Memorial day, Independence day, Labor day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas.

Decision on ANG Convention Delayed; Locals to Be Checked

The possibility of a 1945 ANG convention was pondered by the IEB, with action finally continued until the next meeting.

Under ODT regulations, with travel restrictions remaining as they are, the only way a convention could be held would be for locals to restrict themselves to one delegate each, Secretary-Treasurer Rodgers reported.

Guild Reporter Brings Reunion

Somewhere in the Netherlands East Indies two Guildsmen had a reunion over a Guild Reporter.

Pvt. Jack Fields, of the New York Guild, had finished reading the Nov. 1 Guild Reporter when he played ping-pong with an Army photographer. He discovered the fotog was Pvt. Randall A. Cochran, Cincinnati Guildsman.

In a letter to Nat Einhorn of the New York Guild, Fields stated Cochran had not seen the Nov. 1 story about the commendation he received for his work in filming the Saipan invasion.

Cochran had not seen a Guild Reporter for months because he was moving too swiftly.

John T. McManus, regional vice president and president of the New York local, suggested that as a wartime measure the convention might be dropped with the present officers continued for one more year. "I realize the pros and cons of such a proposal," McManus said.

Meanwhile, the IEB voted to inform locals of the eventualities faced, and to solicit expressions of opinion. A report will be made to the next IEB, including machinery for an election if there is no convention.

Executive Board Meets and Plans for Continued Progress

With all officers in attendance, the International Executive Board met in Washington in connection with the national wage policy conference, examined the state of the union, recommended a wage program later adopted by delegates, and drew plans for continued progress.

A budget was approved, new locals were chartered, organization gains were reviewed and further expansion charted.

Notice was served on "contumacious managements" that the Guild would fight union-busting attempts even though respecting the no-strike pledge. (Detailed stories inside.)

The IEB adopted a resolution denouncing an attack upon ANG President Murray by "certain CIO members, some of them connected with the Greater New York CIO Council" who had lobbied for the May-Bailey 'work or fight' bill in violation of CIO policy. (Details, page 4.)

The attack, circulated in the labor press against the ANG

president by Michael J. Quill, acting president, and Saul Mills, secretary of the Greater New York CIO Council, was given further circulation by Federated Press and the Daily Worker. Murray, as ANG president, was attacked because of his work as a reporter.

The IEB also adopted a resolution supporting Henry A. Wallace. A resolution asking the president to dismiss the deportation order against Harry Bridges was defeated.

Assets Frozen In Fuel Famine

Albany—Tri-City Guild's assets were "frozen" during the recent fuel famine and transportation tie-up. The treasurer, George Olmstead, was affected when Governor Dewey mobilized the State Guard to serve in the emergency. The Guild's fiscal affairs were paralyzed during Olmstead's absence.

Another Paper Organized by Philadelphia-Camden Guild

Phoenixville, Pa.—The Newspaper Guild of Philadelphia and Camden has been recognized as collective bargaining agent for the editorial, advertising and business department employees of the Phoenixville Daily Republican.

Recognition was granted without contest at a meeting between representatives of the local and the paper. There are approximately 15 employees affected.

Phoenixville, a steel-industry town, has a normal population of 12,292. The CIO-United Steelworkers

are well-organized in the area. Just outside the town is the huge Valley Forge General Hospital, famous establishment for the wounded.

The Guild was represented at the initial session by Arthur Riordan, local president, and Mary Smith, office manager. The unit was organized with the assistance of the Norristown Times Herald unit. Joseph Puleo, advertising department, is the Phoenixville unit chairman, Lawrence Davis, vice chairman, Wayne Jones, secretary and Samuel Umsted, treasurer.

What's a Conference Without a Party?



The Washington Newspaper Guild was host at a cocktail party Sunday night for conference delegates. Steve Horton and Gladys Bentley are congratulating Joseph Laitin on the success of the affair. The party was at Laitin's apartment at the Admiral Club. Horton and Bentley are vice president and treasurer of the New York local.

Union-Busting Calls for Frontal Attack, IEB Says

A report of the firings of Guild members at the Hudson Dispatch (Union City, N. J.) was made to the IEB meeting. President Milton Murray summed up the position of the board in the following statement:

It would appear from our discussion here that some of the publishers of this country have resumed that economic war they were waging against the American Newspaper Guild several years ago.

It would appear that this union, like other CIO unions, in taking a no-strike pledge has barred itself to the most unfair and unjust attacks.

Continuity on Part of Managements

We have before us in our consideration, the question of a continuance management in the Hudson Dispatch organization.

We have before us the case of the Hearst-owned wire and feature services, which refuse to abide by the orders of the National War Labor Board in a manner almost identical with that of Seville Avery.

We have in the Hudson Dispatch case a publisher with a long anti-union record of union-busting, of discrimination, of abuse and violation of its employees, once more getting away with it.

Must Meet Frontal Attack Frontally

It is my opinion that it is about time for us to make up our minds whether we expect to continue in existence as a labor organization or whether we expect to go out of business.

Ohio Valley Council Approves Wage Program, Elects Blatz

Dayton—The 1945 wage program was approved by the Ohio Valley District Council in a five-hour session here.

Full report on the wage conference was made by J. William Blatz and Leon Roetger, Columbus Guild, who attended the sessions, and Eleanor Coakley of Toledo, ANG vice president.

Council affiliates, new to incorporate the program in local contract proposals.

Blatz was named council president for the coming year, after having filled an unexpired term. Myron McLaughlin, Indianapolis, was chosen vice president.

W. H. Lampert, Cincinnati, was re-elected treasurer, and Helen Anne Hilker, Dayton, president, was named secretary.

A 10-cent member per capita was voted in an effort to build a fund for organization work. Eventual merger of the council with the Northern Ohio District Council also was discussed, with a meeting scheduled with the Northern Ohio group.

PAC AIDS WAR WORK

Newark (P.P.)—PAC members here are helping themselves in a campaign to persuade more people to get into war industry.

Basic Points of Wage Program

The 1945 wage program for newspaper workers in brief:

Minimums
A contract minimum of \$65 per week for reporters of more than three years' experience, with proper differentials to be maintained for other editorial classifications.

Rates for commercial department classifications or be fixed by maintaining differentials from a top minimum base of \$40 for stenographers and telephone operators, or \$35 for typists, after 18 months' experience.

Individual Increases
To establish by contract automatic increases based solely on length of service with the employer, for each classification where job tenure is a normal factor in fixing compensation.

To establish also a merit increase fund from which individual increases shall be made in recognition of special talent, skill or added responsibilities.

General Increase
A cost of living increase to compensate for increased living costs beyond the Little Steel formula allowance, equal to 20 percent of adjusted salaries for those earning less than \$50 per week, and \$10 per week for those earning more than \$50 per week.

Night Differential
Extra compensation for any schedule requiring work between the hours of 6 p. m. and 6 a. m., based on a percentage of weekly pay or a flat sum.

Holidays and Overtime
Six recognized holidays to be observed in each calendar year. Those required to work on a holiday to receive not less than 8 hours' pay at time and one-half in addition to regular weekly pay.

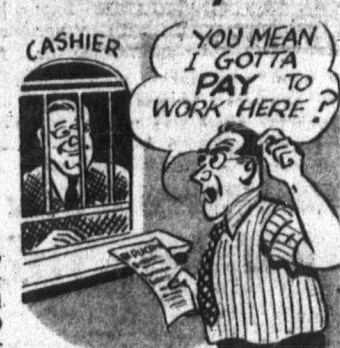
Normal working days and hours

to be scheduled regularly, and work required at hours not scheduled to be compensated for at time and one-half in cash.

Servicemen
Employees on leave for military service or the merchant marine to receive full credit for time spent in such service for the purpose of computing severance pay, experience rating and length of service increase.

Employees on such leave to receive pay in lieu of annual vacations during such leave.

That's Where The Money Goes



Pueblo, Colo.—Glenn U. Nichols, Pueblo Chieftain staff photographer, frequently has remarked, when drawing his weekly salary, "the day will come when I will be paying the management to work here."

He really never expected it would happen—but it did. When Nichols reported at the cashier's desk on payday the last week in January he was informed he owed the company \$2 and some change. Deductions, including Guild dues, withholding tax on back pay, war bonds, credit union payments, etc., etc., had eaten up his week's salary—plus.

Maintenance of Membership Is Ordered for Long Branch

Long Branch, N. J.—A Newspaper Commission directive order in the Daily Record dispute, hanging fire since last August, has been issued, providing maintenance of membership. The check-off was denied.

A top minimum of \$42 for reporters was ordered. The Guild had asked \$47.50.

A substandard severance pay clause was ordered, based on one week per six months of service for the first five years of service, with an additional week per year to a maximum of 15 weeks. A death benefit clause was denied.

A general increase of 10 percent was denied, with the labor member, Ward B. Melody, dissenting. Dr. F. S. DeBrier was the public member.

Back pay to the 12 in the editorial unit will total approximately \$1,500.

The group organized last spring as a unit of the Elizabeth Guild. It is their first contract.

Everyone Paid Attention to the Speeches



There were many speeches at the wage conference. Listening attentively, front row left to right: Russell Lushy, Cincinnati president; Paul Weber, Detroit executive secretary; J. Nash McCrea, Milwaukee and Mid-west council treasurer; Back row: Jack Shelby, N. Y. Post unit chairman; J. William Blatz, Columbus president, and William Callanan, Newark secretary. All sessions were in the CIO board meeting room.

Typical Group of Wage Conference Delegates



More than three-fourths of the Guild's membership was represented at the conference by the 48 delegates. Above is a typical group from locals far and near examining the 17-page wage program (complete with charts) which was adopted. Front, left to right: James Farmer, representing Seattle and Portland, Ore., Guilds, and J. S. McNeel, Jr., president of the San Antonio Guild. In back are Herbert L. Monk, vice president of the St. Louis local; John J. Biddison, executive secretary of Twin Cities; Leo Finegold, Pittsburgh treasurer, and Bob Brown, San Francisco-Oakland executive secretary. Brown also represented the Northern California District Council, including also the Sacramento Valley, San Jose and Stockton locals.

WLB MEMBER TELLS CONFERENCE:

'You Ought Not to Lose Both Coming and Going'

An insight into operations of the National War Labor Board, and the thinking behind its actions was given delegates of the ANG wage policy conference by Nathan Feinsinger, NWLB public member.

He declared he personally objected to the mechanical application of the wage stabilization program, and its administration not only by the Newspaper Commission but also by other WLB agencies, in a generally tough way.

"It is all right to be tough in laying down a general principle, but I believe where we have a tough law, we should interpret it liberally and should not interpret it in such a way as to make results even tougher than the law itself provides," Feinsinger said.

The job of the big board, he said, in reviewing decisions of commissions is not to see why they granted so little, but why they granted so much.

Feinsinger observed that "outside the Newspaper Commission, the Lever Bros. doctrine seems to be dead."

Parley Is Called Huge Success

Delegates to the national wage policy conference were unanimous in their praise for the effort and planning that made the conference a success.

All expressed enthusiasm that the meeting was an outstanding success and that the wage program adopted would bring wages and other contract improvements.

Some of the sentiments voiced at the two-day parley: John J. Biddison, executive secretary of Twin Cities Guild: "I sincerely believe this conference is the most constructive bit of effort that has been put before us in a long, long time."

Bill Darry, executive secretary, Cleveland Guild: "I think this wage program is a good one and we all should get behind it. Cleveland will give this program full support."

Arthur Riordan, president, Philadelphia-Camden Guild: "I'm all for this plan as it's what we've been waiting for."

Paul Weber, executive secretary, Detroit Guild: "This is the most significant thing ever done by the American Newspaper Guild. If we all get behind this, we can have



NATHAN FEINSINGER
He explained WLB

(The Lever Bros. principle involved a case where the fall 15 percent was not granted because the company was already paying the highest rates in the industry and in the area. Guild representatives have fought continuation of this principle in commission decisions.)

He indicated that appeals procedure was rather hopeless unless

it could be established that WLB policy had been contravened.

On WLB policy, Feinsinger noted that, instead the WLB proceeded on a case by case basis. "It is WLB policy," Feinsinger declared, "to add increases to minimum rates." Earlier, Dr. DeBrier had been under fire because of commission refusal to do so.

While the commission public members argued that the failure of the WLB to order severance pay was sufficient basis for them to deny it in the Guild case involving the Brockton Enterprise, Feinsinger said obviously the commission had erred on such a policy until it (the commission) had ordered severance pay.

On a question concerning taking regional board rates as a basis for denying an increase, and in another case refusing to go outside the industry for comparable rates, Feinsinger said, "You ought not to lose both coming and going."

Of the finest things that ever happened in the history of the Guild, it was well handled, well arranged. Great things will come of it.

Bob Brown, executive secretary, San Francisco-Oakland Guild: "This conference was broadening, educational, and necessary. Great things have to come out of this."

J. Nash McCrea, treasurer of Milwaukee Newspaper Guild: "This is, in my estimation, the most important gathering the American Newspaper Guild ever had."

Herbert L. Monk, vice president, St. Louis Guild: "This conference which reflected a lot of work, was very important to every single Guild member."

William Callanan, secretary, Newark Guild: "In my mind, this conference, which was a big success, was more important to the Guild as whole than a convention."

James Farmer, Seattle Guild (also representing Portland, Ore.): "This was worth coming all the way across the United States for. It was a big success, so the work was worth it."

Bridges Motion Is Defeated: Murray Outlines His Position

At the opening session of the IEB a communication was read from the Harry Bridges Victory Committee, requesting Guild support in the fight to dismiss the deportation order against Bridges, and asking the ANG to urge the President to dismiss the order.

The motion was moved and seconded "for the record" by Vice Presidents McManus and Beasley. The motion was defeated.

ANG President Murray, also for the record, outlined his position as follows:

"I would like to make my own position in the Bridges matter clear. In the first instance, some years ago it appeared that the attack on Harry Bridges was an attack upon him because of his labor activities. In the light of that attack, I was one of his defenders. I thought it incumbent upon all labor to resist such an attack for such a purpose."

"Subsequent developments have made it clear that Harry Bridges is not a leader of labor. He is a mis-leader, and he is a wreck of honest trade-unionism. He had demonstrated this on the west coast, where he has fouted the established and announced policies of the CIO."

"At a time when national service legislation was proposed, and was being desperately opposed by the CIO, Harry Bridges took it upon himself to support that legislation. At a time when labor is struggling desperately to maintain its no-strike pledge under extreme provocation, and solely because of labor's intention to win this war in spite of the Averys and the Guilders, Harry Bridges sold out the working people of this country with a quibbling announcement that he favored continuation of the no-strike pledge after the war."

"At a time when the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees were struggling to oppose the most fascist and reactionary elements in our country, Harry Bridges, and certain elements in the organization which he heads, allied themselves in sympathy with those fascist and reactionary elements and did their utmost to destroy the efforts of honest trade-unionists."

"I see no compulsion upon us or upon any other believers in trade-unionism to support, in any fashion whatsoever, this quibbling in our ranks. I therefore oppose taking any action in favor of Harry Bridges."

Planning Another Move



Top officers of the American Newspaper Guild were in charge of the wage policy conference. Left to right, Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks, President Milton Murray, and Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers are unceremoniously playing in the fight to secure pay increases for Guild members.

All Talked Guild Business



In addition to discussing their complaints against the commission, New York Guild delegates also distributed a statement. Above, left to right, are Thomas Murphy, New York organizer; Eleanor Coakley (Toledo), ANG vice president; Mary Ellison, New York member who was an observer; Steve Horton, New York vice president; and John Deegan, New York organizer. New York sent official delegates, and its attorney.

Pay Boosts Won In Circulation

Columbus, Ohio—Supervisors in the circulation department of the Columbus Dispatch have received a belated "Christmas present."

All six were granted a \$5 per week increase retroactive to Sept. 15, 1944, a total of \$30 each in back pay. The raise gives the supervisors a base pay of \$53 per week.

Management and the Guild agreed that the supervisors be increased that amount since substitution managers, whose work they supervise, have a base pay of \$48 a week, and a Point 10 agreement was filed with the Newspaper Commission.

The Guild is asking that the

Columbus OK's Wage Program

Columbus, Ohio—Members of the Columbus Newspaper Guild have approved the 1945 wage program following a report on the wage policy conference by J. William Blatz, president, and Leon Roetger, Dispatch unit chairman who were delegates to the Washington session.

Basic points of the wage program will be included in local contract proposals.

Memo from MURRAY

Background on That Attack Launched by Daily Worker

By Milton Murray
ANG President

During the course of 20 years, almost any working newspaperman is likely to make a few errors of commission or omission and I suppose I am guilty of my share. It has, however, been my boast that none of my errors was of malice or deliberate distortion.

It is a strange coincidence that the two major charges of dishonest journalism lodged against me were made by those paragons of virtue and integrity, the Communists.

In one instance the American Youth for Democracy, a strange collection sprung full-fledged from the defunct Young Communist League, blessed me with what they termed "The First Annual Dies Award for Yellow Journalism."

The complaint, as best I could gather it, was that I had reported the fact that the same crew of totalitarian twigs who guided the Young Communist League were in control of the new organization. There was no challenge of my facts but a loud cry of "dishonesty" for publishing them.

DAILY WORKER ATTACK

Currently the Daily Worker has chosen to lodge a blast against me as teaching "PM a Few Tricks in Disruption." It mentions "altered reports" and complains of "reporter's control of the Guild." I suppose I should feel honored to be rated worthy of attack by the Daily Worker along with "Worms," Roosevelt, Wendell Wilkie, "the tool of Wall Street" and Sidney Hillman, "the stooge of the bosses."

Ordinarily, I would tuck the clipping into my scrapbook and preserve it against the day when, God forbid, the Communists might seek to enfold me in their nauseous embrace and acclaim me as they now acclaim other former objects of their vilification.

The Worker, however, makes the issue a union issue and not solely a question of my journalistic integrity. In that regard, I feel entitled, if not obligated, to report the situation.

As a reporter for the newspaper PM and covering congressional action of the May-Bailey "work or fight" bill, I was informed that certain CIO elements were sabotaging the CIO position against the bill and actively lobbying congressmen to vote for it.

BLAST FROM QUILL MILLS

This certainly was a matter of news for any reporter and my dual position as Guild president and a member of the CIO executive board would be no excuse for not publishing it. That dual position, however, possibly led me to an ultra-conversation in checking the report. Only after I had every confirmation (except a confession from the lobbyists themselves) did I write the story.

Immediately there was a blast of condemnation from Michael J. Quill, acting president of the Greater New York CIO Council, and Saul Mills, the council secretary. In that blast I was accused of "complete fabrication" and "vicious fabrication." Again, the complaint was not confined to my role as a working newspaperman but my union identity was injected by distribution of the complaint to the labor press.

REPORTED TO IEB

In that union identity, I reported the matter to the IEB for its consideration. The IEB chose to pass a resolution. The vote was unanimous except that I refrained from voting and Brother John McManus of New York asked to be recorded as not voting.

Now I have no complaint about Communists attempting to smear me as a newspaperman. I can cast as many return slurs at the journalistic scoundrel of the Worker. Nor do I object to their opposing me in union affairs.

BADE NAMED GR EDITOR

The IEB voted to name Wilbur E. Bade editor of The Guild Reporter. He has been acting editor since Dec. 1, when Wilbur H. Baldinger resigned. The post of director of organization, formerly filled by Bade, was left vacant.

Before joining the ANG staff, Bade had been make-up editor of the Minneapolis Star Journal. Fred Jaeger formally was designated assistant, having served in that role, in addition to editing with organization work, almost a year.

East and West Exchange Weather Notes



Overcasted New Yorkers exchanged weather notes with ANG Vice President George Hutchinson of Los Angeles, also overcasted. Left to right, James T. Whittaker, first vice president; Irving Gilman, research director; Hutchinson; Nat Eshorn, executive secretary, and Hannah Baker, chairman of the Representative Assembly.

Leftist Attack on Guild Head Denounced by IEB

An attack upon Milton Murray, as president of the American Newspaper Guild, launched in the labor press by Michael J. Quill and Saul Mills, acting president and secretary of the Greater New York CIO Council, was denounced in a resolution by the International Executive Board.

The attack on the ANG president stemmed from a story Murray wrote Jan. 31 as a reporter for the newspaper PM in which Murray revealed that "certain New York CIO council members," contrary to national CIO policy, were actively lobbying congressmen to support the May-Bailey bill calling for a labor draft.

STORY DENIED

Quill and Mills, in the absence of any mention of time and place of such lobbying, categorically denied New York CIO Council officials had lobbied for the bill in violation of CIO policy. In a two-page statement to "the labor press" was a "complete fabrication."

Murray, in reporting the attack to the IEB, said he had held the story until it had been verified and checked completely. Meanwhile, a documented report of the lobbying was given CIO President Philip Murray.

MORE CONFIRMATION

Since the attack by left-wing leaders, Murray said, the story had been confirmed by additional sources.

The IEB resolution was unanimous, with Murray not voting, and Vice President John T. McManus, also president of the New York local, a member of the executive board of the Greater New York CIO Council, and an employee PM, asked to be recorded as not voting.

(McManus, at the IEB meeting, de-

In my present job on PM I am acting under one injunction, an order given me by John P. Lewis the day I reported for work: "Be honest with yourself."

The vagaries of the Daily Worker nor the objections of Brothers Quill and Mills will not change that order.

WASHINGTON MEMBERS HUDDLE

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The following resolution was adopted by the IEB:

WHEREAS, certain CIO members, some of them connected with the New York Industrial Union Council, lobbied for the Labor Draft Act in violation of CIO policy, and officers of that organization have since launched a vicious campaign against ANG President Milton Murray for exposing this treacherous activity, therefore, be it resolved by the International Executive Board of the American Newspaper Guild that:

We condemn the flagrant lobbying of congressmen by such individuals which seriously undercut the official position of the CIO in its unalterable opposition to enactment of such a labor draft law, and we denounce the contemptible effort by those engaged in this lobbying to cover up their double-crossing activities by attacks on reputable newspapermen who expose them, and

We also protest the votes cast for this unfair and unconstitutional measure by such congressmen as Rep. Vito Marcantonio of New York, who claim to be friendly to labor.

clear "this is a three-way trap. I can't go along with an attack on Milton Murray, the president of the Guild. As a board member of the CIO council I can't go along with the charge of lobbying against CIO policy, and I don't think the IEB is the place to discuss PM's editorial policy."

As the Quill-Mills attack was circulated, the Daily Worker picked up the refrain, making it a left-wing-right wing choosings-up proposition. Federated Press, which carried stories of the attack on Murray, failed to carry the story released by the ANG, along with the IEB resolution.

WORKER SEES SPLIT

A left-wing-right wing split was indicated by the Worker, Communist Political Association mouthpiece, in an editorial statement under a three-column headline signed by "George Morris."

The Worker decried the fact Vito Marcantonio, New York Congressman, had been singled out by the ANG resolution for voting for the labor draft bill while posing as a friend of labor.

(On Jan. 29 the Worker attacked PM for not having editorial policies on various matters in which the Worker has decided policies.)

For having exposed a division

NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL ADDS UP PROGRESS

Boston—A report of progress in organization was presented delegates to the New England District Council at the quarterly meeting. Larry MacLean, council executive secretary, in his report said two new locals of 100 members have been organized through the council since last September.

Continuance of the organizing program was stressed as MacLean declared prospects were excellent for expansion in new areas.

A full report was made of council activities including organization, grievances, negotiations, preparation of WLB briefs and conciliation meetings.

Council President Walter Emerson of the Manchester Guild was in charge of the meeting.

Exchanging Organization Notes



In odd moments during the wage conference, other Guild work also was aired. Commercial department organization is on the agenda of the New York District Council. James D. White, ANG international representative assigned to update New York, talks over plans with Anne Poskatis, Wilkes-Barre secretary and commercial department member, and Joseph Walsh, ANG vice president. Walsh, also from Wilkes-Barre, has assisted update New York locals.

Portland President Is Elected Vice President of Oregon CIO

Portland, Ore.—In a state-wide referendum election held in Oregon, John B. McKenna, president of the Portland Newspaper Guild, was chosen vice president of the Oregon State Industrial Union Council. McKenna also is president of the Portland Industrial Union Council.

McKenna was chairman of the CIO United War Chest drive and aided in securing a substantial increase in contributions. Gov. Earl Snell has appointed him to the War Veterans' Service committee, which is setting up a referral center in Portland to assist veterans in locating jobs when they return. He was also CIO representative in the March of Dimes campaign.

McKenna was appointed to the executive board of the Democratic central committee after serving as chairman of the Multnomah county PAC.

Write today to a serviceman. The boys like mail from home.

Labor Department Official Charts Drop in Earnings

The decline in spendable earnings of newspaper workers was dramatized for wage conference delegates by N. Arnold Tolles, chief of the working conditions and industrial relations branch of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the department of labor.

Four years ago the gross earnings of newspaper workers averaged half again as much as the earnings for factory workers, but today the newspaper worker has little more to spend than the average factory worker, Tolles said.

SHOWS DEFICIT

In special charts illustrating his talk, Tolles showed the deficit in newspaper workers' spendable earnings in trying to keep pace with 1941 standards under rising living costs.

DEFINITIONS

Gross earnings are the total earnings, before any deductions are made for taxes or anything else.

Spendable earnings are what one takes home—what is left in the paycheck (weekly base pay—no overtime) after tax and other deductions are made. This is what the worker can spend for groceries, clothing, doctor bills, and so on.

He pointed out that BLS surveys revealed that between January 1941 and October 1944, average weekly earnings of newspaper workers rose from \$38.53 to \$48.88 per week, an increase of 10.35 or 27 percent.

"By contrast," Tolles declared, "the gross earnings of factory workers generally rose from \$26.64 to \$46.94, an increase of \$20.30 per week or 76 percent."

LITTLE OVERTIME

He pointed out that the relatively unfavorable trend of the gross earnings has been due to several factors. Union wage scales

are not as high as they were in 1941. The cost of living has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of housing has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of food has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of clothing has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of transportation has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of entertainment has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of education has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of health care has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of insurance has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of taxes has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of other necessities has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of luxuries has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of everything has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of living has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of the good life has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of the American dream has risen sharply since 1941. The cost of the American way of life has risen sharply since 1941. 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Gains Reviewed As Rockford Picks Officers

Rockford, Ill.—The Rockford Newspaper Guild at its annual business meeting voted to recommend to IEB that the 1945 C. and conversion, as provided in a war measure.

The Rockford local elected its first woman officer, naming Betty McCarren, Morning Star, society editor, as vice president.

Richard Day, Register-Republic sports editor, was elected president, succeeding Herman G. Nelson. Other officers are Hal Nelson, re-elected secretary; Robert J. J. J., re-elected treasurer; Helen Ann, McClure, Star unit chairman; and Robert Monahan, R-R unit chairman.

REVIEWS GAINS

Referring President Nelson reviewed bargaining gains achieved during 1944. One of the major achievements is the sick leave plan inaugurated early in the year, which provides benefits as follows:

Employees will be credited each year with two weeks full pay, two weeks half pay, and two weeks one-third pay to cover periods of illness or disability. All unused sick pay credit will be accumulated from year to year.

A reserve of five years of sick pay credit has been established as of Jan. 1, 1944, for all employees who have been in the continuous service of the newspapers for five years or more, and other persons are credited with a reserve of sick pay allowance for the actual period employed.

OTHER BENEFITS

In its 1944 contract, the Guild also won a night differential of 50 cents per shift for employees of The Morning Star, and last week the management conceded that this differential is to be regarded as part of base pay—allowable for vacations and sickness as well as when actually working.

The Guild also recently won WLB approval of a provision of its 1944 contract raising minimum salaries from \$4 starting wage of \$1.50 to \$20, and providing that the guaranteed minimum of \$46 be paid after four years service instead of after five years service.

Write today to a serviceman. The boys like mail from home.

Rahm Heads St. Louis; New Program Instituted

St. Louis—A program designed to give new vitality to the St. Louis Newspaper Guild was instituted with the inauguration of Adolph J. Rahm, Post-Dispatch reporter, as president.

To broaden membership participation in Guild affairs, Rahm appointed hitherto inactive members to important committee posts. A five-point program was set down for 1945:

Expansion of the present journalism school; more democratic procedure in Guild affairs; post-war planning; creation of budget, appropriations, audit and purchasing committees; and acquisition of its own quarters for the Guild.

Rahm also announced increased social activities and plans for giving the local auxiliary a more prominent role in local affairs.

One step toward more democratic procedure involves abolition of the Representative Assembly, already voted by the membership, thus returning sovereignty to the membership. Members also will be kept informed of developments in the various units by the exchange of minutes of unit meetings.

It has been suggested the St. Louis Guild purchase its own quarters, with financing through a bond issue.

Rahm, formerly unit chairman of the Post-Dispatch unit, was a member of the delegation which

Saginaw Valley Fetes Council President



Guildals handled arrangements for a Saginaw Valley Newspaper Guild "bust" at Bay City, Mich., in conjunction with the visit of Hans W. Colter, Battle Creek, president of the Michigan District Council. The Guildal line includes, left to right, Kathryn Schwall, Shirley Ward, Christine Horn, Dorothy Radde, and Norma Rousche. Behind them are Paul R. Jablonski, Saginaw Valley president, and Colter.

Hearst Service Argues But Still Defies WLB

Chicago—Disavowal of contempt for War Labor Board authority and demand for so-called constitutional rights highlighted the defense here of King Features Syndicate's refusal to comply with the board's directive ordering maintenance of membership in its Guild contracts.

The show-cause hearing was held before the WLB Newspaper Commission, which then referred the case to the national board. The Guild's nationwide contracts with KFS cover International News Service, International News Photos and Central Press Association.

On Nov. 29 the WLB upheld the commission's original directive—issued Aug. 10, 1944—ordering the union security provision, after appeal by the Hearst feature service.

"The War Labor Board is attempting to penalize us arbitrarily," KFS Counsel Harvey Levinson told the commission.

"And without any evidence whatsoever the board is in violation of its own order, because to the present time it has stated it would consider the merits of each case before it will enter an order of maintenance of membership clause."

Summarizing, Levinson argued that, "In the interest of the proper servicing of its clients and in order to maintain a fair and

impartial reporting of the news, King Features cannot consent to the imposition of an illegal order by the War Labor Board, because it violates its freedom of contract and the right of freedom of the press, both of which we repeat—have been guaranteed to us by the constitution of the United States."

AP Signs Maintenance Clause

The Associated Press became the second wire service to sign a maintenance of membership agreement with the Guild. United Press signed earlier. A supplement to the New York 1944 contract was signed after much discussion, with management insisting on adding a prefatory clause that the inclusion of maintenance was solely as the result of the WLB directive, and without prejudice to the AP's right to resist maintenance of membership in any future agreement.

The Newspaper Commission ordered the Guild and the AP to sign a maintenance of membership agreement last Aug. 5, 1944. This was appealed by the AP, and the appeal was denied Nov. 27, 1944.

Still in dispute in the expired contract are night differential, as well as hours and overtime. The former was remanded to the commission for further action by the WLB and the latter was sent back for clarification.

Joseph G. Colangelo, director for wire services, signed for the Guild; Claude Jagger for AP.

Guildsman Helps Photograph Chinese Troops on Burma Road

Chinese Training & Combat Command, U.S. Army, China Theater—Combat cameraman Sydney L. Greenberg of Brooklyn, member of the Newspaper Guild of New York, has recently returned from an assignment in western Tunnan where he photographed the battles between the Chinese expeditionary force and Japanese troops.

Greenberg, a technical sergeant, crossed the Salween river shortly after the Chinese armies launched their campaign early last May to clear Tunnan so as to reopen the Burma road supply route.

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Contribution To Greene Fund Are Rolling In

Union City, N. J.—Nation-wide response has been forthcoming from the appeal made to local presidents by the Hudson County local for contributions to a fund to assist Melvin Greene, discharged sports writer for the Hudson Dispatch.

Greene was fired a few days after the Guild, having obtained a majority in the Dispatch editorial department, asked for recognition as bargaining agent. Greene was hospitalized for phlebitis, and was left with no income, to support his wife and five-week-old baby.

A loan of \$100 was made by the New York Local's Burgess Loan Fund.

Contributions to date:

ABC editors and staff	\$20.00
Elizabeth Local, membership	20.00
meeting	20.00
John Brown Local	2.00
Mary Ellison (Nation)	2.00
George A. Harris, ANG vice pres.	5.00
Five Hudson County Guilds	5.00
New Brunswick unit, Elizabeth Local	10.00
Elizabeth Local	10.00
Newark Local	10.00
Sunday Call unit	10.00
Wilkes-Barre Local	10.00
Great Falls, Mont., Local	10.00
Printers of Hudson Disp., ANG	10.00
Total contributions	\$137.00

Goal of Fund 1945: to go \$400.00.

Meantime, additional sworn statements are being secured to bolster the Guild's case against the Dispatch management in the unfair labor practice charges which have been filed and are awaiting NLRB action.

Charges were filed after two Guild members were fired within a week after the Guild sought recognition as the collective bargaining agent.

PROMOTED TO BUSINESS EDITOR

Minneapolis—E. W. Kieckhefer, who has been farm editor of the Star Journal, has been named business editor, succeeding James M. Sutherland. Sutherland is going to New York to become industrial editor of Business Week. Kieckhefer is a former Nieman Fellow.

Guild Wins Maintenance At Free Press Despite 'Irresponsible' Charge

Detroit—A standard maintenance of membership clause was agreed by the Newspaper Commission for the Detroit Free Press despite management's contention the union was "irresponsible." The industry member dissented.

The commission denied Guild severance payable upon retirement proposals for dues check-off and at the age of 50. A wage reopener clause in the event stabilization policies were changed was denied on the grounds the contract, which expires April 5, had only a short time to run.

The company argued against maintenance of membership on these grounds: That the negotiators had not submitted a proposal to the membership of a \$2-per-week increase, plus dropping of the union in determining union responsibility. The Humble Oil case is generally regarded as basic policy of the NLRB.

However, in the Herald Tribune case, the commission majority (Eubanks dissenting) denied maintenance of membership on the grounds the union was irresponsible for the following reasons:

(a) The New York local had rejected an agreement to arbitrate, which had been agreed to by Guild representatives during the WLB hearing; (b) The local had been critical of management in shop papers; (c) Amendments had been proposed during the life of the agreement.

The three cardinal tests of the Humble Oil case were not used; in fact, they were disregarded.

Dr. Deibler, commission vice chairman, was the public member in the Herald Tribune case.

EVEN CHILDREN KNOW IT PAYS TO ORGANIZE

Burley, Idaho—Even the children here realize the value of being organized.

Some 125 boys and girls got together and formed the Burley Baby Tender's Association. The youngsters set a wage schedule and drew up a list of rules.

The kids complained that their pay has depended entirely upon the generosity of the babies' parents and the generosity varied widely.

TRI-CITY SELECTS UNIT CHAIRMAN

Albany—Edward Driscoll, photographer, and Francis Rivett, sports writer, are the new unit chairmen of the Tri-City Guild. News unit and Rivett, the Times-Union unit. Warren Flood was re-elected treasurer of the KN unit and Mary Rosen is the new secretary. Dorothy Penn was elected secretary-treasurer of the TU unit.

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Agreement Set On AP Interim 1944 Contract

Tentative agreement has been reached in negotiations on an interim contract for Associated Press bureaus other than the New York bureau from May 1, 1944, to Dec. 31, 1944. Terms agreed in negotiations are being submitted to units for action.

Bureaus to be covered are Atlanta, Birmingham, Boston, Cheyenne, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit (state of Michigan), Helena, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Montgomery, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco and Trenton.

Previously, only six bureaus had been covered by contract.

Terms negotiated include that the terms and conditions of the New York agreement with general increases of \$4 and \$2 to employees on the payroll after Jan. 1, 1941 but prior to Jan. 1, 1942, and from that date to Jan. 1, 1944, respectively, shall apply.

Increases to be retroactive to May 1, 1944 and to apply to all bureaus where the Guild has been recognized as the collective bargaining agent.

Minimums for bureaus previously covered by contract will be negotiated in the 1945 agreement, old ones to continue for 1944.

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Prize-Winning Picture



Guideman Jack Snyder, a photographer for the Philadelphia Record, won first prize for news pictures in the big cities division of the fourth annual Pennsylvania Associated Press photo contest. The prize-winning photo, above, was taken last August and shows striking Philadelphia Traction Co. workers shouting down an appeal by Anthony Gallagher, a CIO organizer (back to camera), to return to work. Snyder, who won the same award last year, has a son in the Army. The wildest strike ended when the Army seized the lines, which later were returned to management operation.

Scranton Uses Chain Letter Methods to Good Advantage

Scranton—A variation of the chain letter idea is getting a workout here these days, and the beneficiaries are the local members in military service.

The idea was adopted by the local after it was proposed by Jeanette Reese, Times, membership committee member, and it works this way:

Scranton has 10 Guild members in the armed forces, and there are about 40 working members at the present time.

Each week, the membership committee assigns the names of the 10 servicemen to 10 working members and 10 new, office chat letters go into the mail.

The next week 10 other working members each are assigned one of the 10 servicemen and so on.

New Officers Are Selected By Six Locals

New officers have been elected for the coming year by members of six locals. The new officers include:

DETROIT

Donald P. Schram, a vice president the last two years, has been named president. Theodore H. Peck, former AP unit chairman and now a member of the Times unit, was named vice president. Ralph B. Novak, past president, was named secretary, and Frances D'Amico was chosen treasurer. She has been acting treasurer. Executive committee members include: Paul Weber, Orin Wright, and Marguerite Gahagan. All nominations were unopposed.

Delegates to the Wayne County CIO Council are Weber and John Finlayson.

GRAND RAPIDS

Peter N. Harvey, telegraph editor of the Grand Rapids Herald, was elected president. E. A. McDonnell was elected vice president and Margaret Wilde secretary. Clifford Nelson was named treasurer.

Other executive committee members include Katherine Johnson, Edwin VanDine and W. P. Young. B. G. Brown, Alice Loomis and McDonnell were named delegates to the Michigan District Council of which Brown is treasurer.

Ross Collier of Battle Creek, council president, spoke at the annual meeting on the program of the new city.

SIoux CITY

Neil Miller, feature writer for the Sioux City Sunday Journal, was re-elected president. Others elected include: Sam Monnett, vice president; H. K. Whitted, treasurer; Louise Flynn, secretary; George Newman, controller; Frank Rapelle was chosen to head the standing committee and Lester Harris was named unit chairman. Named to the executive board were Frank Mercurio, E. J. Lally, R. H. Thompson, and A. Kenneth Scott.

SAN DIEGO

Victor Whitaker, Jr., telegraph editor of the San Diego Union, was re-elected president, defeating Bert Willard, Journal News editor. Others elected were William McGinn and Emily Straker, vice presidents; Guy Ryan, secretary, and Henry Christopherson, treasurer.

UTICA

J. Arthur Vallee has been re-elected president of the Utica Guild. Janet L. Semel was chosen secretary, while James A. Williamson was named treasurer.

MEMPHIS

Allan LaVerne Swin, assistant city editor of the Press-Scimitar, has been named president of the Memphis local, succeeding R. Craig Shuptrine, who served for three years.

The three vice presidents elected are Robert Talley, Charles Liles and Lynn Black. Hila McGee was elected recording secretary, and John Rogers succeeds W. A. Copeland as secretary-treasurer.

Frankel Takes Federal Post

Washington—Gregg Frankel has resigned as administrative officer of the Washington Guild to take a post with the War Relocation Authority as information specialist. Stationed temporarily in Washington, Frankel has not yet been assigned to a region.

REPORTER TO TAKE POST WITH OPA

Washington—Pa.—Gomer Evans, first vice president of the Wilkes-Barre Guild, is leaving as reporter for the Times-Leader, Evening News to do public relations work for the War Relocation Authority.

A TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL

Reporter's Ring Stories Wow Wounded Veterans

Harry Blitman, Philadelphia Record reporter, formerly sons of the nation's outstanding boxers, so the War Activities Committee of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild asked Harry to talk to wounded veterans at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J. Here is Harry's own report of the committee of the speech he made.

By HARRY BLITMAN

Philadelphia—Keeping my hands up and punching hard, this reporter, an ex-pugilist, made his initial debut as a public speaker at Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J. It was with many misgivings that I made the trip, but I was glad to do my bit for the Guild.

The welcome mat was out when our party arrived and Maj. George V. Irons, chief of rehabilitation, Capt. McQuiston, Capt. Weeks, and Lt. Dee, of the state department, took me on a tour of the vast hospital.

I was warned my audience would be a critical gang of wounded and convalescent veterans sent there for treatment, rest and rehabilitation. My heart sank as I looked at their knarled. Way down to here... They had a you gotta have an attitude. So I gave 'em the old routine... "It's the first time I ever spoke to a bunch of guys—but I can tell you about the time I put over a verbal kyo on an opponent"... and went on from there.

TALKED AND TALKED

I talked... and talked... and talked. They must have liked the stuff I was dishing out. In about three minutes they straightened up and began to listen.

I unloaded with a lot of events that happened to me while boxing for my coffee and cakes. How I tangled with a guy named Earl Sando, was hit on the chin in the first round... hit the deck, got up and fought the rest of the 10-rounder with my mind a complete blackout.

Had the guy in bad shape in the final chapter, with the ref awarding me the "duke" on a TKO... waking up under the showers and hawling like a baby until I read the papers the next morning. I figured I was knocked stiff. Fought for 10 rounds with my mind a blank, I informed the guys. Then in an aside, I muttered, guess my mind is still a blank. They roared... had them eating out of my hands from then on.

Then I gave 'em a little of the business about how one champion made a contender sign over 10 percent of his ring earnings in the event the contender finally won the title. Their eyes popped out to here on that one.

Now, that gang of tough kids was duck soup. And what a swell bunch of guys—not really tough or fresh—they just wanted to hear or speak to someone who could hold their interest. All of them apparently went for the boxing racket in a big way.

I gave 'em the lowdown on how Billy Conn, Irish stubborn-

ness lost the world's championship for him when he tangled with Joe Louis. Conn's got 12 out of 12 rounds in his hip pocket; he's been outboxing the champ and making him look bad. The crowd is going wild. The Pittsburgh struts back to his corner at the bell and Johnny Ray, his manager, squirts a wet sponge in his knarled.

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After a break of an hour for lunch, I put on the "pitch" again, with another bunch of convalescents as grim as the first mob looked when I started.

I got off on a new tack. Told them when they get to civilian life, there should be a new shuffle all around. Crooked managers and political boxing commissions shouldn't be allowed to operate. As a prime example I told the kids how one state boxing commission gets loused up. How appointments as boxing judges and referees are political, and few of the officials are qualified to do an efficient job.

I told 'em that racketeers and bootleggers should never be allowed to manage fighters to hide their rackets. Cited how a notorious underworld figure managed a stable of fighters to hide his run-running business. How New York's public enemy No. 1 bought the heavyweight title some dozen years ago... and on... and on... and on.

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Reporter, veteran 1945

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Donohoe Leads Scranton Guild For Next Year

Scranton—Unless the unexpected happens, Scranton should be able to go through 1945 with no change in the setup of local officers elected at the annual Executive Committee meeting.

During 1944 military inductions grabbed two presidents and another left Scranton temporarily. The resulting special elections to fill vacancies shifted the local chain of command so much, and so often that for a time only Secretary Christine Gibbons knew just who filled what office.

President for 1945 is Ed Donohoe, Times, who succeeded Pat McGlynn, Scrantonian-Tribune, who succeeded George Martin, Times, who succeeded Don McCreas, Times, who succeeded Frank Parry, Scrantonian-Tribune.

Parry, charter member and the local's first proxy, went into the Army; McCreas, charter member and first vice president, went into the Navy; Martin, charter member and second vice president, went temporarily to Philadelphia, and McGlynn, charter member and executive committee member, finished the year. McGlynn did not seek re-election.

OTHER OFFICERS

Others elected: first vice president, George Martin, Times; second vice president, Pat McGlynn, Scrantonian-Tribune; secretary, Christine Gibbons, Scrantonian-Tribune; treasurer, Al Williams, Scrantonian-Tribune.

Executive committee members are Joseph Gilroy and John Mulhern, from the Scrantonian-Tribune, Chic Feldman and Thomas Phillips.

The Times unit elected Wallace Bassett, chairman; J. Harold Brilman, vice chairman, and William Newhart, treasurer. The Scrantonian-Tribune unit elected Pat McGlynn, chairman; Thomas J. Edwards, vice chairman; Al Williams, treasurer.

Where does that put them in relation to the president and the Democratic party?

There never will be a smoothly functioning liberal bloc so long as those who should make up that bloc act as though one man stands between them and perdition. Each time the savior de-

clines to steer by the Southern Cross there will be much confusion among the progressives and a belated and ineffectual effort to mobilize forces.

Then a bomb will be thrown and even the minor mobilization will collapse because: Look! He's steering by the Polar Star again and all is well for us.

Suppose progressives decide to undertake a program of independent political action. Two questions are immediately on the agenda. First, what role can PAC play so long as its leadership is gallantly galloping even to ask the president to commit himself on policy before delivering the vote and which stifles all local third party movements except the ALP in New York? This is the question answers itself for those who have had enough of Pyrrhic victories.

The second question concerns Wallace's claim to leadership of the progressives. What does he think and where will he stand in action? He wants to help small business and big business and introduce planning into our economy for sixty million jobs but doesn't want to infringe on capitalism or delimit free enterprise (whatever that word means to him).

Can anyone say when loyalty to the president would pull him off of a crusade, or "regularity" in the Democratic party take precedence, or PAC drag him into a cave of equivocation? Who knows, even how long Wallace will be with us, assuming that he gets his new job. The last liberal who went into Commerce like a lion came out like a lamb. Remember when Harry Hopkins was the liberal symbol?

A union of the lesser-evil liberals, PAC (from the top down), labor leaders and machine politicians for the purpose of pushing the leader from extreme.

Two Philadelphia-Camden Members Win Promotions

Philadelphia—Two members of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild now in the services recently have won promotions.

Marine Robert Barry, on leave from the Inquirer's Washington bureau staff, has been upped from captain to major. An instructor in the Naval Rader Training school, St. Simon's Island, Ga., since last May, Maj. Barry has had combat duty on eight different islands in the South Pacific.

For his "untiring efforts and excellent technical skill" and for contributing "materially to the successful operation of radar stations in the South Pacific," he was awarded the Bronze Star last October.

Robert L. Mooney, former unit shop steward and staff photographer of the Inquirer, who has filmed many historic events in the Mediterranean theater, recently was promoted to captain.

Attached to the 15th Air Force, Capt. Mooney flew into Rumania when more than 1,000 Allied airmen were liberated after the Balkan nation capitulated. While in Bucharest, he photographed scenes in the prison camps. On D-day, he flew over France to record Allied forces storming in and establishing a vital beachhead, and he has filmed many air-sea rescues.

LT. DREW, CAMDEN MEMBER, KILLED IN BELGIAN DRIVE

Philadelphia—Lt. Edward F. Drew, Jr., former Camden Courier-Post editorial employee and member of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild, has been reported killed in action in Belgium.

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Editor, GUILD REPORTER: I am a charter member of the American Newspaper Guild. For over 20 years I made my living as a copy reader.

So I feel I am qualified to enter a protest against the front page headline in the Jan. 15 issue of the Guild Reporter. It reads: "Papers Coining Money as Lid Is Put on Pay."

This violates a cardinal rule of headline writing. A neophyte would know that such a statement must be qualified. Since you did not do so and since I am presuming that you knew better I must draw the conclusion that you wrote the headline with deliberate intent to mislead.

I believe it is time for The Guild Reporter to conduct itself in an adult manner. In fewer words, to be as honest in its headlines and news stories as it demands of newspaper publishers.

That, I am certain, is the best way to achieve results.

MAURICE VAN METRE, News Unit.

Editor's Note: "As" is a conjunction in this instance, and may even be synonymous with "while". A layman, not fenced in by column boundaries, might have written the head thus: "While there is a lid clamped on newspaper wages, the papers themselves are coining money."

The head did not state papers were coining money because of the pay clamp. — W. E. B.)

GETS HIS REVENGE UPON THE FASCISTS

OVERSEAS

Editor, GUILD REPORTER: You might be interested that I have taken my personal revenge upon fascism.

In the year 1935-36, I was over here in the Ur-verity of Rome. At that time, I completed all my requirements for the degree of doctor in letters, but the bureaucracy which is characteristic of the totalitarian system prevented my being able to present my thesis.

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A union of the lesser-evil liberals, PAC (from the top down), labor leaders and machine politicians for the purpose of pushing the leader from extreme.

Two Philadelphia-Camden Members Win Promotions

Philadelphia—Two members of the Philadelphia-Camden Guild now in the services recently have won promotions.

Marine Robert Barry, on leave from the Inquirer's Washington bureau staff, has been upped from captain to major. An instructor in the Naval Rader Training school, St. Simon's Island, Ga., since last May, Maj. Barry has had combat duty on eight different islands in the South Pacific.

For his "untiring efforts and excellent technical skill" and for contributing "materially to the successful operation of radar stations in the South Pacific," he was awarded the Bronze Star last October.

Robert L. Mooney, former unit shop steward and staff photographer of the Inquirer, who has filmed many historic events in the Mediterranean theater, recently was promoted to captain.

Attached to the 15th Air Force, Capt. Mooney flew into Rumania when more than 1,000 Allied airmen were liberated after the Balkan nation capitulated. While in Bucharest, he photographed scenes in the prison camps. On D-day, he flew over France to record Allied forces storming in and establishing a vital beachhead, and he has filmed many air-sea rescues.

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Among Ourselves

Bob Stranahan is due to shift from the Indianapolis UP bureau to the assistant sports editorship of the Indianapolis Times.

Vernon Shearville, Wilkes-Barre Record, has been accepted for military service. James Williams, also W-B Record, volunteered for the Navy.

Betty Rodgers, wife of Sgt. Henry Parratto, now is working in Fort Sill, Okla. Both are former members of Philadelphia Inquirer library staff.

Mrs. Doris Heron has left Inquirer information service for civil service post in Washington.

Sgt. Peter Falchetti has sent a co-worker in the Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday department, J.V. Harris, part of a German parachute he picked up in Holland.

Recovering in Atlantic City from combat duty wounds is Lt. John A. O'Donnell, former shore correspondent for Camden Courier-Post and Philadelphia Record.

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It Seems to Us...

who was not suspended from teaching because of a fascist record.

The two of us started efforts anew to obtain the degree, not because the degree is of any particular value, but because it would, in a sense, revenge me upon the fascists.

Yesterday I got it.

Cpl. SEXSON E. HUMPHREYS, Indianapolis Times Unit.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LIBERAL-LABOR BLOC

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

James Wechsler's plan in the Jan. 15 Guild Reporter for an effective Washington lobby of liberals and progressives, sparked by Henry Wallace if available, is marked by the very lack of understanding which is responsible for the ineptitude of the lib-lab bloc. The confusion in liberal ranks will be arrested only if they decide to rely upon themselves and the people to solve the problems confronting this country and the world and to support the president only on the basis of his program—not his.

Wechsler and many others apparently find themselves in the position of cheering Roosevelt on Mondays, heckling him on Tuesdays and Fridays, beseeching him on Wednesdays, supporting him on Thursdays, and on week-ends yearning for a vigorous, organized opposition to his policies.

The price of support is responsibility for subsequent policy. Who hires a Pied Piper must pay the tune, and liberals as well as rats can be piped into a mountain. Which is exactly why there are only a few feeble liberal voices in Washington.

Where do liberals stand on post-war conscription? National service legislation, on the nominees to the surplus property board and the state dep., on the scraps-of-paper Atlantic Charter statement, etc. ad nauseum?

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Knoxville Off To Commission With Dispute

Knoxville—Howard practice, the Knoxville News-Sentinel has agreed to retroactive dating of its 1945-46 Newspaper Guild contract to Jan. 31, date of expiration of the old agreement. However, the proposed new agreement, which awaits certification to the Newspaper Commission, is in dispute on six points. One point is disputed by the Knoxville Newspaper Guild and five are contested by management. The disputed management proposal is for the addition of a new editor to the exempted list. There is no news editor at present. Guild proposals being contested are: Guild shop or maintenance membership; \$50 top minimum, in fifth year, with \$2.50 added to step-up; 10 percent increase for all unaffected by the step-up; \$1 per shift night differential, except in case of overtime; and a severance pay ceiling boost from 26 to 25 weeks.

Harold Harris, local president, assisted by other members of the executive committee, conducted negotiations for the union. W. A. Copeland, ANG regional vice president, participated during the last two days of the parley.

Freedom of Press Boycot Dropped But They Still Say No

Albany—After previously having argued maintenance of membership would infringe on freedom of the press, management of Gannett's Knickerbocker-News agreed without a murmur to renew this section for the editorial department in the new contract. Then came the surprise. But, said management through its attorney, J. J. Casey, nothing doing on maintenance of membership for the business, advertising and maintenance departments.

"We've been dealing with the editorial departments so long we feel we know their reactions. But these other departments have recently been organized and we don't know how they'll act," Casey argued. The editorial department is under contract and a first agreement is being negotiated for the recently organized sections.

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THEY LEARN SLOWLY OR NOT AT ALL—

GOP Crusade Against Wallace May Boomerang

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild
Washington—The case of Henry Wallace still remains this town's most absorbing domestic business. Officially the senate has postponed decision on Wallace's fate until March 1. By that time the informal "deal" worked out on Capitol Hill, stripping Wallace of control of the lending agencies, is scheduled to be completed. Then he is to be permitted to go to work.

But there are a lot of characters who believe this arrangement would let Wallace off too easily. They want to keep whittling. They envisage a scene in which Wallace is confirmed secretary of commerce only after the chairs and telephones have been removed from the office, along with all administrative authority.

CANT WAIT TO LOSE
In this situation the statesmanship of the Republican leaders conforms neatly to the strategy laid down in the past four election campaigns. It is calculated to dispel any rumors that the GOP has been "streamlined." "Rejuvenated" or given a shot in the arm. It looks as if the boys just can't wait four years to start losing another election.

If we were Henry Wallace we would regard the current Republican offensive as the first big gun in the 1948 Wallace-for-president campaign. They have never given any Democrat except Franklin D. Roosevelt the attention Wallace is now receiving. Look where Roosevelt has been for 12 years.

CLING TO ROOVER IDEAL
The GOP crusade against Wallace reveals a good deal about the state of the Republican party, which still clings to the program immortalized by Herbert Hoover. Underlying the fight, however, are far more powerful influences than a handful of unenlightened politicians who shape Republican policy.

Basically, this conflict reveals the tight grip of U.S. big business on the major means of communications. It also demonstrates how old and faded stereotypes still guide the thinking of the barons of industry and finance.

The drive against Wallace by now is notorious. It seldom has been rivaled in the darkest

days of the war against Roosevelt. It is frantic, irresponsible. The publishers seem to be demanding a recount of the November balloting. They wuz robbed.

WASHINGTON ROUND-UP

Behind them are arrayed, with some notable exceptions, the magnates who have each four years financed the battle against That Man. They learn slowly, or not at all. They use the ancient sawdust — "socialism," "destruction of free enterprise," "utopian ideas"—and they are baffled anew when ordinary men in the street refuse to be stampeded.

Yet perhaps the most extraordinary phase of the anti-Wallace outcry is the sinister charge that Wallace wants to "remake the world." This charge is supposed to end all arguments. It proves that he is a dangerous fellow, no man to be trusted with the people's money. (One can almost hear Fulton Lewis Jr. shiver and shake when he recites the words.)

Politically speaking, this charge seems to me the silliest of the anti-Wallace Dealers have coined since Westbrook Pegler blamed the Brooklyn College basketball scandal on FDR.

In fact, the more one ponders the idea, the clearer it seems that the Republicans are in the process of electing another Democratic president.

Key Minimum Rates Proposed In New Wage Goal Set by ANG

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positions by the public members in various decisions. Dr. Deibler revealed, he and Dr. Burns were to confer with NWLB officials on some of the points raised in discussion.

Nathan Felsinger, NWLB public member, who followed Burns and Deibler, explained NWLB practice. (Details, page 5.)

All national wage policy conference pictures were taken by Margaret Waggoner, Washington INP unit member.

N. Arnold Tolles, chief of the working conditions and industrial relations branch of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, through the co-operation of A. E. Hinnrichs, the BLS head, prepared a special study of newspaper workers' pay which was presented by Tolles.

Others who spoke were Ben Fischer, assistant to Harold Rutledge, and Harold Rutledge.

Herbert Little Takes OPA Post

Washington (LPA)—Herbert Little, former head of the OWI labor desk, has been made editorial chief in OPA's information department. He is a member of the Washington Guild.

WOUNDED IN ACTION ON LEYTE ISLAND

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—1st Lt. Stanley Kieszek was slightly wounded in action on Leyte Island. During the Guam campaign, he had been awarded the combat infantryman's badge.

JOINT POLITICAL ACTION PLANNED IN MINNESOTA

Minneapolis (FP)—A United Labor Committee for Political Action, embracing the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods, has been formed here.

For the truth is that a large number of Americans believe this world could stand a good deal of remaking. At the moment the planet we inhabit is engaged in a bloody and terrible war which has brought death and suffering to uncountable millions.

APPLE SELLERS

Not many years before this war millions of American citizens who never saw a farm were selling apples for a living. In countless areas of America, there are still homes without bathtubs, rooms without heat, lives without sunlight; and on the windows of slum-homes there are service-stairs.

The servicemen who are coming back to Stunville may not arise in protest when somebody suggests that this world needs plenty of redecoration. They may second the motion.

A lot of soldiers and sailors who have seen the world never saw a country-club in their backyard.

When they are told the grim news that a man named Henry Wallace is abroad in the land, proposing wholesale improvements in our way of life, they may want to know his address. His ideal will sound neither funny nor ferocious.

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temberg, United Steelworkers of America research director, who was loaned to the ANG as consultant by the Steelworkers and the CIO; Ben Sigal, NWLB labor adviser, and Senator Wayne L. Morse (R., Ore.), former NWLB enforcement officer and public member. Fred E. Desmond, assistant to the executive director of the NWLB, also attended.

FLASHBACKS

SLIGHT-RISE—Ten years ago, after President Roosevelt stopped appeals from the Newspaper Industrial Board (NIB) to the National Labor Relations Board, ANG Executive Secretary Jonathan Eddy asked the Guild's executive committee to permit his resignation as member of the NIB board. He stated that the Guild's continued representation was "tantamount to condoning a fraud upon the working newspaper people of this country." Among reasons given were: "Newspapermen had no part in devising the board as set up by the code... the publishers set it up as they saw fit... the publishers voted as a bloc, tying up the board on all issues on which they were at variance with labor members, making it necessary to hire a so-called impartial chairman to, in effect, arbitrate such basic rights as that of collective bargaining... The publishers further maintained, by voice and by vote, that their authority was superior to that of Congress and the President... In short, that whatever they chose to deny us, no one had the power to grant us."

Control of the struck Newark Ledger, the Feb. 1, 1935 Guild Reporter announced, had been transferred from Publisher Russell to two trustees by chancery court. Negotiations for settlement of the strike followed.

PATRIOTISM—As the American newspapers' contribution to the nation's recovery from its worst business depression, the same GR revealed that the ANPA-member newspapers "earning millions annually in profits and boasting of increasing advertising and circulation, have been exposed as offering a total of—exactly—\$50,000 a year, or an average of \$1.41 per week (in voluntarily increased payrolls to raise national purchasing power)."

The revelation was made by Morris L. Ernst, ANG counsel, at the resumed NRA hearings in Washington on editorial department wages and hours.

Managements also offered weekly minimums for newsmen of \$12 to \$25, depending on the size of the city, with 30 percent less for cubers. The Guild was asking \$45, which compared with existing salaries would have made the papers' annual newsmen contribution to recovery about \$5,000,000.

The 42 largest papers in the country offered a total payroll increase of \$14 a week and 13 next largest offered 77 cents per paper. In cities under 25,000 population, 312 papers each offered to add 12 cents to their weekly payrolls.

Portland, Ore., Picks Officers

Portland, Ore.—Members of the Portland Newspaper Guild at its annual meeting returned John B. McKenna of the Portland Journal to the presidency. Other officers elected were: Paul Hauser, Portland Oregonian, first vice president; Oswald Bowen, Oregonian, secretary; and Richard L. Crocker, Journal, treasurer. Unit officers are: Oregonian—O. S. Cowling, chairman, Ron Morones, vice chairman, Gladys Bo wen, secretary and Frank Sterrett, treasurer. Journal—Cecil B. Gaster, chairman, Frank Al-legretto, vice chairman, Virginia Grimm, secretary and La Vena Edwards, treasurer.

Severance Pay Top Advanced

Sacramento—The severance clause of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild's contract with the Sacramento Bee was boosted from a top of 20 to 25 weeks as the result of a new agreement just negotiated.

Inasmuch as the Little Steel formula allowance had been exhausted, there was no wage adjustment. Top minimum for editorial men remains at \$56 and for display salesmen in the advertising department at \$50.

Minor changes in the language of the Bee contract also were approved. Negotiations for the Guild were Dick Rodda and Gene Hill, editorial department, and Ralph Hitchcock, advertising department.

G. B. ELLIS DIES

Rochester, N. Y.—Gardner B. Ellis, colorful figure in local newspaper circles, died here Jan. 28. He was 74. Ellis served as police reporter and financial editor for the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle for 30 years. He retired 10 years ago.

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Planning More Progress



George Memmott, right, president of the Springfield, Mass., Guild, is bringing hot coffee to Joseph Coburn, Lynn Guild veteran, at night through a blizzard to attend the meeting. The trip normally takes two and one-half hours. Coburn and other New England District Council leaders aided local leaders in planning more Guild progress.

WAGE PROGRAM BEING APPROVED COAST TO COAST

The 1945 wage program, approved by delegates to the ANG national wage policy conference in Washington, is meeting general approval, as membership groups are acting on the program as it is reported by delegates. When delegates reported to their locals on the deliberations and plans of the conference, local groups acted speedily to incorporate the wage program into contract proposals.

SPECIAL AID
Where locals were in negotiation, and there were special problems, advice on procedure was given on an individual basis by Morris Lasser, ANG counsel, and Jean Weinstein, ANG research director.

From coast to coast locals approved and hailed the ANG wage program for 1945. In a resolution adopted by the Representative Assembly, the New York local "commended the officers and staff of the American Newspaper Guild for their formulation of the national wage program."

FULL CO-OPERATION
"The New York Guild proposes full co-operation in establishing the program," the resolution stated.

On the west coast, the executive committee of San Francisco-Oakland Guild approved the wage program, and included its features in proposals for the city-wide contract there.

The Northern California District Council went on record "heartily endorsing" the program. Council delegates, after hearing conference reports by ANG Vice President Floyd Healey and Bob Brown, executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland local, commended the action taken at the Washington meeting "as the most intelligent approach to the Guild's problems."

SEEK FIRST CONTRACT
Members of the new Plainfield unit of the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild unanimously approved the program, including it in their proposal for an initial contract with the Courier-News.

St. Louis and Seattle were taking steps to approve the plans made at the conference. Columbus and the Ohio Valley District Council had approved the program earlier. The Denver Post incorporated the program in proposals now being negotiated.

Twin Cities stood pledged to the new proposals, and will include them in contract reopenings late this month. Toledo also backed the 1945 wage program, as did Tri-City, which included the new policy in its present negotiations.

Indianapolis and Pittsburgh took similar action. Other locals were to act as soon as the membership or governing bodies met. The new policy also was included in Chicago Times proposals. Wilkes-Barre members adopted the new wage policy and instructed the executive board to put it into effect locally.

WAGE PROGRAM
The 1945 wage program, as approved at the Washington conference, provides in brief: New wage minimums: \$65 for reporters after three years, \$40 for stenographers after 18 months; other minimums keyed to basic minimums. Individual increases: Automatic increases based on length of service, and raises for merit. Cost-of-living raise: 20 percent for those earning less than \$50 per week; \$10 for those earning over \$50 per week. Night differential: Extra pay for scheduled work between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. Holidays and overtime: Six holidays per year, 8 hours pay at time and one-half after weekly pay for holiday work. Servicemen's benefits: Full credit for service time for computing severance pay, experience rating, length of service increases.

In setting a new goal for newspaper wages, the conference set standards for four key minimum rates, with proper differentials to be maintained for other classifications.

CIO Unions Rally to Aid Guild in Hudson, N. J., Fight

Union City, N. J.—A solidarity front among the CIO unions of Hudson and Bergen counties, circulation territory of the Hudson Dispatch, is moving in support of the Guild's organization fight in behalf of Dispatch editorial employees.

The Guild's request for recognition under the Wagner act was followed by management's discharge of two employees and intimidation of other employees. The Hudson County Guild, carrying out the expressed policy of the IEB at its Washington meeting, is applying economic pressure against management through advertisers and readers of the Dispatch.

Circulars, telephone calls, personal visitation, and adoption of resolutions by various unions are being used to acquaint the public in Union City with the anti-labor tactics used against the Guild.

The local is waging its second fight within a decade to establish bargaining rights with the Union City publisher.

A special relief fund to aid one of the discharged men, who was ill, has reached beyond the half way mark as the result of response by Guild locals.

Previously acknowledged: \$257.50 San Francisco-Oakland... 100.00 Rochester... 25.00 Akron... 25.00 Boston... 25.00 Twin Cities... 25.00 Houston... 12.00 Philadelphia-Camden... 10.00 Minneapolis... 5.00 Kingston... 5.00 Indianapolis... 5.00 ANG staff member... 1.00

TOTAL to date... \$525.50
Meanwhile, the New York local made its \$100 loan a gift instead. The Philadelphia-Camden local pledged \$100 in 10 monthly installments.

The Guild's case of unfair labor practice charges against the Dispatch has been completed by the regional trial examiner for the NLRB, and is being examined by the NLRB legal staff.

3 More M of M Appeals Denied

Washington—Three more management appeals from Newspaper Commission directives ordering maintenance of membership have been denied by the National War Labor Board.

Papers affected included: Battle Creek Enquirer and News, Grand Rapids Herald and Grand Rapids Press.

Coming Events

If you owned a farm—or owned a business—you would find special services, reports and assistance available to you from the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Commerce.

But with the Department of Labor it's a different matter.

In the next issue there will be an analysis of what these departments do as centralized agencies for farmers and businessmen—in contrast with the maze of bureaus and agencies seeking to look after labor's interests.

These articles will be prepared especially for The Guild Reporter by Labor Press Associates, a Washington news agency serving labor papers.

More than half of the population of the United States 16 years of age or listed as "unlabeled employed"—which means labor.

That Iwo Flag Pix Was by a Guildsman

San Francisco—The picture best of the Pacific campaign—and probably of the war—was scored by Joe Rosenthal, AP cameraman and member of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild.

The picture was the dramatic shot of U. S. Marines planting the United States flag atop Mt. Suribachi.

Rosenthal was the only civilian photographer accompanying the Marines on the invasion of the island on Tokyo's doorstep. He also secured other dramatic pictures of the two invasion.

FLOWN TO GUAM

The international date line aided Joe in his achievement; the photos for the picture pool were flown to Guam, sent by Navy radio to San Francisco, and then rushed across the nation by the various picture services by Wirephoto, Soundphoto, and Telephoto.

As the only civilian photographer ashore with the first wave on Iwo's blazing shores, Rosenthal made history. After he got out, he said, "I came away with the distinct impression that Iwo was the hottest beachhead I covered. The landings I saw at Guam, Peleliu and Anguar were pale alongside Iwo."



JOE ROSENTHAL
Also aided wounded

His two adventures weren't confined to shooting some of the best pictures that have come out of a combat area.

"I hailed a couple of medical planes," he said.

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Union-busting Lobby Still Threatens Organized Labor

The tentacles of a well-heeled anti-labor lobby still are weaving through various state legislatures, seeking to throttle labor, and labor unions, by passage of hamstringing state laws.

The line-item shifts from Texas, where the so-called Christian American Association openly was plugging for a law which would outlaw the closed shop, forbid check-off of union dues, and ban maintenance of membership agreements, among other things.

FIGHT FORECAST

A packed committee reported the bill for favorable passage—without a single Texas employer appearing to speak in favor of it. A floor fight is forecast, with all branches of organized labor prepared to talk against it.

Meanwhile, some of the pattern of the union-busting drive became more apparent when a Florida legislator, Joe C. Jenkins, sent a letter (on official stationery) to lawmakers of Maryland and Arizona outlining anti-labor legislation voted in Florida.

Jenkins is the self-confessed floor leader who secured passage in the legislature, later approved as a constitutional amendment by the voters. He offers "to furnish further information on how we handled the matter in Florida." This same state law now is before the U. S. Supreme court on a test of constitutionality.

MANY OPPOSED

The Arizona proposal, too, would ban the closed shop, and masquerades under the title of "right-to-work amendment." The Christian American outfit had boasted Arizona was another state where they would be active.

Guildsman Among 71 Prisoners Tortured and Drowned by Japs

Philadelphia — Frank O'Gara, former member of the Philadelphia Inquirer sports staff and of the Inquirer unit of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild, was one of 71 Americans deliberately drowned by the Japanese after the torpedoing of their liberty ship in the Indian Ocean last July.

The men who were drowned in the blood-curdling incident were crew members and passengers of the torpedoed S.S. Jean Nicolet. Ordered from their lifeboats to the deck of the Jap submarine, their hands were tied behind them. Torture in the form of merciless beatings was administered for four hours before the Japs slammed down the hatches and submerged.

OTHERS ESCAPE

Twenty-three other men escaped because one of the men with a concealed knife cut their bonds. They were picked up by Allied vessels after a night drift.

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At a three-day public hearing a parade of Arizona labor union members, housewives, churchmen, and veterans' organizations opposed the measure designed to destroy organized labor.

The Maryland proposal is labeled the worst of its kind by labor department officials.

TENNESSEE, TOO

Meanwhile, a similar bill was introduced in Tennessee. In fact, there were three anti-labor bills. One proposal would make detailed union financial statements available to employers.

A round of the union-busting fight was won by the Christian American crew when a bill banning the closed shop was signed into law in agricultural South Dakota. The wording was similar to measures introduced in approximately 20 legislatures.

In Georgia, however, the Christian American drive got a major setback when the Georgia house voted unanimously to withdraw the same sort of "freedom to work" bill that was passed in Florida.

PROBE IS ASKED

Minnesota labor leaders charged Senator Pappy O'Daniel of Texas and the Christian American crew are behind pending anti-labor bills, at a house labor committee hearing. A formal probe, with witnesses under oath, was demanded by CIO counsel.

In California, an anti-union campaign by the "Women of the Pacific" failed to get enough signatures on a statewide basis to win recognition for its petition. (Not a single San Diego resident signed the petition.)

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The Christian American crew is stealing a leaf from the lobbying book of Publisher Frank E. Gannett's Committee for Constitutional Government.

Gannett's outfit is seeking to put over its program through a constitutional amendment and is concentrating on state legislatures. If 32 states approve a proposed federal constitutional amendment, the Gannett group is lobbying for a 25 percent limit on federal income, inheritance and gift taxes via the state legislature route.

C. Vivian, Republican, the GOP-controlled legislature in Colorado was on the way to passing an anti-labor measure seeking to circumvent a state court decision throwing out sections of an earlier law. The state senate passed the bill 21 to 10 with only three Republicans opposing it.

NEW PARTY FORMED

Outgrowth of the anti-union campaign in Kansas was the formation of a new party called the Christian Union party. It urges laws "regulating labor" and favors company unions only.

The proposal in Kansas would have made it illegal to strike and limit union dues to \$1 per month, among other things.

In Illinois, an anti-labor bill was labeled a "legislative monstrosity" by the AFL. The proposal, the AFL declared, even would forbid tips to waitresses, payments of commissions to salesmen, and incentive and bonus payments.

Texas, home of the Christian American association, spawned more union-busting efforts. A Republican organization styled "Fight for Free Enterprise," proposed a law requiring six years residence in Texas as a qualification to hold union office. Under this law, union organizers would be made to wear bright colored hats, ranging in hue from orange to bright red and fawn.

His Work Cited

Cartoonist John Maloney, of the Los Angeles Guild, is showing the citation he received from the treasury department for a series of cartoons he is doing on war bonds. Maloney has been a regular contributor of cartoons to The Guild Reporter.

Denver Backs Wage Program

Denver — With unanimous approval of the membership, the Post unit of the Denver local has drafted amendments embodying the new ANG wage program for contract proposals to be submitted to management.

New proposals were drafted after the unit rejected the Post's proposal to renew the 1944 contract without change. The Guild had reserved the right to amend the original proposal. Edna Berger, ANG international representative, assisted the unit.

Baron Beahar and Sam Lusk of the Rocky Mountain News and Richard O'Malley of the AP unit.

The Post's counter-proposal had sought to put almost half the staff on a six-day week, canceling of vacation for any employee whose sick leave had doubled the vacation period, abolition of the maintenance of membership, and revision of the picket line clause.

Lake Superior Has Its Annual Party

Duluth, Minn. — More than a hundred Guildsmen, wives and friends attended the annual party of the Lake Superior Newspaper Guild. President Margaret Toben was in charge of the affair which resulted in several new membership applications.

Washington — The cigars were passed out by ANG President Milton Murray to announce the arrival Feb. 19 of Patricia Brophy Murray.

Patricia weighed in at 7 pounds, 14½ ounces.

Missouri Backs Rights of Labor

St. Louis, Mo. (FP) — A new constitution containing a guarantee of labor's rights to organize and bargain collectively and giving communities the right to establish inter-racial schools passed by a huge margin in a special state election Feb. 27.

The new Missouri constitution goes into effect in 30 days. The document was backed by the CIO Political Action Committee and almost all Missouri civic and liberal groups, although the major parties did not commit themselves.

Wage Minimums Are Boosted in NEA Contract

Following approval by the members involved, the 1945 contract between the American Newspaper Guild and NEA has been signed.

The new agreement for the feature syndicate provides increases in minimums, general increase, and improved holiday and overtime actions. The contract is being submitted to the Newspaper Commission for approval.

Negotiations were directed for the ANG by Joseph Colangelo, ANG director for wire services, assisted by Charles J. Nichols, member of the national wire service negotiating committee. Management was represented by Ralph Turner, business manager of NEA.

CONTRACT GAINS

Discussions were held in New York and Cleveland. Gains over the previous contract include:

Increases in the sixth and seventh year minimums for artists, newsmen and photographers from \$63 to \$65 and \$70 to \$72.50 respectively. The new \$65 minimum in the sixth year applies to bureaus in New York, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit and San Francisco, while the \$72.50 schedule applies to New York and Washington only.

Top minimum for Atlanta and Kansas City bureaus was boosted from \$55 to \$60.

RETROACTIVE BOOSTS

A general increase of \$2.15 to all employees on the payroll as of Dec. 1, 1944, effective date of the contract, also was agreed to. All increases are retroactive to the effective date.

Several classifications were eliminated or combined with other groups to insure steady progression to employees in these sections. Minimums were increased and step-ups shortened for library clerks, telephone operators and stenographers.

Memorial Services For Duluth Member

Duluth, Minn. — Memorial services were held during the annual Hibbing Elks Lodge Newspaper Guild Night for Frank Naseth, Lake Superior Newspaper Guild member killed in action in Germany.

Unfinished Business...

so long as a Jap or a German machine gun coughs from its hiding place . . . we at home know there's still a job to be done . . . a job for all Americans for the six million CIO men and women who are backing up the men doing that job on the battle lines . . . by giving generously to the Red Cross that steps beside the men going forward to victory by helping to clean up . . . UNFINISHED BUSINESS CIO backs the Red Cross because the Red Cross is at their side . . . at the front with recreation, with surgical dressings, with blood plasma . . . in the Nazi prison camps with food and medicine.

If You Didn't Get Your Cigar, Just Ask for It

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Give Now to the RED CROSS

National CIO War Relief Committee

Crusade Hits Hoodlum of Air Waves

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH FIGHTS FOR DIGNITY OF NEWS AS TREATED BY RADIO

St. Louis—the Post-Dispatch has begun a new kind of crusade, this one in behalf of the dignity of news as treated by radio. Joseph Pulitzer's paper is pursuing the matter with the same vigor it used against the Teapot Dome scandal and the Pendergast machine.

The target of the attack is the "plug-ugly," by which the paper means distasteful advertising plugs in news broadcasts.

The first editorial of the campaign, "A Suggestion to Radio," said: "NBC, Columbia, Mutual and the Blue Network (1) should stop interrupting news broadcasts with commercial plugs and (2) should stop permitting these broadcasts to be sponsored by objectionable advertisers."

In later editorials, the Post-Dispatch followed this line of reasoning: Radio is meant to operate in the public service. Broadcasting news is a major service, which often reaches sublime heights in reporting the heroic and tragic news of war.

"The public should not be compelled to listen to commercial plugs in the midst of news like this, or be nauseated by the appeals of patent medicine or cosmetic advertising."

The paper has left the problem on the networks' doorstep because, it says, the listening public expects the chains to show leadership in radio. The Post-Dispatch contends that any interruption of news is a plug-ugly—a hoodlum of the air waves.

The campaign has received wide attention from news magazines, trade papers, and other newspapers. Some of these have urged the Post-Dispatch to extend its campaign against all forms of bad taste and "excessive commercialism" in radio. This the Post-Dispatch has refused to do, clinging to the single attack on news plugs: "In a news broadcast, an objectionable plug is particularly obnoxious."

The new chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Paul Porter, indorses the plug-ugly campaign, and so did another FCC member, Ray C. Wakefield.

Porter praised radio for developing a "new dimension."

Lynn Renames Local Officers

Lynn, Mass.—New officers were installed at the annual dinner meeting of the Lynn Guild. Last year's officers were re-elected, including Charles McGhee, president, Thomas F. McGovern, vice president, Eddie Collins, secretary, and Mrs. Betty Artole Green, treasurer.

Honor guests were Larry MacLean, New England District Council executive secretary, and George Harris, Boston, ANG vice president, who spoke on progress of the council.

Harris was presented with a gift by McGhee in appreciation of past services.

Delegates elected to the Lynn Council of Labor include Fred Bowler, Eddie Collins, Ed Jaffe, Edward McDonough and McGhee. Joseph Colburn and Bowler were chosen delegates to the district council.

Neil, whose wife writes under the name of Marge Decker for the 20th Century-Fox Studios in Hollywood, calls 9826 Vidor drive, Los Angeles, his home. He is a member of the Los Angeles Guild.

He first came to Honolulu with Jack Singer, a former INS sports writer who was killed in the Pacific; Bob Miller, a United Press correspondent; and Frank Morris, Collier's magazine writer.

On a recent visit to Honolulu, his first in 25 months—he walked to the photographic counter of a drug store. "I brought some film in 30 months ago—I wonder if the prints are still here!" he asked a clerk.

The clerk produced the negatives and prints within a few minutes.

Neil stared at a picture of himself, Singer and an Army pilot. Singer had given him life in the Pacific, and the pilot was killed last year in a mission over Germany.

Neil has worked on the Los Angeles Examiner, New Orleans Item-Tribune, and the Miami Herald.

The new Guild took over the Newspaper Men's Local of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, and then voted unanimously to seek affiliation with the American Newspaper Guild.

The charter was granted at the last IEB meeting.



"The Air Hog" is the title of this cartoon, one of many used by the Post-Dispatch in its campaign to eliminate "distasteful" commercials from news broadcasts.

in reporting news, but said: "The issue is whether radio stations will cry out advertising versus indiscriminate in news broadcasts or temper them in good taste. Listeners, as our mail shows, are becoming disturbed by the increasing trend to the former practice."

An enthusiastic response came from the Association of Radio News Analysts, which represents most of the prominent radio commentators. The ARNA has had only mild success in its own fight against the interrupting "middle commercials."

Listeners quoted in the Post-Dispatch letter column complained of "awful tripe" on the air. The trade

publication, Broadcasting, indorses the Post-Dispatch editorials.

William C. D'Arcy, of the D'Arcy Advertising Co., and William A. Hart, advertising director for duPont, wrote letters criticizing plug-uglies, with D'Arcy speaking of commercials that "intrude and kill rather than excite a selling response." However, the networks and advertisers have, for the most part, remained resistant.

In interviews with executives of the four big networks, the Post-Dispatch discovered that all defended middle commercials, although one executive predicted that they would go "in time." Three networks saw no reason to distinguish between commercials in the news and in other types of programs, but Columbia already had banned patent medicine sponsorship of its network newscasts.

The Post-Dispatch observed that the chains didn't appear to want reform, didn't agree among themselves, and demanded "revolt" by the radio audience as a prerequisite for any change.

Several individual stations have eliminated the middle commercials in news. The Post-Dispatch station, KSD, did so in June, and so did WJR, Detroit. Since the editorial campaign began, similar action has been announced by WTMJ, the Milwaukee Journal station; WIBG, the Indianapolis News; KFEE, Fresno, Cal., and WCML, Ashland, Ky.

One point in the campaign is that radio income is greater than ever. Time sales by the major networks reached more than \$126,000,000 last year. The Post-Dispatch says radio may never be in a better position to refuse its newsmen's advertising and asks: "Can radio chains afford to provoke rebellion by their public for the benefit of a few pill-pluggers?"

The paper also has pointed out several times, as did FCC Chairman Porter, that Senator Wheeler had proposed legislation to forbid commercial sponsorship of radio news.

Wheeler maintained that advertisers should not be allowed to influence the reporting of news in any way. Many of those who have expressed approval of the Post-Dispatch campaign have warned broadcasters that, in the words of the paper itself, "it would be better for them to clean house, lest Congress take up the broom."

None Withdraw In Sacramento Escape Period

Sacramento — Following the precedent of other unions the strike over, not one member of the Sacramento Union unit of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild withdrew during the 15-day escape period specified in a maintenance of membership directive by the Newspaper Commission.

The period was from Feb. 5 to 20. The WLB directive ended a two-year long dispute between the Guild and Union management. Following receipt of the directive, Sacramento Union management agreed to abide by it, but to keep the record clear wrote a letter of protest to the commission.

DETROIT GUILD EXPANDS PAPER

Detroit — The Detroit Newspaper Guild's local publication, Guild News, has become a monthly four-page printed tabloid, with advertising.

WOODY GUTHRIE, great folk singer, exclusive on ASCH records, came from the Dust Bowl and is now a merchant seaman.

AND DO YOU KNOW THAT?

ASCH RECORDS feature Mountain Songs, Cowboy Songs, Square Dances (with mandolins, guitars, banjos), Jazz, Boogie Woogie, Blues, popular jazz favorites.

WRITE FOR CATALOGUE TO Stinson Trading Co. 27 UNION SQUARE WEST New York 5, N. Y.

CIO Board Will Convene Over New Pay Crisis

Washington—An extraordinary session of the CIO executive board will be held in New York starting March 10, President Philip Murray announced. Purpose of the session is to tackle the "crucial problem" workers face as a result of refusal of the WLB to raise the Little Steel formula.

Commenting on the WLB report, the CIO president said, "the situation labor now finds itself in is simply intolerable."

ATTACK REPORT

CIO members of the WLB attacked the report in a sharp, dissenting statement.

They attacked the new, trick formula used by the public members of WLB to prove that there should be no wage raises. They also attacked the suggestion in the report that wages be fixed by legislation for the postwar period. This, the CIO men said, "reflects a complete abdication of administrative responsibility and accepts an approach which cannot receive support from either industry or labor."

LOSS OF POWER

"The present situation," the CIO statement continued, "reveals a complete emasculation of the power of the board in wage disputes. Not merely have its decisions been subjected to review by the OPA and Judge Vinson, the director of economic stabilization, but it has been practically prohibited from making effective its decisions affecting wage adjustments until approval thereof is obtained from these agencies."

ANG President Milton Murray is a member of the CIO executive board.

Plainfield Is Talking Terms

Plainfield, N. J.—Negotiations have begun for an initial contract covering editorial employees of the Courier-News. Plainfield is a new unit of the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild.

Guild spokesmen are Charles Crissey, former Elizabeth president and now ANG international representative; Douglas Bailey, local vice president, and J. Robert Conroy, unit chairman.

The unit voted unanimously to incorporate the 1945 wage program into its proposals.

Bound to Hit Him



—Cartoon by John F. Malvern, Los Angeles Guild.

New Technique for Want Ads

Akron—The classified department of the Beacon-Journal has gone all out for human interest in classified ads. And the new classified ads are bringing results for advertisers.

The object is to spice up the ads, with the result that more people are reading them. There's entertainment in the classified section now, too.

The girls who write the ads are playing a game now with paper and pencil in addition to chalking up ads.

The campaign, started by Robert Wheeler, advertising manager, has captured the imagination of the readers, and the want ad takers like to try their hand at "snapping up" the want ads.

Here are some typical samples, culled from Beacon-Journal classified columns:

DRESSMAKING—Will keep you in stitches with fine work on alterations and spring suits. FR-2844.

LAUNDRY—Job-A-Doo your clothes in my tub. We'll wash and stretch your clothes. PA-333.

PAINTING—Interior. Mother nature is preparing her spring colors—are you ready? J. E. Campbell, FR-4001.

"SCOTTIE," we miss you so. Brindle. License on collar No. 491. Disappeared Feb. 7. Newark. RB-2070.

COMB spring—Everyone's fancy turns to puppy love. Here are splits, full blooded puppies. \$6. PA-333.

DON'T WANT to be behind the 8-ball? But want to buy a nice pool table. FR-5781.

WILL LADY who phoned ST-3778 regarding Milford lost at baby's, please phone again?

CIO in California Asks Acceptance of Japanese-Americans

San Francisco—The California State CIO Council has broadcast a resolution asking for wide acceptance of the war department's revocation of the exclusion of loyal Japanese-Americans from the west coast.

The resolution asks for full acceptance of the order and respect for constitutional rights of the Japanese-Americans, in line with CIO anti-discrimination policy.

The ANG convention at Milwaukee led the way with the adoption of a resolution asking the federal government to review its action in barring persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast area, with the objective of restoring them to their homes and constitutional rights.

DROP EDITION

Los Angeles—The Daily News has dropped its "swing shift" edition due to paper shortage. There will be no layoffs.

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—Cartoon by John F. Malvern, Los Angeles Guild.



Here are some of the want ad takers at the Akron Beacon-Journal who help advertisers put human interest in classified ads. Left to right are Dorothy Jessop, Rosemary Konkel and Katherine Kane. The new ads bring more readers.

Labor Department Articles Are Praised by Union Leaders

Labor leaders have lauded the special articles in The Guild Reporter on the functions of the department of labor, as contrasted with the work and activities of the departments of commerce and agriculture.

Typical of reactions was that of CIO President Philip Murray, who wrote:

"I want to congratulate you and your associates on not only the analysis of the functions of these departments, but also on the lucidity and timeliness of the presentation. This material deserves wide circulation in the labor and liberal press."

This sentiment was echoed by Clinton S. Golden, vice chairman of the War Production Board; Kermit Eby, CIO research and education director; Van A. Bittner, assistant to the president, United Steelworkers of America; and others.

Various people in government agencies, while deprecating the articles had a "constructive approach" did not wish to be quoted because of their position, and relations to the department of labor.

The Guild Reporter will give a descriptive and detailed analysis.

UNIT CHAIRMAN ARE NAMED

Philadelphia—Unit chairmen elected by members of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild for 1945 are:

Inquirer, Andrew Khinoy; Record, G. Norman Collier; Bulletin, Howard Cushman; Camden Courier-Post, George Noland; Atlantic City Press-Union, Warren Brown; Norristown Times Herald, Edgar Welsh; Chester Times, Edgar J. Magnin, Jr.; Phoenixville Daily Republican, Joseph Puleo.

The Man Behind "The Men of Malvern"

Philadelphia—John Miller, desk assistant of the Philadelphia Inquirer's "Picture Parade" section, and active member of the local Guild, quietly has been making news in other editorial fields.

For three years Miller has served gratis as managing editor of "The Men of Malvern," the new little four-page monthly published for retreatants of St. Joseph's-in-the-Hills at Malvern, Pa. Chock-full of pictures (which he takes himself) and stories about the activities of Malvern's retreatants, the paper's circulation has reached 20,000 monthly under Miller's direction.

Another Guildman, Frank Love, of the Inquirer art department, provides the monthly cartoon for "The Men of Malvern."

The retreat house itself—its membership is the largest in the U.S. and it is the only one in the world owned and operated by laymen—has just completed a record year with 6,898 men of all faiths in attendance.

Miller also handled the publicity for the Malvern committee which has set a goal of \$125,000 in war bonds for the 2,000 Men of Malvern now in service. So successful is this drive that the Men of Malvern have been asked for full information by the War Finance



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Decision Due in NLRB Hearing On Denver AP

Denver—The Guild-AP case in Denver now awaits ruling by the NLRB.

Robert Fousek, regional NLRB attorney, with headquarters in Kansas City, heard arguments here Feb. 15 and 17 and said a decision would be forthcoming soon.

The Guild case was presented by Charles A. Graham, local counsel for the ANG and former regional WLB director here, and Edna Berger, ANG international representative, with Bill Clark, chairman of the AP Guild unit, and Richard O'Malley as chief witnesses.

Robert Cavagnaro, news editor in charge of the AP Denver bureau, conducted the AP's side of the issues.

Decision is expected on two points: whether the Helena, Mont., bureau should be included in the Denver bureau unit and whether the correspondent there, John Ward, should be classed as an executive not covered by Guild contract terms. Cavagnaro argued for a separate unit for Helena and for exclusion of the correspondent.

The Guild, opposing these contentions, asserted the Helena bureau is completely managed by the Denver bureau manager, even to approval of payrolls and overtime claims. Since the one-man Cheyenne, Wyo., bureau is being included in the Denver Guild unit without further opposition, the Guild held that the Helena bureau also should be included.

Guildsman Got Famous Iwo Jima

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corpman sweating and sliding along the loose sand bearing a wounded man. One of them let me know with profanity that a picture was the last thing they wanted, and would I stick my camera away and lend them a hand.

"It was the toughest piece of work I ever have done," he said. Four of the medical corpman were casualties when Joe was called on to lug a stretcher instead of a bag of plates.

The early landing was extremely difficult, he reported. Joe's landing craft was afloat for nearly six hours before the beach was cleared sufficiently to permit landing at the north beachhead, which was flanked on the right by a cliff bristling with mortars and heavy guns.

The terraced slopes were full of snipers. Guildman Rosenthal came off of Iwo with some of the most dramatic art that has come from a battlefield, including the dramatic shot of Marines planting the United States flag on Mt. Suribachi.

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SFONG Prexies Wear No Man's Collar — But There's That Fancy Tie

By PAT FRAYNE
San Francisco-Oakland Guild

One of the requisites of being president of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild is that you wear no man's collar.

Yet at the same time your insignia of office is the Newspaper Tie.

For the Newspaper Tie—an actual necktie created by the Parisian house of Charvet et Fils, Inc.—is completing its tenth year of duty and tradition.

NOW A TRADITION

It is traced from president to president in the annual inaugural ceremony. The president wears it at all general membership meetings. It is just a little whimsy which in 10 years has become a local tradition.

The Newspaper Tie is made of silk on which is impressed newspaper clippings, headings and vignettes from newspapers all over the world. And, of course, in the many languages of the world.

The Newspaper Tie was purchased in Paris in 1935 by Morton Downey, the Sinatra of his time. The singer bought it as a gift to William Randolph Hearst, Jr., then publisher of the New York American. Hearst in turn gave it to the late Ed Frayne, sports editor of the American, who in a brotherly gesture sent it to me.

STARTED IN PARADE

The Guild in 1936 was in its knickerbockers as a union, and was making its first appearance in a Labor Day parade. A little more than a dozen guildsmen and guildwomen assembled in Drumm Street on that Labor Day for the parade.

The late Howard Hill of the editorial department of the Oakland Post-Enquirer was the 1936 president of the struggling Guild. As our leader I presented him with the necktie to wear in the parade as at least one thing symbolic of our profession. It attracted sufficient interest for Hill to propose that it henceforth be an accolade of the office.

So, it has since been passed with a few fitting remarks from president to president as reminiscent of our harder days.

OTHER WEARERS

After Hill the next wearers of the tie were Dave Young and Pat Casey. Then before we were officially at war, Capt. Luther Meyer was called to Alaska, and the late Eric Erickson succeeded him in mid-term.

Then Art Gilbert was the president who donned the tie. Chief Radioman Jack McDonald, USN, passed it early in 1942 to Ed McQuade. For the years of 1943-44 Bill Ryan displayed its sartorial splendor for two administrations.

More recently the Newspaper Tie descended on the shoulders—and neck—of Al Diymann (Call Bulletin) as part of the equipment of best dressed presidents.

The chaste whiteness of its initial appearance is showing signs of yellowing, which we hope will not leave us eventually open to a charge of endorsing yellow journalism.

Former Guild Leader Made Managing Editor

St. Paul—Fred S. Haeberlin has been named managing editor of the St. Paul Dispatch in a series of recent staff changes.

Although he got an honorable discharge a year ago when he became assistant managing editor, Haeberlin looks back to considerable activity as a member of the Twin Cities local.

As treasurer of the Dispatch-Pioneer Press unit, Haeberlin ran up the best dues collection record



Here is the Newspaper Tie, badge of office of presidents of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild.

California Guilds To Eye Legislation

Stockton, Calif.—The Northern California District Council has set up machinery to keep California locals informed on legislation in Sacramento affecting Guild contracts.

Members of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild in the capital city will serve as a committee to notify other Guilds in the state particularly if adverse legislation is threatened.

The program will not involve all labor legislation as the state CIO council has effective representation in Sacramento for this work.

New Home Planned For Sacramento Bee

Sacramento—After the war, the Sacramento Bee will be housed in a new building, designed to be the last word in newspaper plants. Special employee facilities will include a cafeteria and recreation room.

CIRCULATION FROZEN

Omaha—The World-Herald has frozen its circulation because of newsprint problems.

Picket, Boycott Upheld By California Court

Los Angeles (FP)—In the first case of its kind to come before the state supreme court, the right of peaceful picketing and boycotting was upheld for unions.

The local at a time before the unit had a Guild shop contract. He was a delegate to the 1938 convention.

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NLRB Hearing Held to Decide Worcester Unit

Worcester, Mass.—An NLRB decision is awaited on the bargaining unit and setting a date for election to determine the collective bargaining agent among editorial employees of the Telegram and Gazette following a three-day hearing.

Management sought to include in the bargaining unit all executives from the editor down, together with a long list of so-called country correspondents who were alleged to be full-time employees.

Some of the correspondents the company contended were full time employees of the papers were a police chief of a nearby town, a veteran postal clerk, three mill hands, a practicing attorney, and a clerk of district court.

Previous bargaining history showed that the management had sought to exclude from coverage of a Guild contract in 1939 not only all the executives it now wishes to include, but also all out of town correspondents.

Sam Angoff, Massachusetts labor attorney, represented the Guild at the NLRB hearing.

No Progress in Hearst Parleys

Negotiations for the renewal of the Hearst National Memorandum were held Feb. 23 and 24 without visible progress being made.

In the absence of Harvey Kelly, national labor counsel for the Hearst management, sessions were recessed until March 9, in New York, when Kelly is due back from the west coast.

KNOXVILLE CASE SENT TO COMMISSION

Washington—The dispute between the Knoxville Guild and the News-Sentinel has been certified by the WLB to the Newspaper Commission. Six points are in dispute.

EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

Sacramento, Calif. (FP)—The number of persons working in shipyards in California has declined 18 percent since 1943, and the number in aircraft plants has dropped 29 percent, the state department of employment reported.

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Two Guild members have been awarded the Bronze Star, eighth highest Army award, given for "heroic or meritorious service against the enemy, not involving aerial flight."

The two Guildsmen are: Pfc. Robert S. Ball.

Maj. Riley F. McKay.

Ball is a member of the Detroit Newspaper Guild, and McKay of the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild. Ball's award, "for bravery under fire," came when he volunteered to run a light communication wire after German interference jammed the radio frequency of a rifle platoon in the drive on Germany last November.

Ball was a battalion runner in the drive headed by Gen. Patton. The citation stated that "his every move spotted by the enemy through a clear field of observation, Pfc. Ball braved mines, mortars and artillery."

"Success of this hazardous mission enabled the battalion commander to communicate with the beleaguered platoon and to dispatch needed reinforcements."

Ball also won the Combat Infantry Badge. He since has been transferred to the division's special service office, where he is working on the division's publication.

Maj. McKay won the Bronze Star, and also the Purple Heart, "for gallantry in action" in January, somewhere in the Philippines. He was on night patrol in a jeep when infiltrating Japanese troops tossed a grenade into the back of his jeep, wounding McKay and burning up the jeep.

U. S. infantry began shooting, and morning disclosed six dead Japs within 10 yards of the jeep, with 64 killed in all. McKay since has returned to duty.

Officers of New Gary Local



Above are officers of the newly-chartered Newspaper Guild of Gary. Left to right are Harold Andrews, secretary; Joseph Kutch, vice president; Charles Smith, president; and Erwin C. Rosenau, treasurer. President Smith is a photographer for the Gary Post-Tribune. The local formerly was a unit of the Northwestern Indiana Newspaper Guild.

Gannett Plan to Help Heavy Taxpayers Is Defeated in N. Y.

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The resolution for the Gannett amendment was introduced here by Sen. William Bewley (R) and strongly defended by Majority Leader Benjamin F. Feinberg, spokesman for Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Startling even Republicans, Feinberg insisted that the

Approval by 32 states is needed before calling a constitutional convention to make the change.

INCLUDE BONUSES IN COMPUTING OVERTIME PAY, COURT RULES

New York (FP)—Bonuses must be included in the regular rate of pay when overtime wages are computed, employers engaged in interstate commerce were instructed in a decision rendered by Judge Harold M. Kennedy of Brooklyn U.S. district court.

"The importance of this decision cannot be over-emphasized," said Regional Wage-Hour Director Arthur J. White. "Our inspectors are finding that more and more employers are resorting to bonuses as additional compensation to employees but do not include these bonuses in the regular rate of pay when computing overtime and are, therefore, found in violation. This decision should clarify this issue."

The decision was made in a civil action brought by the wage-hour division against the Richmond Screw & Anchor Co. of Brooklyn. The government contended that since the bonus had been systematically paid by the company since 1943, it was part of the employee's actual and regular compensation.

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I am sure that this is merely an oversight on your part, but I request that the story be corrected so that it is not inferred that I voted against support of Harry Bridges.

I am sure that most of the Guild members are aware that I have consistently supported the CIO policy of urging that the deportation order against Bridges be dropped; since I am convinced that these charges were brought about by a coalition of reactionary AFL unionists and employers and that Brother Bridges has been persecuted as have few other American labor leaders. Likewise, in my opinion, the Guild owes to Brother Bridges a long-standing debt for the firm and unwavering support which he gave to our organization in the early days of its struggle on the west coast.

I am strongly in support of the position taken by CIO President Philip Murray, who has stated publicly as well as privately that he felt that the attack against Bridges represents an attack against the labor movement and against the unity of our country in time of war.

Had I been present, I would have voted for the motion to support the fight that our CIO is carrying on in behalf of Brother Bridges.

Please do not construe this to be a criticism or reflection upon The Guild Reporter, because it is easy to understand how such an oversight could occur.

GEORGE E. HUTCHINSON,
International Vice President,
American Newspaper Guild.

GANNETT ASKS: WHAT'S GOING ON?

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
What's going on, anyway? I come home from the wars, pick up my Guild Reporter and it looks like early 1941 all over again, with a difference.

I like Milton Murray's vigorous defense of his reporter's right. As much as he, I hate political cantage; I don't like people who take one attitude in public and another in private.

But I also find in my Guild Reporter a denunciation of open opposition to CIO official policy as "treacherous." And personally I'm not sure that the CIO position on the May bill is right. I'm very sure it's unpopular in the Army. And I don't know anything in

Guild, or CIO, history, that justifies denunciation of open support of that bill by CIO members as "treacherous," "disruptive," etc. GIs who have been drafted, and seen other draftees killed, aren't much upset at the idea that people of their own age who aren't living in foxholes and aren't meeting enemy fire might be shoved around a bit.

Maybe the May bill needs amendment in detail. But what's wrong with the principle "work or fight"? From an overseas perspective it looks sound. Labor and the CIO and the Newspaper Guild, I fear, are giving themselves a black eye by letting themselves be flung into seeming to oppose it.

The wise line would be to revive the old battle to draft capital too. GIs would understand that.

A GI reading Lloyd K. Garrison's statement that profits "stand at their highest peak in history" is likely to think rather "let's tax that out of them" than "let's convert it into wages." He feels he's making a sacrifice, and doesn't see why civilians, including working men, shouldn't be squeezed too. Is he wrong?

LEWIS GANNETT,
Herald Tribune Unit,

MEN IN SERVICE INTERESTED IN NEWS

CAMP BLANDING, ILL.
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Don't let anyone tell you that the boys in the armed forces aren't concerned about the news.

Everyday, the news is spread by a grapevine system. Every inch of ground gained by the fighting men of all the allied nations finds favor in the eyes of the boys. The Army itself realizes how intensely interested the boys are in world developments.

To make sure that every Joe will be well informed, it has become a policy that at an orientation class daily a lieutenant shall read a news digest.

Newspapermen need not be afraid that the returning veterans from this war will not be news conscious. Undoubtedly, they will be the best reading public of a free press in American history.

Pvt. NORMAN SHIGON,
Philadelphia-Camden Guild.

HOWE DISAGREES; HE'S FOR G.R. HEADLINE

BOSTON.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
This is just to record me as in complete disagreement with Brother Van Metre of Cleveland who didn't like The Guild Reporter's headline which read "Papers Coining Money as Lid Is Put on Pay."

Doesn't Brother Van Metre know that newspapers ARE coining money and the government has put a LID on pay? That headline was down the line of truth. That's all.

AMASA HOWE,
President,
Newspaper Guild of Boston.

URGES PROTECTION FOR NEWSMEN

NEW YORK.
Editor, GUILD REPORTER:
The United Nations security conference to be held in San Francisco April 25, affords the Guild an opportunity to contribute its advice and competent co-operation by way of our state department in Washington, in regard to the crucial question of the so-called freedom of information and censorship problems.

I have spent more than a quarter century in the gathering and distribution of world news, and it would seem to me that the Guild must take a realistic attitude and try to produce a practical plan of action.

In my humble opinion I suggest an international convention, patterned, perhaps, after the universally recognized and respected Red Cross convention, which would protect the person and property, literary and material, of

bona fide newspapermen, engaged in the gathering and distribution of bona fide news throughout the civilized world.

To that end I recommend, further, that IEB immediately appoint a select committee of experts to collaborate with our state department in the drafting of such a convention for the universal protection of newspapermen and their property, and, moreover, consult with similar newspaper-trades unions abroad to bring about speedy ratification of the proposed pact as well as to obtain their views and recommendations, if any.

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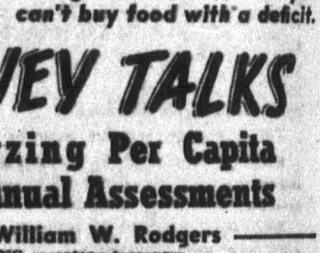
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The Donnelly firm — Lakeside Press — had been notorious as the chief open shop in the printing trades.

ADmits POLICY

The case had been pressed by the organization committee of the Chicago Printing Trades Union, representing 16 AFL unions.

The NLRB decision quoted T. E. Donnelly, chairman of the board of directors, as frankly describing the company's policy for years thus:

"Only people who were not members of the union could work in the place and they thoroughly understood it; everybody understood it. If a man joined a union he was discharged."

FOREMEN AIDED

The board also found that foremen "regularly were schooled in the company's official anti-union philosophy and arguments," that the supervisors were expected and authorized to use.

The company was ordered to: Stop questioning and harassing employees on their union activities. End its system of reporting employees' union activities.

Cease instructing foremen to make statements to employees concerning labor organizations. Discontinue discouraging membership in the unions involved.

Reinstate one employee with back pay.

Meanwhile, the Donnelly firm agreed to negotiate with locals of the International Printing Pressmen and Assistants Union, International Photo Engravers Union, International Association of Machinists and Amalgamated Lithographers (all AFL).

The unions were certified by the NLRB as collective bargaining representatives of about 2,000 of the 5,000 employees at Lakeside Press.

CANADA UNIONS GAIN

Toronto—Union membership in Canada has increased by more than 85 percent since the war started.

Editor



T/Sgt. Jack Werfel (above), former reporter and feature writer for the Cleveland Press, has completed his initial Army hitch at Perry Air Field, Florida. A member of the Cleveland Guild, Werfel is chief of the ground training section, editor of the camp paper, "Take Off," and correspondent for Yank.

PORTLAND AND BROCKTON TO FILE APPEALS

Boston—Guild locals in Portland, Maine, and Brockton, Mass., have voted to appeal directives of the Newspaper Commission which denied wage minimums agreed upon in negotiations.

In each case the managements have indicated willingness to join the Guild in appeals to the National War Labor Board.

The office of the New England District Council is preparing the appeals.

SPONG Rejects 2 Assessment Proposals, Supports Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO—Four policy matters were taken to the membership for action in referendum vote by the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild.

Two assessment proposals were defeated by narrow margins. One provided that each member be assessed \$1 for a ticket to the 1945 Guild Prolica, and the other was for a local assessment to bolster the SPONG defense fund. Members voted to approve the action of the executive committee

In taking the president of the United States and the U. S. attorney general to dismiss deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union (CIO).

Also approved was a by-laws change to elect local officers in January instead of March.

More plasma is needed now. Go to your blood bank today.

Ramsey City Ed Of Chicago Sun

Chicago—Paul W. Ramsey, a Guild member, has been named city editor of the Chicago Sun, succeeding Thomas G. Michelson, who has resigned. Ramsey has taken an honorable withdrawal card from the Guild.

Ramsey came to the Sun from the Philadelphia Inquirer.

ORDER DISMISSED
An NLRB order for an election at Daily Racing Tab in New York has been dismissed without prejudice as the publication no longer is being published.

HOW YOUR UNION DUES ARE SPENT

—AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD— STATEMENT OF CONDITION, JAN. 31, 1945

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash in Bank	\$35,540.04	Payroll Taxes	\$ 264.88
Petty Cash Fund	90.00	Due to Locals	321.75
Advances Receivable	9,455.24	Bills and Exchanges Pay	58.63
Security Deposit—Post Office	75.00		
Security Deposit—American Airlines	425.00		
		TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 645.26
TOTAL ASSETS	\$39,915.28	FINANCIAL SURPLUS	\$39,270.02
		SURPLUS AND RESERVES:	
		General Surplus	\$34,914.02
		Reserve for 1945 Convention	2,700.00
		Reserve for Officers	1,656.00
		Severance Pay	1,656.00
		TOTAL SURPLUS AND RESERVES	\$39,270.02

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOV. 1, 1944, TO JAN. 31, 1945

INCOME:		Nov. Dec. Jan.	
Per Capita	\$32,868.80		
Initiation Fees	1,300.25		
Reinstatement Fees	260.13		
Assessments (Organizing)	17,091.45		
"Guild Reporter"	67.48		
Miscellaneous	118.46		
TOTAL INCOME	\$51,266.57		
EXPENSES:		BUDGET	
	ACTUAL	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
	3rd Quarter	Nov. 1, '44, to	Feb. 1 to
	Nov. 31, '45	Jan. 31, '45	Apr. 30, '45
Per Capita to CIO	\$1,659.60	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Executive:			
Officers—Salary	2,730.00	2,730.00	2,730.00
—Expenses	110.70	500.00	500.00
Total Executive	\$2,840.70	\$3,230.00	\$3,230.00
Organization:			
International Representatives—Salaries	\$5,250.00	\$7,865.00	\$7,865.00
—Expenses	2,040.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Salary—Secretary-Stenographer	390.00	390.00	390.00
Publications	48.20	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	2,533.58	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Organization	\$10,252.47	\$14,255.00	\$14,255.00
Research:			
Salary—Director	\$780.00	\$780.00	\$780.00
—Assistant	180.00	780.00	780.00
—Sec'y-Steno.	455.00	455.00	455.00
Travel		150.00	150.00
Printing and Publications	3.30	300.00	300.00
Books and Periodicals	177.15	75.00	75.00
Contract Survey	4.25		
Miscellaneous		75.00	75.00
Total Research	\$1,599.70	\$2,615.00	\$2,615.00
Administration:			
Salaries—Office Manager	\$ 617.50	\$ 682.50	\$ 682.50
—Bookkeeping Department	2,643.50	2,632.00	2,632.50
—Secretary-Stenographer	520.00	520.00	520.00
Overtime	141.42	100.00	100.00
Rent	1,000.02	1,000.00	1,000.00
Stationery and Supplies	537.46	500.00	500.00
Telephone	493.80	450.00	450.00
Telegraph	393.59	350.00	350.00
Postage	569.74	500.00	500.00
Legal	944.80	1,000.00	1,000.00
Auditing	150.00	150.00	150.00
Repairs and Maintenance	89.47	75.00	75.00
Compensation Insurance	102.65		
Miscellaneous	103.81	150.00	150.00
Total Administrative	\$8,218.06	\$8,010.00	\$8,110.00
Other:			
Guild Reporter (Schedule 1)	\$5,844.03	\$5,875.00	\$5,875.00
Payroll Taxes	456.01	700.00	700.00
W.L.B. Meetings	2,102.80	1,500.00	1,500.00
W.L.B. Expense (net)	25.12	500.00	500.00
Donations	51.00	75.00	75.00
Delegates and Committees	247.81	500.00	500.00
Vacation and Severance Pay	850.00		
1944 Convention	190.38		
Miscellaneous (Contingencies)	149.35	1,500.00	1,500.00
Reserve for 1945 Convention	900.00	900.00	900.00
Reserve for Severance Pay	156.00	156.00	156.00
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I am strongly in support of the position taken by CIO President Philip Murray, who has stated publicly as well as privately that he felt that the attack against Bridges represents an attack against the labor movement and against the unity of our country in time of war.

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I like Milton Murray's vigorous defense of his reporter's right. As much as he, I hate political camouflage; I don't like people who take one attitude in public and another in private.

But I also find in my Guild Reporter a denunciation of open opposition to CIO official policy as "treacherous." And personally I'm not sure that the CIO position on the May bill is right. I'm very sure it's unpopular in the Army. And I don't know anything in

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GI's who have been drafted, and seen other draftees killed, aren't much upset at the idea that people of their own age who aren't living in foxholes and aren't meeting enemy fire might be shoved around a bit.

Maybe the May bill needs amendment in detail. But what's wrong with the principle "work or fight"? From an overseas perspective it looks sound. Labor and the CIO and the Newspaper Guild: I fear, are giving themselves a black eye by letting themselves be imagined into seeming to oppose it.

The wise line would be to revive the old battle to draft capital too. GI's would understand that.

A GI reading Lloyd K. Garrison's statement that profits "stand at their highest peak in history" is likely to think rather "let's tax that out of them" than "let's convert it into wages." He feels he's making a sacrifice, and doesn't see why civilians, including working men, shouldn't be squeezed too. Is he wrong?

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SAN FRANCISCO—Four policy matters were taken to the membership for action in referendum vote by the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild.

Two assessment proposals were defeated by narrow margins. One provided that each member be assessed \$1 for a ticket to the 1945 Guild Frolics, and the other was for a local assessment to bolster the SPONG defense fund.

Members voted to approve the action of the executive committee

in asking the president of the United States and the U. S. attorney general to dismiss deportation proceedings against Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union (CIO).

Also approved was a by-laws change to elect local officers in January instead of March.

More plasma is needed now. Go to your blood bank today.

Ramsey City Ed Of Chicago Sun

Chicago—Paul W. Ramsey, a Guild member, has been named city editor of the Chicago Sun, succeeding Thomas G. Michelmore, who has resigned. Ramsey has taken an honorable withdrawal card from the Guild.

Ramsey came to the Sun from the Philadelphia Inquirer.

ORDER DISMISSED
An NLRB order for an election at Daily Racing Tab in New York has been dismissed without prejudice as the publication no longer is being published.

HOW YOUR UNION DUES ARE SPENT

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD — STATEMENT OF CONDITION, JAN. 31, 1945

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Cash in Bank \$35,840.04	Payroll Taxes \$ 264.88
Petty Cash Fund 90.00	Due to Locals 321.75
Advances Receivable 3,465.24	Bills and Exchanges Pay 50.63
Security Deposit—Post Office 15.00	
Security Deposit—American Alliance 425.00	
	TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 637.26

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SURPLUS AND RESERVES:
General Surplus \$34,914.02
Reserve for 1945 Convention 2,700.00
Reserve for Officers 1,664.00
Severance Pay 1,664.00
TOTAL SURPLUS AND RESERVES \$39,278.02

COME AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOV. 1, 1944, TO JAN. 31, 1945

Nov., Dec., Jan.	Nov. 1, '44, to Jan. 31, '45	3rd Quarter Nov. 1, '44, to Jan. 31, '45	4th Quarter Feb. 1 to Apr. 30, '45
\$32,265.82	1,300.25	780.00	780.00
1,300.25	260.12	455.00	455.00
260.12	17,091.45	150.00	150.00
17,091.45	67.48	300.00	300.00
67.48	118.46	75.00	75.00
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	\$51,206.57		

ACTUAL 3rd Quarter Nov. 1, '44, to Jan. 31, '45 \$1,659.60

BUDGET 3rd Quarter Nov. 1, '44, to Jan. 31, '45 \$1,500.00

4th Quarter Feb. 1 to Apr. 30, '45 \$1,500.00

2,730.00 2,730.00 2,730.00

\$2,840.70 \$3,230.00 \$3,230.00

\$5,250.00 \$7,865.00 \$7,865.00

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\$5,644.63 \$5,875.00 \$5,875.00

455.01 700.00 700.00

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25.12 500.00 500.00

51.00 500.00 500.00

507.91 500.00 500.00

850.00 500.00 500.00

180.38 1,500.00 1,500.00

149.38 900.00 900.00

900.00 156.00 156.00

156.00 156.00 156.00

\$11,022.63 \$11,706.00 \$11,706.00

\$35,593.16 \$41,316.00 \$41,416.00

\$15,613.41

EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSE

SCHEDULE 1—NET COST GUILD REPORTER:

Jan. 31, '45 \$1,100.00

Apr. 30, '45 \$1,105.00

845.00 845.00

825.00 825.00

2,200.00 2,200.00

850.00 850.00

50.00 50.00

225.00 225.00

75.00 75.00

\$5,644.03 \$5,875.00 \$5,875.00

TOTAL

MICRODEX CORRECTION GUIDE (M-9)

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Do not be misled by the fact that the current audit report shows an excess of income over expenses amounting to \$15,613.41. That excess results from the collection of \$17,091.45 from the three "organization" assessments.

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Now You See It, Now You Don't; Guild Appeals

Atlantic City, N. J.—Acting on behalf of its Atlantic City unit, the Philadelphia-Camden Guild has filed an appeal from a ruling of the Newspaper Commission disallowing an extra day's pay for an employee working on a holiday to which he is entitled.

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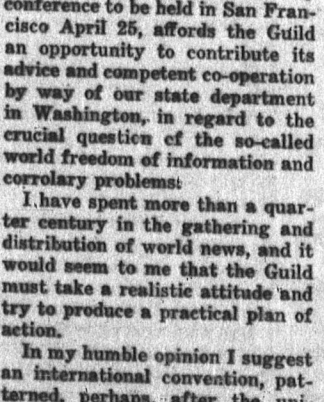
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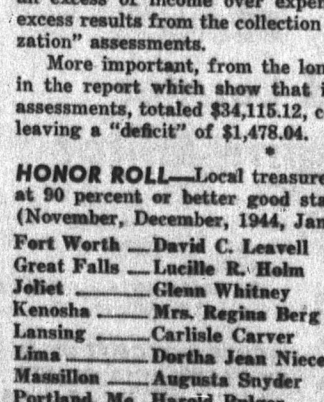
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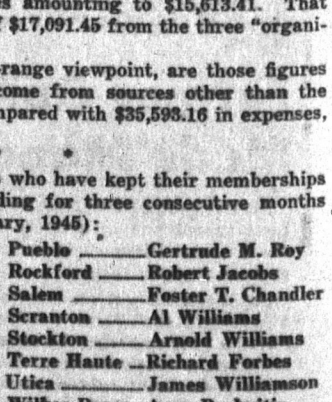
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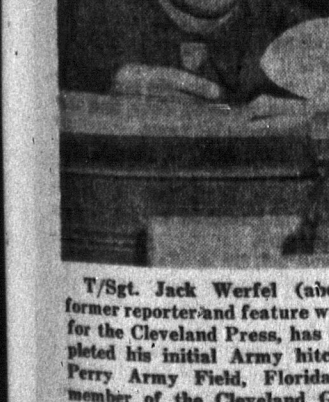
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The office of the New England District Council is preparing the appeals.

Two assessment proposals were defeated by narrow margins. One provided that each member be assessed \$1 for a ticket to the 1945 Guild Frolics, and the other was for a local assessment to bolster the SPONG defense fund. Members voted to approve the action of the executive committee.

Also approved was a by-laws change to elect local officers in January instead of March.

More plasma is needed now. Go to your blood bank today.

HOW YOUR UNION DUES ARE SPENT

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD — STATEMENT OF CONDITION, JAN. 31, 1945

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$35,840.04
Petty Cash Fund	95.00
Advances Receivable	3,485.24
Security Deposit—Post Office	75.00
Security Deposit—American Airlines	425.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$39,915.28

LIABILITIES

Payroll Taxes	\$ 364.80
Due to Locals	321.75
Bills and Exchange Pay	50.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 687.18

FINANCIAL SURPLUS

\$39,228.10

SURPLUS AND RESERVES:

General Surplus	\$34,914.02
Reserve for 1945 Convention	2,700.00
Reserve for Officers	1,664.00
Severance Pay	—
TOTAL SURPLUS AND RESERVES	\$39,278.02

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOV. 1, 1944, TO JAN. 31, 1945

INCOME:

Nov., Dec., Jan.	Nov. 1, '44, to Jan. 31, '45
\$32,368.80	\$32,368.80
Per Capita	1,300.25
Initiation Fee	266.13
Reinstatement Fees	17,091.45
Assessments (Organizing)	67.48
Guild Reporter*	118.46
Miscellaneous	—
TOTAL INCOME	\$51,206.57

EXPENSES:

Nov., Dec., Jan.	Nov. 1, '44, to Jan. 31, '45
\$1,639.60	\$1,639.60
Executive:	2,730.00
Officers—Salary	500.00
—Expenses	110.70
Total Executive	\$2,840.70
Organization:	\$2,250.00
International Representatives—Salaries	\$7,865.00
—Expenses	4,500.00
Discontinue discouraging membership in the unions involved	390.00
Publications	500.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
Total Organization	\$19,255.47
Research:	\$780.00
Salary—Director	780.00
—Assistant	455.00
—Sec'y-Steno.	455.00
Total Research	\$1,590.00
Travel:	3.30
Printing and Publications	177.15
Books and Periodicals	4.25
Contract Survey	—
Miscellaneous	—
Total Travel	\$2,615.00
Administrative:	\$ 683.00
Office Manager	2,632.00
Bookkeeping Department	520.00
Secretary-Stenographer	1,000.00
Overtime	537.46
Stationery and Supplies	493.50
Telephone	393.59
Postage	569.74
Legal	944.50
Auditing	150.00
Repairs and Maintenance	89.67
Compensation Insurance	102.65
Miscellaneous	103.81
Total Administrative	\$8,215.06
Other:	\$5,644.03
Guild Reporter (Schedule 1)	455.01
Payroll Taxes	2,102.50
I.E.B. Meetings	26.12
W.L.B. Expense (net)	51.00
Donations	507.91
Delegates and Committees	850.00
Vacation and Severance Pay	160.38
1944 Convention	140.38
Miscellaneous (Contingencies)	900.00
Reserve for 1945 Convention	156.00
Reserve for Severance Pay	—
Total Other	\$11,022.63
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$35,593.16
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENSE	\$15,613.41

SCHEDULE 1—NET COST GUILD REPORTER:

Jan. 31, '45	Apr. 30, '45
\$1,190.00	\$1,105.00
Salary—Editor	845.00
—Assistant	325.00
—Clerical	2,200.00
Printing	850.00
Mailing and Postage	50.00
Subscriptions	225.00
Pictures and Special Material	200.00
Engraving	75.00
Miscellaneous	—
TOTAL	\$5,875.00

Caught ON THE RUN

"A surprising development in the broadcasting industry this year is the sudden cordiality of the major networks toward organized labor."

That's the belief of the New Republic (Feb. 12), which adds that: "In a period when commercial sponsors are literally standing in line to purchase radio time, the networks are rolling out the red carpet for the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labor, offering coast-to-coast facilities for weekly broadcasts, and without time costs."

So you can hear two national weekly broadcasts by the CIO and one by the AFL.

Both CIO programs are on Saturdays, one on CBS at 3:45 p. m., EWT, the other on the Blue network at 6:45 p. m., EWT.

The AFL program is on NBC at 1:15 p. m., EWT, on Sundays. (Because some stations carry this broadcast at later time by transcription, listeners are urged to check their local listings for the time.)

The federal civil service department of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians (CIO) is sponsoring legislation for wage increases that follow the ANG 1945 wage program.

Then there was the analyst at the Newspaper Commission who marked a voluntary agreement for denial.

Kenneth Crouse, acting on the case, figured it could be approved. Finally he asked the analyst to show him the regulation in the thick volume of stabilization orders whereby this couldn't be approved.

The analyst couldn't find a rule to back up her decision.

So the case came out again marked OK, and the analyst said: "On the basis of new information supplied by Mr. Crouse, this case can be approved."

The U.S. Conciliation Service is the only government agency labor deals with where one doesn't have to fill out a form. The conciliators do it instead.

Last year this branch of the department of labor settled 16,500 disputes involving 6,000,000 workers.

One local prints its shop papers on paper of various colors, and there's a reason. As soon as the shop paper is out, the boss sends

out a few willing squirrels to gather samples of this Guild handiwork.

As the squirrels report in, the observant boss keeps asking for copies of the documents in other colors. This device makes the squirrels hustle for their pat on the head.

The department of labor notes (after making a survey) that you have a better chance of getting a paid vacation if you're under a union contract.

In official language: "A much higher proportion of union establishments had paid vacation provisions than did non-union establishments."

Oldtimers will remember that earliest Guild contracts brought improved vacation provisions and later pioneered in paid vacations better than two weeks.

When the OPA and WPB worked on a program to roll back clothing prices in the low-cost field, they gave each item a number and a letter to assist in filling priorities. "Women's rayon nighties, outsize," got this designation: B-29.

Daniel W. Tracy, assistant secretary of labor, reports that the wage-hour and public contracts divisions last year found that some \$18,000,000 in back wages is owed to more than 500,000 workers, many of whom were paid less than the 40 cents per hour minimum under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Betty Wood, Chicago Local Treasurer, to Take New York Job

Chicago—Betty Wood, treasurer of the Chicago local, has resigned as copyreader for Chicago Sun's Book Week to take a position in New York City with John Hanrahan Associates, public relations organization. She will take an honorable withdrawal card from the Guild, having been a Guild member since 1942.

After serving as secretary-treasurer of the Sun unit, she was chosen local treasurer, serving three terms. Miss Wood has been active in local organization and negotiations.

Last fall she was defeated by Eleanor Coakley, Toledo, for ANG vice president.

ON WORK-OR-JAIL LEGISLATION

Why Is Finger Put on Labor With War Profiteers Ignored?

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

Washington—When the new drive for work-or-jail legislation began, this reporter, like a lot of other people here, felt that judgment ought to be suspended until the Army had a chance to prove its case.

Well, many long weeks have elapsed. There has been a grim procession of witnesses to Capitol Hill. We have heard an angry

name of the men who are giving their lives for 50 bucks a month, that we proceed at once to conscript capital and stop the profiteer holiday.

In the context of such an appeal he could have convincingly demanded at the same time the enactment of work-or-jail legislation.

COULD HAVE GONE ALONG

If he had done that, many men would have been ready to go along with him, regardless of his failure to show how lack of such legislation had menaced production. We would have gone along simply because such a gesture would have been a genuine demonstration to the men in service that equality of sacrifice is beginning at home.

He didn't. Had he done so, the editorial writers would have protested pas-

sionately, congressmen would have cried "socialism," the leaders of the drive for national service would suddenly have been silent.

It is impolite and insurrectionary to discuss the profiteer parade. Give labor the works. Make the war plant workers feel like heels. Tell them they are letting down the boys at the front. Incite the families of servicemen against them.

Talk about silk shirts, high wages, "loafing."

Is the steel industry fighting for new price-increases? Are the meat packers earning seven times their pre-war profits? Are department store profits up 1038 per cent?

So what? Do you want to destroy free enterprise?

WASHINGTON ROUND-UP

radio address by Secretary of War Stimson. The New York Times and the Daily Worker have beat their editorial drums for the plan in happy harmony with each other.

NOISE BUT NO FACTS

But as the controversy nears final legislative action the evidence presented by sponsors of the program still looks woefully weak. There has been a vast roar of noise, a pathetic paucity of facts.

Inevitably the suspicion has grown that many of the advocates of the initial legislation either do not know why they want it enacted or are reluctant to state their reasons.

NO EXAMPLES

As far as I have been able to discover, none of the work-or-jail cheer-leaders have been able to come up with concrete examples to show how our fighting-men have suffered because of labor's home-front alleged failures.

Nobody has pointed to plants and places in which shortages of men have jeopardized our troops. Everybody, from Jimmy Byrnes down, keeps repeating that we have met all demands so far . . . but . . .

The "but" is ominously recited. But no details.

Nevertheless, despite the failure of military and civilian leaders to document their demand, one other argument seemed fairly compelling. They said work-or-jail legislation would "help morale" at the front. It would give servicemen a new deeper confidence in the home-front. It would show our readiness to share, in so far as we are able to do so behind the lines, the terrible burdens of war.

STARTS ASKING

I think I was being pretty effectively moved by that argument until I read Mr. Stimson's speech. Then I decided it was time for newspapermen to stop hushing their mouths on this issue and to start asking questions.

Why was the secretary of war addressing himself to the families of servicemen in tones that could only intensify the breach between the fighting front and the production front?

Why did he cite the greater sacrifices being made by servicemen in contrast with the hardships faced by war workers when he could have drawn an infinitely more dramatic contrast between the plight of our fighting-men and the profits of our industrialists?

Why, in short, did he point the finger at labor and ignore the profiteers?

I believe the secretary of war could have made an eloquent, unanswerable plea for national service.

He could have cited the huge and swelling war profits of American industry and pointed out that reports of these profits are demoralizing men at the front.

He could have demanded, in

AMONG OURSELVES



Augie Karchner, former Sioux City Journal reporter, has become sports editor of the Marshalltown Times-Republican. . . . John Stichnoth, former Sioux City Journal reporter, now with AP at Lincoln, Neb., and also attending University of Nebraska.

Hal Weller, San Francisco-Oakland Guild recording secretary, has been elected to board of directors of San Francisco CIO Council. . . . Harry Lang, San Francisco Examiner rewrite man, now with OWI. . . . Wanda Porter, San Francisco Chronicle merchandising department, has left to become parish secretary at St. John's church in Buffalo, N. Y.

Eleanor Garner has left the Marines for an editorial post on the San Diego Union Tribune. Formerly she was on the Hollywood Citizen-News. . . .

Sidney Meenes, Los Angeles Daily News, wounded in action in France. . . . Richard Reynolds, Los Angeles Herald Express, had a story in Esquire. . . .

Thomas Powers, Elizabeth Journal county editor, has been named president of the Journal Credit Union. . . . A. Bruce Ewing has left the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for a public relations job with Ford.

John Stephenson back on the Denver Rocky Mountain News after a whirl at real estate business in Greeley, Colo. . . . Lee Casey, associate editor and Denver Post columnist, is turning out

daily column while recuperating in sanatorium after heart attack.

Laura Lee, Philadelphia Bulletin movie critic, wed to Clayton Whitehall, commercial artist. . . . Forest B. Jenstad, Twin Cities, and Frank Widner, Indianapolis, now with the Army in the Middle East.

Stork Dept.—Capt. Hugh Sutherland, Philadelphia Record reporter now overseas, father of a girl. . . . Andrew Khimov, Philadelphia Inquirer unit chairman, father of a girl (first one was a boy). . . . Bill Gray, San Francisco Examiner, about to be a papa again.

Mrs. Annabelle Greenock, SPONG office secretary, has returned to her desk after serious illness. She is wife of Guildsman Robert Greenock III.

Lt. (jg) John Macaulay, San Francisco Chronicle, now in the Maritime Service, returned with an Australian bride.

Back from the wars and at work again on the San Francisco Chronicle are Capt. Curt Clark, Capt. Charles Radebaugh (Army), and Lt. Stanton Delaplane (Maritime Service).

Two photographers—Alfred D'Lardi of the Philadelphia Inquirer, and William Springfield of the Record—have left their papers and are now with Curtis Publishing company.

ANG wage program means more money for more people.

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FLASHBACKS

POLITICAL ACTION, 1935—Three bills for newspaper-labor protective laws were introduced in the Pennsylvania legislature "at the instance of the 3rd Region of the American Newspaper Guild," the March 1, 1935, Guild Reporter announced.

One bill proposed a state "Wagner act," a second sought protection from violence for reporters and photographers while on duty, and the third asked legal immunity of confidential sources of news.

The two court-appointed trustees for the struck Newark Ledger proved as recalcitrant as the deposed publisher, L. T. Russell. They abruptly broke off settlement negotiations and rehired armed goons as bodyguards for the scabs and strikebreakers.

The Guild retaliated, the same GR reported, by sending out more than 100 pickets to cover newsstands and to canvass residents not to buy the struck paper.

ANPA DEADLOCK—An ANG attempt to break the deadlock that hamstringing the operations of the Newspaper Industrial Board under the NRA also was deadlocked by the publisher representatives. The Guild had proposed that an odd-numbered board be set up. NRA officials previously had made a like request, equally without result.

The ANG's representative on the existing board, Executive Secretary Jonathan Eddy, was empowered by the national executive committee to resign.