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Convention Referendum Score Box

Four locals have seconded the motion of the New York local for a referendum postponing the convention. They are Birmingham, Chicago, St. Louis and Tri-City. San Francisco-Oakland tabled a motion to second and Elizabeth voted down a motion to second, as did Detroit. In several other locals no action was taken. Deadline for securing 10 seconds in five states in order to start the referendum machinery is May 27. If the referendum is held, results will be known Aug. 15, while the convention will be June 25-29 in St. Paul.

Court, Impeachment Actions Hinted by N.Y. Over Convention

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A delegation representing the New York local appeared before the IEB meeting last week-end and in opposing the streamlined convention in line with ODT regulations hinted at impeachment proceedings and court action against the IEB if the convention is held as scheduled. Robert Conway, appearing as spokesman, read a prepared statement, bristling with charges the constitution was being violated.

As V-E day finally came officially, ODT officials announced there was no contemplated lifting of convention restrictions.

ed. The ANG constitution, Conway said, "expressly provides that any member has the right ultimately to appeal to the courts" if the constitution is violated.

In later discussions on the convention and the proposed referendum, board members pointed out members may be fined and suspended or expelled for taking court action against the Guild before exhausting all remedies provided in the constitution.

LOCALS POLLED

In order to comply with ODT travel regulations the IEB, after polling locals, voted to hold a streamlined convention, with each local limited to one delegate, but being able to cast the full number of votes. The IEB also proposed that several locals be allowed to select one delegate,

Hearst Members to Ballot on Company-paid Hospital Plan

A Group Hospitalization Plan, paid for by management, has been negotiated for Hearst papers under Guild contract. Approximately 3,500 employees on 13 papers are affected.

The commitment was secured in Hearst National Memorandum negotiations. All proposals for modifying the memorandum were withdrawn by management, and as a consideration for the paid-for hospitalization benefit, the Guild would withdraw its proposals for changes, renewing the present terms for a period ending Jan. 26, 1947.

The proposal will be submitted to a referendum vote of all members on Hearst papers, in accordance with Article XVIII, Section 6, of the ANG constitution.

(This marks the first such referendum of a national newspaper chain contract, under a provision added to the constitution by the 1943 convention. A majority vote will decide.)

It is estimated the cost of this protection will save Guild members not less than \$40,000 annually if similar benefits were purchased individually.

The proposal was approved unanimously by the IEB last week-end for submission to a referendum. Approval has been recommended both by the negotiating committee and the IEB.

Details of the hospitalization plan have not been finally negotiated, but it is understood that the final agreement will provide hospitalization insurance at least equivalent to that generally identified as the Blue Cross plan.

The Hearst plan, however, will be underwritten by an insurance company which is preparing a report to management.

Management is committed to negotiate the details of a com-

prehensive plan, to become operative at the earliest possible date, and no later than Nov. 26, 1945. If there is no agreement on a mutually acceptable plan, the Guild would be released from any obligation to continue the memorandum agreement beyond Nov. 26.

"This protects the Guild and gives us the right to reinstate proposals," Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president, told the IEB. Board members said inclusion of

such a plan in a contract would advance the Guild's bargaining program materially.

"This is the first instance in Guild contracts where a commitment of this kind has been obtained, thereby realizing a recommendation stressed by the Milwaukee convention," Eubanks declared.

FIRST PAID PLAN?

Harvey J. Kelly, general labor (Continued on Page Two)

Pittsburgh Courier Recognizes Guild

Pittsburgh—Management of the Pittsburgh Courier, the nation's largest Negro newspaper, was expected to offer a counter proposal this week to Guild negotiators, after three sessions.

Recognition of the Guild as collective bargaining agency was obtained in a preliminary conference. Virtually all of the employees eligible for membership, who work in the Pittsburgh office, are Guild members. In addition, a majority of the members of the Courier's nine bureaus throughout the country are also Guild members.

Negotiations on behalf of the Guild are being conducted principally by Leo Finegold, Pittsburgh Guild treasurer; James Reid, Courier unit chairman, and Steve Ripley, ANG international representative.

Peace Means Big Job For Labor, Carey Tells SFONG

San Francisco — Organized labor's vital role not only in helping to mold a United Nations organization but also in striving for world economic conditions that will assure peace through the years was stressed by James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer, in a stirring speech at the San Francisco-Oakland Guild's membership meeting April 29.

"We of labor must see to it that our standards of living are not lowered, as some intimate will happen; instead we must lift the standards of living in other nations," he said.

"As for America, we are going to see that we have those 60 million jobs. Labor must be afforded the opportunity to play as large a part in making and keeping the peace as it has played in waging the war, at tremendous sacrifice of its blood and property, to a victorious end."

He expressed belief that Franklin D. Roosevelt will be "more powerful in death than in life, for we will have to make effective the principles for which he stood."

LAUDS GUILD

Carey, here to take part in international labor conference plans in connection with the world security gathering, paid high tribute to achievements of the Newspaper Guild, locally and nationally.

He declared Guild organization must be extended to every town in America and emphasized the necessity of organizing white collar workers in all lands as an essential part of economic progress.

Labor has not been accorded its proper role in the United Nations conference, he asserted, declaring not enough attention has been given to establishing machinery to fill such imperative needs as housing, clothing and food for people everywhere.

He emphasized, however, that this was a struggle which must be waged continuously and that only a start could be hoped for in the San Francisco conference. Carey held out high hopes for the international labor conference.

"We are going to eliminate conflicts of ideologies, and stick to measures for the practical good of all," he asserted.

At the recent London conference, he said, this plan worked out in a most auspicious manner. "Representatives of over 60 million working men and women

found an area of agreement," he said. "We did not all talk or think alike on everything, but we found an area of agreement, and we did it through our democratic technique."

"We were confronted with precisely the same problems that confront the United Nations Conference. There were differences of language which required the constant use of interpreters. There were matters of potential controversy, for instance, the selection of presiding officers," he said.

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Guild Wins NLRB Vote On Denver AP Bureaus

Denver — The American Newspaper Guild was designated the collective bargaining agent for the Denver strategic AP bureau and satellite AP bureaus in Cheyenne and Helena in an NLRB election. The vote was 13 to 4, with two employees unable to vote and one on vacation. While the AP management in New York had recognized other units by a card check, an election was insisted upon for the Denver bureau. The NLRB ordered an election after a hearing to determine the bargaining unit.

The Guild had sought a unit as set in the Detroit case, which included satellite bureaus in Michigan, and correspondents. Management sought to upset the Detroit precedent and asked exclusion of correspondents, with representation on a bureau-by-bureau basis.

The Guild's position was upheld in the NLRB decision which came down last month.

Meanwhile, a similar case is before the NLRB involving the Minneapolis AP bureau, and satellite bureaus in three states.

IEB Reviews State of Union

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The International Executive Board met in New York May 5-7, reviewed the state of the union, and planned future expansions.

The Wage Program, collective bargaining matters, and organization problems were discussed at great length.

A new international representative was added to the staff, a budget for the next quarter was approved, a tentative convention

agenda was set up, and the convention and referendum motion were debated with constitutional requirements outlined.

Two requests for the IEB to reconsider its action on Harry Bridges were referred to the convention. Previously the IEB had voted against asking the president and attorney general to halt deportation proceedings while the case was before the U.S. supreme court.

CHICAGO GUILD IN DRIVE TO ORGANIZE SUN COMMERCIALS

Chicago—A concerted drive to organize the approximately 300 commercial department workers on Marshall Field's Chicago Sun has been started by the Chicago Guild under the direction of Gerda Martin, ANG representative in Chicago, the local's organizing committee, and a special committee of Sun editorial and commercial department workers.

The Sun editorial department is under Guild contract.

Previously stymied in efforts to make direct personal contact with the majority of commercial workers, the Sun unit established a shop paper distribution committee to circulate Guild literature to the unorganized commercial workers at the entrances to the various

departments in which they work.

The first wholesale distribution of The Sun Dial, the unit's shop paper, was made by John McGrath, Sun unit chairman, Justin McCarthy, local president, Sylvia Crosby and Ruth Stein, Sun unit vice chairmen, Marjorie Parsons, Laura Price, Dorothy Portugais and Jim Mezison.

The shop paper, in a special edition for the commercial departments, contained a review of Field's new book, "Freedom Is More Than a Word" in which the Sun publisher is quoted as stating: "Labor unions... are fundamentally desirable in a democracy; they are a necessary component of the greatest good for the greatest number."

THE WAR ISN'T OVER YET — BUY WAR BONDS

Four Pulitzer Prizes of \$500 To Guildsmen

Four widely-known Guildsmen are among this year's winners of Pulitzer prizes, as is the wife of another prominent Guild member. Three of the five awards for best "newswoman" work during 1944 went to Guildsmen.

Pulitzer awards of \$500 were given:

Harold V. (Hal) Boyle, was correspondent and columnist for the Associated Press for "distinguished correspondence." He is a member of the New York Guild, and former AP unit controller.

Joe Rosenthal, AP photographer

er, for "his photograph of the Marines planting the American flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima." He is a San Francisco Oakland Guild member.

—for a "distinguished example of a reporter's work ... awarded for his campaign to encourage blood donations."

Attempts to Break Contract

tinguished novel... by an American author... awarded for 'Bell for Adano.'

Mary Chase, wife of City Editor Robert L. Chase of the Rocky Mountain News, charter member of the Denver Guild, for an "original American play... which represents in marked fashion the educational value and power of the stage, awarded for 'Harvey' currently a leading Broadway success.

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Los Angeles—Efforts of the owners and lessees of the City

Ecuador Newsmen Seek To Eradicate Illiteracy

Elizabeth Chooses One Delegate, Nixes Referendum Second

Elizabeth, N.J.—Douglas Bailey, first vice president of Elizabeth's Twin Cities convention last month, by election of the local membership, Alternates a Miss Margaret McColm, second president; Dorothy West, treasurer of the Long Branch De-Record and, J. Robert O'Connell, chairman of the Planning procedure unit. Bailey, Miss McColm are Elizabeth Daily Journal editorial employees. The local vice president moves by New York local a convention referendum, on grounds of unnecessary expense. The procedure instituted too late to be effective.

NLRB Action Is Due in Two Jersey Cases

Union City, N. J.—Contributions to the Mel Greene Fund launched when two members were fired from the Hudson Dispatch for Guild activity, has crossed the \$1,000 mark—well beyond the goal.

Newville, NLRB action on the charges is expected next week, when the examiner assigned to the case will have concluded other cases.

The Massillon local, in a letter with a \$5 contribution, said it was the smallest local in Ohio but for two years had withstood management "concessions" and pressure to break the Guild.

"Only through the fullest cooperation and help of the American Newspaper Guild and the Northern Ohio District Council, plus united efforts of its members, has the Massillon Guild been able to survive."

"Therefore we realize to a small extent the obstacles confronting the Hudson County Guild and the need for support and assistance," wrote Treasurer August M. Snyder, in saying the contribution was not as large as Massillon would like it to be.

Additional contributions:

Previously acknowledged \$1,427.35
Los Angeles 112.00
Washington 112.00
Grand Rapids 12.00
Lakeland Valley 12.00
Pittsburgh 12.00
Massillon 12.00
New York (additional) 12.00

Total to date \$1,695.35

The local, aided by the CIO, is continuing a pressure campaign against the publisher against whom unfair labor practice charges have been filed. Circulars telling the Guild's story are distributed to advertisers and readers.

The conspiracy by the three publishers, Detroit Free Press, News, and Times, to undermine Mailers Union No. 40 of the International Typographical Union, AFL, starting in an attempt to override union action on hiring and overtime, failed. When the publishers agreed to comply, though still refusing to sign a union contract, the union released the permits to non-members which it had canceled and the supplements went out again.

So ashamed were the dailies of having their anti-union conspiracy known in this strong union town that they published no word of explanation of the comic goings on—though papers knew all the facts. The first Sunday they falsely stated that it was because of "circumstances beyond our control," though their control was proved the following Sunday when by their settlement with the mailers the comics appeared again.

On the second Sunday they were again mum as to reasons, simply announcing that readers would get two sets because one "could not be delivered last Sunday."

Failure to publish the news of what was going on in their own plants caused much comment among worker readers, especially as the News and Times in a kind of sympathetic lookout agreed not to send out their comics when the Free Press picked a quarrel with the ITU and found itself shorthanded in the mailers department.

Simmons Again Atlanta Prexy

Atlanta—Paul Simmons has been re-elected president of the Atlanta Newspaper Guild. Ray Warwick was named vice president, and Madeline Hosmer secretary-treasurer.

The War and a Guild Family in Cleveland



TERRY AND E. GEORGE GREEN
Father and son talk it over

San Francisco-Oakland Tables Move to Second Referendum

San Francisco—After long and acrimonious debate, the general membership meeting of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild tabled a motion to second the New York proposal for a referendum on postponing the national convention.

Speakers against the motion pointed out that the SPONG Representative Assembly had approved the streamlined convention plan unanimously, without dissent, and declared the belated effort to put over the New York plan was "disruptive."

HUTCHINSON TALKS

George Hutchinson, ANG vice president and head of the Los Angeles Guild, who attended the meeting, outlined the IEB position and emphasized that any such referendum as proposed could not take place until many months after the scheduled convention. He also emphasized the IEB's obligations under the ANG constitution.

Advocates of the motion, however, continued their attempts.

Louis Burgess, chairman of the San Francisco Chronicle unit, charged a deliberate attempt to "put over" something at a meeting when attendance was reduced due to the United Nations conference.

The motion was amended to call for a local referendum on the proposal for a national referendum.

With the issue becoming somewhat involved, Frank Roberts, pioneer Guildman on the Oakland Post-Enquirer, moved to table the entire question. This carried by a large margin.

The meeting then proceeded to complete nominations for convention delegate and approved unanimously, favorable recommendation to the membership for a 50-cent assessment to cover costs of a delegate.

Hutchinson made a unity plea to the meeting, and pointed out instances of the inter-dependence of Pacific Coast locals on important issues.

GRIEVANCE OVER QUICKLY

Los Angeles—A revised vacation schedule, starting in mid-week, which would have disrupted work schedules and deprived the circulation managers of the Herald Express of a day was adjusted quickly.

After a visit by a grievance committee, management rescinded the earlier order.

Labor Reaches Peak Strength In U. S. History

Washington (LPA)—Organized labor has reached its greatest strength in American history, the Department of Labor revealed last week.

"Some 14,500,000 workers were employed under collective bargaining contracts in January, 1945," according to a study made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. At the beginning of 1943, BLS reported that there were 13,000,000 workers under union contracts. In 1939 there were 8,000,000 U. S. workers covered by union contracts, BLS said in an official report in October of that year.

During the year 1944 there was an increase of more than 600,000 workers covered by union contracts. This "was equivalent to a 4.5 percent rise in the proportion of employed covered by agreements," according to the "Monthly Labor Review," published by BLS.

Labor's strength under contracts is estimated, but the BLS does not attempt to break down the total figures in terms of AFL, CIO and other union membership. "The largest increases in the proportion of workers under agreement," the analysis found, "were in the tobacco and chemical industries and, to a less extent, in the canned and preserved foods industry."

The analysis also found that more than 90 percent "of the production wage earners were working under union agreements in the aluminum, automobile, basic steel, brewery, fur, glass, news, clothing, rubber, and shipbuilding industries."

When his elder son, Alan, became a copy boy and then head copy boy for the Cleveland Press, it was after Green had served once, in 1941, as president of the Cleveland Guild.

Alan went to war then. Last summer his P-38 crashed in England and he was killed.

The kid brother, Terry, now 18, unable to pass Army requirements, got into the fight anyhow. He joined the American Field Service as an ambulance driver and served with the British Eighth Army in Italy. And he, too, was injured, "tangling with an incendiary bomb," his father says.

Sent back, Terry returned to Lakewood high school, but he has arranged it so he can also work as a sound photo operator for International News Pictures, and at the Central Press office. And he's a Guildman, too.

Last week a memorial altar was dedicated at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church in honor of Alan, a gift of Green and his wife.

Green, just to show you how he really serves in these outfits he joins, was the artist who with William M. Davy, local executive secretary, M. J. Lapine, former president, and L. L. Kene, another early Guildman, won the 1942-43 Heywood Award, memorial award. He did the cartoons in a series of ads running in the Cleveland Union Leader urging all-out production here to back up our fighters.

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

Michigan Council Plans Organizing

Lansing—A guild organization program was discussed at a meeting here of the Michigan District Council.

Ross Collier, council president, and heads of the six local units will name a committee to head up organizing activities for the council. Key points already have been selected on the basis of preliminary exploratory work.

The next meeting, in July, will be in Muskegon.

BUY EXTRA BONDS

WAR LOAN

WLB Rules Size Of Wage Boost Doesn't Matter

Washington—It is within the discretion of regional WLB to order wage increases up to the approvable area rate regardless of the size of the resulting increase, Edwin E. Witte, a public member of WLB said in a majority opinion of the board.

The opinion affirmed a directive of the Dallas WLB providing for increases in wage rates of the Pan American Petroleum Corp., Des Moines, Ia.

The rates for all occupations were increased exactly to the approvable rate, resulting in increases varying from 3 cents to 49 cents an hour, and averaging 17 cents an hour.

"The regional board," Witte said, "in its discretion could have granted a lesser increase, but it did not contravene board policy in granting increases to the minimum bracket rates."

The Newspaper Commission, however, has been clinging to a policy of not granting what is allowable in dispute cases, seeking to justify lesser awards on the grounds of being "reasonable."

Stay on Job, Murray Urges

In a V-E day message to all affiliated unions, CIO President Philip Murray said "the long awaited and long fought-for day of final victory over German Nazism has been achieved."

Case OK When Reconsidered

Chicago—Since the last Guild Reporter, the Newspaper Commission has listed on a number of voluntary increase Guild cases. These were individual merit increases.

The Washington Times-Herald contract was approved as submitted on reconsideration.

Also approved was a new contract clause for the Washington Post providing accurate and timely news coverage during war service, so that the employee would be reinstated at a salary he would have received had he remained at the job.

NIGHT EDITOR IS BACK WITH THE MARINES

San Francisco—William Martin Camp, night editor of the Chronicle, has enlisted in the Marine Corps he helped popularize in his best-seller, "Retreat, Hell!"

Camp, a Guild member, has been sent to Washington for indoctrination in Marine Corps public relations.

More than a decade ago Camp was with the Marines in Shanghai during the early difficulties between the Chinese and Japanese.

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3 V-E Days - Courtesy of AP

After the nation celebrated three different V-E days (courtesy of the Associated Press) newspapermen, and publishers too, were continuing to debate:

(a) how and why the first boner was pulled April 28, and (b) journalistic ethics involved in Edward Kennedy's breaking his pledge in order to give the AP a 24-hour beat on the (final) real surrender news.

The seemingly authentic story bulletined out of San Francisco by AP's Jack Bell as the result of senatorial conversation brought out the big, black headlines and set presses to rolling.

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RAILROAD PROBLEM

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In a recent dispatch from the conference, Burns refuted the Army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, in which it was asserted that the typical GI would be like a "two-headed calf" at the United Nations meeting.

Burns pointed out that three servicemen are present from the American Veterans committee as state department consultants at the conference. Stars and Stripes, Yank and other army publications are represented in the press ranks.

Burns took his furlough from Camp Polk, La., to attend the meeting with press credentials.

Freed from Nazi Prison Camp

Chicago—Twenty-one months of internment in German prisoner of war camps ended April 30 for Capt. Roy Emmett Deadman, former assistant foreign editor of the Chicago Times.

Shot down in a flying fortress raid over Hannover, Germany, on July 26, 1943, he had been interned in Stalag Luft III in Silesia, Germany.

There he had helped edit the camp newspaper "The Circuit." When the Russian winter offensive threatened the camp, area last January, all internees were evacuated westward by the Germans and Capt. Deadman was moved to Stalag T-A in Moosburg, Bavaria.

George Hutchinson, ANG vice president, said that town April 30, liberated some 27,000 allied airmen.

Correspondents who accompanied the division reported that camp conditions were good and the prisoners seemed to be in good health and spirits.

He is a member of the Chicago Guild.

New Pawtucket Officers



Here are the newly elected officers of the Pawtucket Guild. Left to right: Ellis Morris, secretary; Leroy V. Cate, president; Frank B. A. Hultgren, treasurer; and Ben Poulton, vice president. Poulton recently was elected vice president of the New England District Council. Pawtucket was organized in February, 1943, as a unit of the Boston Post, and was chartered last February—the first Guild local in Rhode Island.

Named Head of County Board

Rockford, Ill.—Herman G. Nelson, veteran Rockford newspaperman, has been named chairman of the Winnebago county board of supervisors for a term of one year. Nelson, president of the Rockford Newspaper Guild in 1944, has been court house reporter for the Rockford Morning Star for the past 12 years.

A newsmen in Rockford for 19 years, he is a charter member of the Guild. His brother, Hal Nelson, is city editor of the Morning Star and secretary of the Rockford Guild.

He is also a trustee of Augustana college at Rock Island, Ill.

FIGHT POLL TAX

Montgomery, Ala. (FP)—Bills to revise or abolish Alabama's \$1.50 yearly poll-tax as a voting requirement were introduced in the legislature here.

New Columbus Officers



Above are new officers of the Columbus Newspaper Guild, elected at the first annual banquet of the local. Left to right are George Kefauver, treasurer; Dorritt Bennett, re-elected secretary; Katherine Sullivan, vice president

Caught ON THE RUN

Veterans of this world war will be permitted to peddle apples or anything else without paying a license fee under a bill passed by Ohio house of representatives.

You Said a Mouthful



There's a blacklist on union members in the dailies in Reading, Pa., according to George M. Rhodes, managing editor of the New Era, official paper of the Reading Federated Trades Council, AFL. News on labor leaders or unions is garbled, cut to pieces, or suppressed, he says in his column.

In a recent Community Chest conference, the part played by CIO and AFL leaders was trimmed out of the story, and there is little space given to labor news, he declares.

The news workers are not to blame, says Rhodes, as they take orders "from the top which hates the Guild as they do any other union of workers." He declared workers on one paper, not members of the Guild, "have received better wages and conditions only because the publishers fear the Guild."

"Some day they may get wise and unite with their fellow workers to whom they owe so much and who had the courage to stick to their union."

Concludes Rhodes: "The daily press is a dangerous weapon against the public good when in the hands of narrow-minded or unscrupulous publishers."

Not All Are Like That



Edna Berger, ANG international representative, was in the office of a publisher, on negotiations, when a copy-reader rushed in with the flash President Roosevelt had died.

The publisher said, "You mean that man is dead?" "Yes," the Guild committee said, still staring at the flash. "Good," said the publisher. "Then we won't have to spit on his picture any more."

Edna's reply, before she walked out, was appropriate but unprintable.

There are those who appreciate what Guild members back home are doing. Lt. Mortimer Cornin writes the editor of the Elizabeth Guild Bulletin:

"I like getting the Bulletin. I like to look at the 'Give-Mr.-Collector-Those-Dues' squibs and I think how lucky I am to have you people do all the work and pay all the money just so I can live in the style I hope to become accustomed to..."

Curlee Clothes and Style Mart Clothes are unfair to organized labor, report the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. And merchants displaying and selling these clothes are not entitled to patronage of union members.

Pile It Right Over There



If you are going to read William L. White's hurried opus, "Report on the Russians," take it with a grain of salt. Better still, take it with a dose of salts.

Book reviewers, correspondents, statesmen universally have branded it as a phony report. It originally was condensed in Reader's Digest, which should be a tipoff. The Nazis, however, lauded it in the publications for their army (when they had an army).

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has done an excellent job of documenting obvious misstatements (some might even call them deliberate falsifications) by printing excerpts from the book, and then batting these down with documentations from news stories, articles, books and eye-witness reports.

Just because it's in a book doesn't make it so.

Twenty years ago, Melville E. Stone, counselor for the AP said, "I don't believe that radio can ever compete with the newspaper in providing the public with news."

Bill Chelmon's cartoons, "Our Daily Bread," are being solicited by various servicemen's publications.

ANG wage program means more money for more people.

Murray Warns NLRB Work Threatened by Conspiracy

A "dangerous and well-organized conspiracy" is now "under way to 'destroy the effectiveness of the National Labor Relations act and to shivel the scope of its application," a letter from CIO President Philip Murray to all CIO organizations warns, and asks political action.

Pressure has been brought, Murray charges, in connection with recent house hearings on appropriations for the NLRB, which "induced the subcommittee... to cut the board's appropriation one-half million dollars," and gained reapproval of the "infamous Frey rider, which prevents the board from expending funds in any case in which a contract (lawful or not) has been signed for more than 3 months."

Pressure is being continued, Murray claims, before the full appropriations committee, after subcommittee defeat, for a "rider which will prevent the expenditure of funds in any case involving the food processing industry," and for a similar rider in cases involving foremen.

Murray charges further that the "leading figures in this conspiracy are the representatives of the Michigan automotive lobby and powerful food lobby," the same food lobby which "has operated with such disastrous effectiveness in connection with the current OPA hearings." A third factor is "Pappy" O'Daniel, he says.

Of the food lobby he adds: "Not content with assuring themselves

super-profits and obtaining virtual exemptions from the stabilization program, these powerful interests are now determined that the workers of the food processing industry shall not have the protection of the National Labor Relations act."

Pointing out that the proposed cut in the board's requested budget of \$3,345,300 would involve a reduction of approximately 165 employees, or 22 percent of the staff, Murray says:

"Such a loss in personnel would produce a breakdown in the board's operations. Under existing conditions the board is already away behind in its work and every union has had unfortunate experience with the board's delay."

SFONG Leaders Talk It Over with CIO Leaders



In between sessions of the United Nations Conference for International Organization, San Francisco-Oakland Guild leaders had a chance to hobnob with visiting CIO leaders. Left to right: Al Dipman, SFONG president; Harry C. Read, staff assistant to CIO Secretary-Treasurer Carey; Carey; and Bill Gray, chairman of the local's negotiating committee. The group was snapped at the San Francisco Press Club. Carey addressed the membership meeting, lauding the work of the Guild and warning that labor had much work ahead in the peace. (Story on page 1.)

Peace Means Big Job For Labor, Carey Tells SFONG

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Polish question and the Argentine question.

"We got unanimous agreements on all these questions."

"The CIO's part was emphasized by selection of CIO representatives to head committees. I had the privilege of sitting as chairman of the peace settlements committee and it was a thrilling experience."

RUSSIANS SINCERE

"We found that the representatives of Soviet trade unions did not have to go out of the room and get approval of Stalin or someone to make decisions. The Soviet representatives talked like, and acted like, trade unionists."

"I think these people are sincere."

"I agree there are some difficulties in our different ways, but they do not appear too hard to surmount."

He expressed hope the AFL eventually will come into the international labor set-up.

"We must see that the Four Freedoms and the Atlantic Charter are spelled out for everyone, in collective bargaining, in the elimination of economic distress."

STILL WORK TO DO

"But do not think all your problems are going to be solved by the UNCIO, or labor leaders, or a World Court."

"You still have the day-to-day job of collective bargaining to do, and to see to it that other white collar workers have that opportunity, too."

"If you sit back and refuse to accept your responsibilities, no one else is going to do the job for you."

"Labor must be interested not only in wages, hours and working

conditions. It must be interested also in taxation, in prices, all the other questions that determine our living conditions."

"We must build for freedom, and keep on building, building and building."

Carey was accompanied to the SFONG meeting by Harry C. Read, his staff assistant. Read, former city editor of the Chicago American, and a Guild veteran, also gave a short talk.

No Back Pay Deals, Court Declares

Washington—The supreme court ruled that an employee may collect damages equal to back pay due him even though he has made a separate settlement with his employer for less.

The court upheld a clause of the wage-hour law requiring so-called liquidated damages to be paid as a penalty by employers who violate minimum wage or overtime regulations.

It held in two cases that employer-employee agreements to the contrary do not prevent an employee from collecting full damages plus back pay.

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FLASHBACKS

FIRST ORGANIZER—Bill Davy, then as now executive secretary of the Cleveland Guild, was appointed the ANG's first organizer 10 years ago. A "campaign for new Guilds and increased enrollments" under Davy's direction was ordered by the national executive committee. Pending his confirmation by the approaching convention in his home city, Davy was to concentrate on Illinois and Indiana, with headquarters in Chicago.

The Guild's signing of its first contract renewal was featured in the May 1, 1935, issue of The Guild Reporter. It acclaimed:

"A new contract between the Philadelphia Record and the Philadelphia-Camden Guild was signed April 8 on the first anniversary of the signing of the first Guild contract in the country."

The new agreement provided for restoration of a 10 percent depression salary-cut "within 60 days after the declaration of either cash or stock dividends" by J. David Stern, the publisher. The Guild shop and checkoff were continued. The five-day, forty-hour week, overtime pay, dismissal notice, and time and a third off for out-of-town assignments were added.

ANPA'S "FREE" PRESS—American newspapers, while "strikingly free from government censorship," are subject to "other types of repression that are almost, or quite, as serious," largely because they are each the "personal property of a man or a group of men whose primary interest is to earn a profit on their investment." This was the gist of a discussion of press freedom, as applied to the American scene, by Bruce Bliven, editor of the New Republic, in a Don Mellett Memorial lecture a decade ago at Sarah Lawrence college, Bronxville, N. Y.

"There has never been as much freedom (of the press) as most Americans probably suppose, and that freedom has been of a dubious and restricted sort," Mr. Bliven held.