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WLB REVERSES COMMISSION; GUILD WINS MAINTENANCE

Washington—The WLB Wednesday overruled the Newspaper Commission and granted a maintenance of membership provision in the NY Herald-Tribune Guild contract, covering 330 employees. The industry member dissented on the appeal.

The commission had denied maintenance on the grounds the New York Guild was irresponsible because it had sought to reopen the contract and include provisions which had not been agreed to, and because it had repudiated an arbitration agreement made by its representatives.

The WLB, however, ruled that the union had met the tests of responsibility set forth in the Humble Oil case.

The WLB asked the commission to issue a directive on the check-off, taking into consideration the board's action on union security.

IT'S ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK FOR NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS



Al Stopes, Philadelphia Inquirer photographer, is pictured getting to his feet after being attacked by Samuel L. Rothberg (left) city hall employee accused of selling bogus ration coupons. The picture was taken by Charles Elfont of the Record. Both photos are Guildsmen.

Philadelphia—When a man was arrested as a key figure in this city's counterfeit ration coupon ring, two Philadelphia-Camden Guild members landed in the middle of things. The two Guildsmen were photographers, bent on getting a picture.

Charles Elfont of the Record, and Al Stopes of the Inquirer, were on hand with their cameras when Samuel L. Rothberg, 50, was taken to court by OPA agents for allegedly selling 100,000 bogus ration coupons, worth a million points for meat or butter.

While being led from the courtroom, Rothberg became angry at the newspaper photographers. He suddenly struck Stopes, pushed him to the wall, and twisted the reflector on the flash gun. He was heading for Elfont when the latter took a picture of the incident, with the U.S. marshal overpowering Rothberg.

Rothberg, held in \$5,000 bail, was a registrar of the division of children's agents and investigators of the county commission. He has been a Republican committeeman for 20 years, and has worked in the city hall for 30 years.

Eligible Voters For ANG Ballot Set New Record

As the ANG office sent preliminary lists of eligible voters to local treasurers, it was revealed that the voting list set a new high mark. One office is to be filled in a referendum election, that of secretary-treasurer; other IEB members were elected unopposed.

As preliminary lists were mailed today, 17,843 Guild members were eligible to vote. This compared with 14,374 in 1943 and 12,257 in 1941. In the previous two biennial elections, good standing was at an all-time high mark, and this record was broken again this year.

Under the ANG constitution, local officers have until Aug. 16 to enter claims for additions or corrections in the lists of voters.

Only one office is contested, other IEB members being elected without opposition. Contestants are William W. Rodgers, who has held the office since Nov. 1, 1941, and Charles L. Whipple, former ANG international representative, and now working on the Boston Globe.

WHIPPLE RESIGNS

Whipple, who had taken a leave of absence from the ANG to join the Red Cross in 1942, returned recently and had arranged to resume his work as international representative Aug. 1. Subsequently, after he was nominated for secretary-treasurer, Whipple submitted his resignation and returned to the Boston Globe.

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Details for holding the referendum election were worked out by a bi-partisan elections committee named at the convention. Representing Rodgers are Victor Leo, first vice chairman of the NY Journal-American unit, and Douglas Bailey, vice president of the Elizabeth local.

SPECIAL INK

Representing Whipple are John Weilburg and John Deegan, New York Guild organizers.

The committee decided that, as in the past, ballots will be printed in a special ink to prevent counterfeiting.

In an effort to allow as many servicemen as possible to vote, ballots will be mailed to members in the armed forces on Aug. 3, three weeks ahead of the time ballots will be shipped to locals.

Ballots from servicemen, enclosed in two envelopes, will be sent to a special postoffice box under the supervision of the elections committee. These votes will be tabulated with the returns from locals.

Ballots will not be sent to locals until Aug. 24 after lists of voters have been checked. Each local must hold its election within 10 days of receipt of ballots. A final list of eligible voters also will be sent local officers with the ballots.

Returns from locals must be in the ANG office by midnight of Sept. 15, but the tabulating will not be done until Sept. 17.

At the meeting of the elections committee, Weilburg and Deegan proposed that the ANG supply a list of all names and also addresses of voters to both campaigns.

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Five Guild Members Win Nieman Awards

Cambridge, Mass.—Five Guild members are included in the 10 Nieman fellowship awards in journalism at Harvard University. Women were made eligible for awards for the first time this year, with two women receiving fellowships.

The five Guild members winning fellowships, entitling them to a year's study at Harvard at the same salary they received while working are:

Mary Ellen Leary, political reporter on the San Francisco News.

Arthur Hepner, labor specialist on the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Robert J. Manning, state department reporter for the United Press in Washington.

Leon Svirsky, science editor for Time magazine.

Ben Yablonsky, writer in the foreign department of the newspaper PM.

Winning a Nieman award climaxed a long string of "firsts" for Miss Leary, the first woman political writer on the San Francisco News, following a long line of men in that post. She has won plaudits for her coverage of the recent California legislature, exposing lobbyists. Previously she had covered

housing, juvenile delinquency and education beats. At Harvard she will study state government, with particular emphasis on state and local political problems of the post-war period. She holds degrees from Creighton and Stanford universities, and has had articles in national magazines.

WRITING BOOK

Hepner, St. Louis correspondent for The Guild Reporter, was a foreign correspondent before joining the Post-Dispatch. He has a keen interest in the labor movement, and now is writing a book on the maturing of labor as a world political and social force.

He has had special articles in Harper's, New Republic and other magazines. Hepner also is interested in music, having published a book on music for children. He is a Harvard graduate.

ONE OF YOUNGEST

Manning, 26, with an honorable discharge from the Army, is one of the youngest observers on the Washington scene.

In the past year his name has headed some of the most significant dispatches from the State Department.

Before going into the Army, Manning worked on the Bing.

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Press Now Gets Clipped After Ganging Up on OWI

Washington—The OWI got back at the nation's press the other day in a move which, for pure poetic justice, has scarcely been equalled in the long history of Washington press relations.

When congress lopped \$7,000,000 off the OWI budget several

gressional hearings and debates.

But while column one would be filled with gleeful reports of what congress was thinking of doing to Elmer Davis now, column eight would likely as not be filled with material supplied by the OWI Radio News Bureau.

The Radio News Bureau for three years has been supplying 19 clients, including the big three wire services and at least four New York dailies, with wire news that could not be obtained anywhere else.

The publishers—protecting their news sources—never let on except to their mirrors that many of the eight-column stories carried on their front pages came from OWI.

Now they can whistle for the staff Gordon used to send them.

ALWAYS ON DUTY

Gordon's outfit consists of a staff of 14 editors, working three shifts, seven days a week, cor-

relating and digesting material monitored from the enemy radio by the FCC, the British Broadcasting Co., and half-a-dozen other sources, sending it out on teletype circuit to the big 19 clients, and mailing it out to some 200 others. The group also has

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LARRY MAC LEAN TO DIRECT ANG DISTRICT COUNCIL WORK

Larry MacLean, ANG international representative on leave with the New England District Council since Sept. 2, 1944, resumes work with the ANG on July 30 to assist with district council organization.

An expanded district council plan to spread organization was approved by the convention.

The New England council submitted a council plan, which, with additional recommendations, was adopted by the convention. In

the last two years, the New England body has organized four new locals, and has set up two new locals from units of the Boston Guild. Three NLRB elections also have been won.

John A. Ullman will be the ANG international representative to direct New England council work, succeeding MacLean. Ullman was fired from the Worcester Telegram for union activity, and his case now is before the NLRB.

Parley Pushes Plans to Organize Negro Press

Pittsburgh—Plans for extension of the ANG program for organization of workers on Negro papers were formulated at a conference here, attended by dele-

gates from several of the prominent papers involved.

Keynote of the conference was the need for a united front on the part of the employees of the various papers in opposition to the united front being presented by the publishers of the prominent Negro weeklies.

ANG PLEDGES AID

Full support was pledged by representatives of the ANG and of the participating locals in the fight to win for workers on the nation's Negro newspapers benefits comparable to the Guild's accomplishments in the daily field. The conference voted to recommend to the IEB the hiring of a Negro as a full-time organizer, a step which has been under consideration for some time, it was explained by ANG Secretary.

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BACKGROUND ON THE NEWS

Weeks ago, OWI of course was forced to make some economies, and among the first division heads to fall was that of Matthew Gordon, chief of the Radio News Bureau. The actual sum saved thereby was in the neighborhood of \$90,000.

PRESS BATTERED OWI

The press, as anyone with half an eye already knows, had been, with few exceptions, beating OWI's brains out during the con-

Campaign Statements of Candidates

Statement of William W. Rodgers:

In 1941, when I first became a candidate for national Guild office, I accepted the nomination only because I believed in the American Newspaper Guild as the only means by which the economic security of newspaper workers in America could be safeguarded and advanced.

Prior to 1941 I had worked long years toward that end. I had served in almost every capacity as an unpaid local Guild officer. And I felt that I had the experience and the qualifications necessary to perform a higher and better job for that ideal in which I so firmly believed.

I personally had organized my own unit in Washington.

As president of the Washington Guild, I negotiated contracts on all four Washington dailies, and was instrumental in procuring to obtain the first national contract covering Acme Newspictures.

I also served as term as president of the Washington Industrial Union Council, and as Vice President of the Maryland-District of Columbia Industrial Union Council.

I always have regretted that my opponent for the membership of the opportunity to express his will in the Guild's very first referendum election.

Again, in 1941, I was elected without opposition.

I therefore welcome the opportunity that now permits each Guild member to express approval or disapproval of the job I have done throughout the past four years.

I believe the record shows that I have had a part in a successful job of building a strong and aggressive Guild.

The present administration has sought always to build for the future, as well as for the present.

We have sought the maximum security and protection for our members on the home front, as well as for our thousands in the same forces.

We are determined that there must be jobs for ALL when the war is finally won.

We have concentrated at all times on securing and improving the economic interests of all our members, while at the same time building the Guild itself into a strong and self-reliant union.

We never have hesitated to spend Guild funds for organization or defense. But we never have spent those funds for the sake of spending alone.

It is the duty of ALL Guild officers to see that Guild funds are spent wisely and not wasted.

That policy has paid dividends, as the record plainly shows.

And with the program developed, and unanimously approved at our recent convention, there is every reason to believe we are on the threshold of even greater triumph.

As I reported to the St. Paul convention, the Guild today is far stronger than ever before.

Despite the terrific war-time turnover which has resulted in only about one out of every eight new Guild members remaining in the industry, our membership is greater than at any time in the Guild's history.

Membership, including those in the armed forces, rose from 16,000 in January, 1942 to 22,000 in June, 1945—an increase of more than 50 per cent.

Good standing is at an all-time peak, with nearly 80 per cent of the entire membership in a paid-up status.

And, incidentally, it has been an important as my opponent contends to believe in his recent New York Guild campaign, how to it that there are 17,500 members eligible to vote in this election, compared to 12,500 in 1941.

Our financial reserve is in excess of \$100,000 compared with less than \$50,000 when the Murray-Eubanks-Rodgers administration came into office in November, 1941.

That is a record of which the entire membership can be proud.

It is on the basis of that record that I ask the support of all Guild members for re-election as secretary-treasurer.

Nieman Awards to 5 Guildsmen

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hampton, N. Y., Press, and the AP in Buffalo. He also covered the war agencies last for UP.

EARLY GUILD MEMBER

Before becoming science editor for Time, Strick was education editor for five years. He is one of the early members of the Guild, and worked on several papers in New York City. In early Guild days he was part of the volunteer staff putting out The Guild Reporter.

At Harvard he will study science, chiefly astronomy, physics and biology. He is a Yale graduate.

Yahlonky, now on PM, was a Chicago Hearst staffer, heading the speakers bureau and serving as member of the strike committee. He is a graduate of Northwestern university, where he was a part time journalism instructor for seven years. In New York he helped the Guild set up a Journalism school.

At Harvard he will study American history, specializing in the American labor movement and the American press.

Other Nieman award winners include: Charlotte L. Fitz Henry, Chicago AP; James Batai, editor and publisher of the Clevelander in Cleveland, Mass., now with the OWI; Frank W. Herrell, UP war correspondent; Cary Robertson, Sunday editor of the

Twin Cities Back In State CIO Body

Minneapolis—Reaffirmation with the Minnesota State CIO Council was voted at a Twin Cities Guild membership meeting.

The Guild had severed connections with the state council several years ago when the per capita was advanced from three to ten cents per month to subsidize a state CIO paper.

Opponents of reaffiliation at the increased rate indicated petition would be distributed seeking to put the matter to referendum vote. One large union having its own publication was allowed to continue affiliation at the three-cent rate, without the state paper being sent to all members.

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tain chairman for the mailing of literature. When it was pointed out some locals objected to the address lists being given out, the motion failed.

LISTS OF VOTERS

The committee voted to recommend to locals that members be notified that the lists of eligible voters are in the hands of the treasurer, and are available to all members.

The committee also recommended that ample opportunity be allowed for all to vote, that provisions be made for mail ballots for absentees, and that bipartisan committees supervise polling and vote counting. Voting can be via ballot boxes in units, or at a central place, and it was recommended there be safeguards to insure secrecy in voting.

CAMPAIGN IS ON

Meanwhile, campaign leaders for both candidates were active.

Dorothy Rockwell, president of the Washington Guild, headed a national campaign committee for Rodgers, and Barney B. Taylor, a first lieutenant in the infantry, headed a special servicemen's committee for Rodgers.

Wellburg stated the Whipple campaign chairman had not yet been announced.

The Representative Assembly of the New York local, meanwhile, endorsed Whipple's candidacy, and recommended to the membership that it concur the action.

Rodgers, meantime, was endorsed by the executive committee of the Elizabeth local, and by the membership there of the Dayton and San Antonio Guilds.

The Michigan District council also endorsed Rodgers, and Cecil Osborne, Pueblo delegate, urged the membership there to back Rodgers. Earlier, the Madison, Sacramento Valley and Boston Guilds had backed Rodgers' candidacy.

Minneapolis AP Vote Set

Minneapolis—The representative election ordered by the NLRB within the Minneapolis area AP bargaining unit will be held between August 1 and 10, by mail ballot.

The election order is part of the recent decision handed down by the board upholding the ANG's contention that the appropriate bargaining unit for the area should follow AP's organizational set-up and include the six satellite bureaus with the strategic office in Minneapolis.

Total eligible to vote are 28, a substantial majority of whom are already in the Guild.

The six satellite bureaus are in St. Paul, Duluth, Sioux Falls, Pierre, Fargo and Bismarck.

Statement of Charles L. Whipple:

I am running for secretary-treasurer of the American Newspaper Guild because the best defense fund is many more members and my opponent has obstructed all practical plans to get them.

His figures on membership, including not only those in service who pay no dues but also all initiations for a year back, misrepresent the true situation: the actual increase in the average full-pay capita payments—the only honest yardstick—has been pitifully small.

The increase after three years was exactly 16 members though \$60,535.57 had been spent on organizing. We have not a member in 17 states nor 45 of the 92 cities over 100,000 population. Our jurisdiction is still 80% unorganized. And we are paying in our contracts.

This cannot be blamed on "turnover." Other white-collar CIO unions, facing the same problem, increased 50 to 122%.

The New York local, without ANG organizing help save in wire-services, increased per capita payments 21% in the same four years and is now almost 40% of ANG membership.

Yet my opponent compiled the misleading records with which attempts were made to lift the local's charter. It would have bankrupted the ANG.

"Expenses last year exceeded income from sources other than the special organizing assessments by \$5,353," he was compelled to report at St. Paul. And so he puts the cart of short-sighted economy before the horse of organizing.

He has opposed spending duly appropriated Guild money for organizing purposes. At Boston he opposed any adequate appropriations for this, and when the convention nonetheless authorized him to invest \$10,000 of the Defense Fund in organizing, it was not so used. The St. Paul convention even found that, quite aside from the Defense Fund, \$12,000 of the \$29,530 raised by assessments for organizing last year "still remains in the General Fund, available for organizing" and directed unaccountably that Defense Fund money be used for it, too. Do you think he will do it?

Assessments and a 25% increase in per capita dues (already highest of any CIO union) were my opponent's only alternatives to organizing. The most, urged by him repeatedly despite past convention disapproval, would hurt all locals, especially small ones. The 75¢ per capita of each prospective member would bring in three times the proposed increase.

It was the secretary-treasurer who granted the loan from the Defense Fund to a new-hungry publisher in Albuquerque, a loan of which \$6,000 has not been repaid and which the Boston convention disapproved.

I have had five years' very active organizing and negotiating experience, locally in Boston and the New England District Council, and as ANG Resident Organizer and International Representative. I have had considerable financial experience in both Guild and Red Cross overseas. I worked with the present administration. It has commended my work and I can co-operate with it.

The St. Paul convention initiated from the floor and unanimously adopted an excellent organizing program. To ensure that it is carried out and not ignored, I ask for your support.

Check-off Ordered for First Time for NY World-Telegram

Maintenance of membership, voluntary dues check-off and advance notice on dismissals have been ordered by the Newspaper Commission on the New York World-Telegram, in a directive settling a dispute case provides that: "In case of discharge, excepting discharge for gross misconduct, the employer shall be notified by the company two weeks in advance of the contemplated discharge. Any employee upon receipt of notice of impending discharge may inform the Guild so that the Guild may confer with management in the case."

Management had opposed all three union demands. Dr. Robert K. Burns, commission chairman, and Ward B. Melody, labor member, voted for the directive, while Jack Eliso, industry member, dissented.

St. Paul Publisher Lauds Guild

St. Paul—In welcoming delegates to the cocktail party and buffet supper preceding the convention on Sunday afternoon, B. H. Ridder, the host and publisher of the Dispatch and Pioneer Press, lauded the Guild and the labor government in St. Paul.

Both papers have been covered by Guild shop contracts since 1941.

In welcoming the delegates, Ridder lauded the Guild and the way it has worked on his papers.

"We often disagree," he said, "but we manage to settle things, and I also make the Guild work for me. I think it has been a very satisfactory arrangement."

The publisher also lauded operations of the St. Paul city government, which is a labor government.

"You, as representatives of

labor, are meeting in a city governed by a labor administration, and it is the best city government in the United States," he declared.

Ridder pointed out that all interests in St. Paul worked together.

John J. McDonough is mayor of St. Paul.

War Prisoner's Death Reported

St. Louis—Major Lawrence K. Smart, Post-Dispatch photographer, an hero with the Army, was killed last Dec. 15 while a prisoner on a Japanese ship, according to word sent his parents.

He was serving with the field artillery in the Philippines at the time of Pearl Harbor, and was taken prisoner in May, 1942.

San Antonio Guild Endorses Rodgers

San Antonio—At a membership meeting of San Antonio Guild, unanimous endorsement was voted for William W. Rodgers for re-election as ANG secretary-treasurer. The endorsement motion was by Vice President John Dunsmore.

Making his report on the convention, President J. S. McNeil, Jr., praised Rodgers' "important part in establishing the national Guild on its firmest footing with over 22,000 active members and \$100,000 in the bank."

"Rodgers has kept good records and has serviced locals excellent-

ly. Because of his vision and desire to help the Guild movement expand to dozens of other newspapers not already organized, Rodgers deserves re-election," McNeil declared.

"He is a vital leader in the plan adopted at St. Paul to encourage and establish new Guilds," McNeil said.

The meeting authorized the executive board to canvass other Guilds to back Rodgers' candidacy. McNeil and Secretary E. M. Fritz were authorized to assist in forming a Guild council at Houston in August.

Government Presses 3 NLRB Counts Against Jersey Paper

The NLRB hearing on the Hudson County Newspaper Guild's charges of unfair labor practices against the Hudson Dispatch of Union City, N. J., ended after six days of testimony by a total of 24 witnesses.

The case is now under review by Trial Examiner Sidney Peller, who will submit his recommendations to the national board within a few weeks.

The government charged the company with:

1—Refusing to bargain on three different occasions;

2—Aiding in anti-labor practices aimed at destroying the unit;

3—Discharging two editorial employees for Guild activities.

Neither the publisher nor his two executive editors took the stand to defend their allegations.

"AFRAID TO APPEAR"

In his summation, ANG attorney Morris Iserman charged they were afraid to appear because "they knew they would have to commit perjury to uphold the case they are presenting."

Elisha Hanson knows when he's licked.

On the third day of the NLRB hearing on charges against the Hudson Dispatch, he came up with an offer to "settle" the case. "But no reinstatements," he warned.

The Guild agreed to the proposal. It would mean immediate recognition of the unit, bargaining rights and a court decree.

Hanson said he'd have an answer the next day.

But when it came to the actual showdown, Hanson couldn't deliver.

It seems the Dispatch bosses still wanted an election!

"It's about time this employer's free pass to violate the National Labor Relations Act was terminated," he declared, after describing the company's nine-year anti-labor history.

NLRB attorney Daniel Baker denounced Dispatch counsel Elisha Hanson's attempts throughout the hearing to "wear and discredit" James Allan, unit chairman fired on Jan. 19 along with sportswriter Melvin Greene. He accused Hanson of raising all sorts of bogus arguments to belud the real issues in the case.

REFUSED CARD CHECK

From the beginning, Hansen denied management's refusal to bargain. He nevertheless admitted he had refused a card check because he considered such cards "untrustworthy."

The Dispatch, he held, "always wanted to hold an election but the Guild refused."

Challenging that statement, Iserman replied that the Guild had immediately filed a petition for election but then withdrew it when it learned of the company's Guild-busting tactics.

"We felt that an election under such circumstances would not be a free and untrammelled election," he declared.

Hammond Member Is Lake Victim

Hammond, Ind.—Wayne Turner, 19, a member of the Hammond Newspaper Guild and a reporter on the Hammond Times, was drowned with his brother, Paul, while they were swimming in Lake Michigan near Gary, Ind.

Elizabeth Board Backs Rodgers, And N.J. Council

Elizabeth, N. J.—A recommendation of support of the candidacy of William W. Rodgers, incumbent in the ANG referendum election for secretary-treasurer, was unanimously approved by the executive committee of the Elizabeth Guild. It was offered by Vice President Douglas Bailey, the local's convention delegate.

A district council set-up, to consist of all locals in New Jersey and those in eastern Pennsylvania, was endorsed.

Dayton Votes to Back Rodgers, Expand Council

Dayton, O.—A resolution to support William W. Rodgers for ANG secretary-treasurer in the coming election, was unanimously adopted by the Dayton Guild at a Sunday breakfast meeting at the home of the local's president, Helen Anne Hilker.

Following a report on the ANG convention by Miss Hilker, Dayton delegate, the membership voted approval of the three assessments to be levied for the defense fund, but expensible for the calling for active furtherance of the council plan in Ohio for organization purposes was adopted.

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In an effort to determine the effectiveness of OPA controls over rent ceilings, the CIO, AFL, and Railroad Brotherhoods, through the National OPA Labor Office, are now conducting a survey in 65 key cities throughout the country.

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MICHIGAN COUNCIL SUPPORTS RODGERS

Muskegon, Mich.—The Michigan District Council unanimously endorsed William W. Rodgers for re-election as ANG treasurer at a regular meeting here.

The motion was made by James Henderson, Muskegon, and seconded by Ed McDowell of Grand Rapids.

The council also voted to ask the IEB to assign an international representative to the council.

BACK 65 CENT MINIMUM

PAC will launch a nationwide campaign in support of the bill now pending before congress to establish a 65 cent hourly minimum wage.

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In addition to his duties as ANG secretary-treasurer, he has devoted much time to negotiating national wire service contracts. From experience as a local financial officer, too, he has been able especially to assist local treasurers.

On the basis of his record alone, Rodgers deserves re-election. We urge all Guild members, including those in the service, to re-elect William W. Rodgers as secretary-treasurer of the American Newspaper Guild.

We want the administration of the American Newspaper Guild continued in alert and reliable hands.

SERVICEMEN'S COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT RODGERS

BARNEY B. TAYLOR, Chairman (1st Lt., Infantry, U.S.A.)

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NLRB Hearing On Springfield Papers Is Over

Springfield, Mass.—The hearing here before NLRB Trial Examiner Robert Greene to determine the appropriate collective bargaining unit for the day employees of the four Springfield dailies published by Sherman Bowles, was concluded here in three sessions in one day.

The management's attempt to prove that the newspapers—the Springfield Daily News, Republican, and Union (morning and evening)—are entirely separate operations, and therefore should not be included in a single unit as the Guild contends, fared badly under cross-examination of its witnesses.

They virtually admitted under questioning by Morris Iserman, ANG counsel, that the top management is in full control of the four operations.

Mary Gallagher, accounting department manager and personnel director for all four papers, acknowledged that newsprint, ink, and other bulk supplies are bought by the Republican Publishing Company for all papers.

She further revealed that the decision to contest the Guild's demand for a single bargaining unit was made at a joint conference of the officials of the papers, called by Bowles.

Bowles, who has earned a reputation for being "beligious," failed to appear, although subpoenaed. He was declared to be "out of town," but Miss Gallagher admitted seeing him during the day.

Nine of management's 10 witnesses were out-of-town correspondents, whom the Guild seeks to bar as not being bona fide, full-time employees. Under cross-examination they acknowledged a divergence of interest from the staff employees, and admitted they saw the cityroom perhaps once a year.

Price, Pittsburgh Member, Is Dead

Pittsburgh—Joseph Price, 39, circulation department member of the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph Guild, died suddenly while visiting at the home of a friend.

An employee of the Sun-Telegraph for 23 years, he leaves his widow, three children, his parents, a brother, and three sisters.

Finally Gets to a War Front



Photo by Guildman Jim Nichol
Guildsman Jack Nevin Jr., of the Call-Bulletin (right), tells Ynez McShane and Capt. Thomas Kuenning how he will watch the fire bomb and see that it is dropped on Japan. The slogan "To Japan from a Free U.S."

San Francisco—Jack Nevin Jr., dealer on the Call-Bulletin copy desk, had realized his ambition today—to get to one of the world's far-flung battle fronts.

For many months he sought an assignment out of the United States. He joined OWI, but remained in North America. He appealed to Uncle Sam. The answer was 4-F. But Nevin persevered.

Then it was revealed that fire bombs for Tokyo were being manufactured in San Francisco. Nevin conceived a campaign to

Parley Pushes Organization of Negro Press



Pictured above, starting clockwise, are some of those participating in the conference on organizing the Negro press: (top left) Marvel Cooke, People's Voice;

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Denver News Union Council Joins ITU In Commission Kick

Denver—The Denver Council of Newspaper Unions voted to join with the International Typographical Union in its protest against an evidently inimical attitude on the part of the Newspaper Commission toward including the ITU by-laws in the union's contracts with newspaper publishers, these "laws" having for years been a traditional part of ITU-publisher agreements.

Declaring that the commission's position in this matter, as in others, has tended to incite labor trouble instead of to ally it, the individual unions in the council also were asked to make separate protests to the National War Labor Board. A charge was made, further, that especially in the past year, the commission's attitude "worked disproportionately against labor unions and to the unfair advantage of employers."

With the resignation of Robert Bradley of the Stereotypes' local because of ill health, William Mirise, Typo secretary, was elected council secretary.

The council is composed of representatives from the Denver locals of the ITU, Pressmen, Engravers, Stereotypes, and Mailers, and the Newspaper Guild of Denver.

Also participating in the conference were James M. Reid, Courier unit chairman; Andrew J. Edmundson and Earl Martin, of the Courier unit; George Moore of Cleveland, Lowell Lomax of Washington, Marvel Cooke and Joseph Bostic, of the People's Voice unit, New York; and Julius Wrightson, of the Amsterdam News unit, New York; Leo Finegold, Pittsburgh local treasurer; and Charles Cross, chairman of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette unit.

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Negro Press Drive Is Mapped

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Treasurer William W. Rodgers. The conference, which was held in the Hotel Roosevelt, was opened with brief remarks by Steve Ripley, ANG international representative, and Harry C. Read, staff assistant to James B. Carey, national CIO secretary-treasurer. Read acted as temporary chairman, calling upon Sam B. Eubanks, ANG executive vice president, and Rodgers for brief remarks.

EVANS IS CHAIRMAN

Read, who is chairman of the Guild's Committee to Abolish Discrimination, and also a member of a similar national CIO committee, spoke briefly on that subject. The conference then selected Orrin Evans of Philadelphia as chairman and Mary Jane Mitchell of the Pittsburgh Courier unit as secretary.

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Grand Rapids Gains With New Press Contract

Grand Rapids—A new Guild contract covering editorial employees of the Press has been agreed to and has been sent to the Newspaper Commission for approval, with only maintenance of membership in dispute.

The new agreement provided increases in minimums, with shorter progressions. Increases are retroactive to May 20, expiration of the old contract. More than half the employees covered will benefit from the higher minimums.

Wage increases would begin after six months of experience, instead of after one year as in the previous contract. Editors will receive a minimum of \$47.50 for 40 hours, with assistants getting a minimum of \$42.50. Top minimum for reporters and copy-readers is up \$2.50 to \$57.50—after four years, instead of five years as in the old contract.

Society writers were upped to \$50, from \$40.

Other provisions include night differential, time and one-half for overtime, and the eight-hour day and the 40-hour week.

Peter H. Harvey is president of the Grand Rapids Guild, and B. G. Brown is chairman of the Press unit.

Pfc. Fehlhaber, Local 1 Charter Member, Cited

Cleveland—Pfc. Elmer O. Fehlhaber, charter member of the American Newspaper Guild and one of the founders of Local No. 1 here, has been cited by the commanding general of the 34th Infantry Division in Italy for "meritorious service in support of combat operations."

In making the award to Fehlhaber, Major General Charles E. Bolte, 34th Division commander, praised the former labor leader's work as public relations representative for the 135th Regiment.

A former Cleveland News reporter, Fehlhaber was the first secretary of the Cleveland Industrial Union Council, CIO, and was secretary of Ohio Labor's Non-Partisan League.

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He was cited for his many trips to the front lines to procure eye-witness material for news stories about the fighting in the Philippines.

In addition to his reporting chores, Murdock was editor of the 32nd Division's publication at public relations headquarters and helped train unit correspondents.

Murdock was president of the San Jose local for three years and was its delegate to the Detroit and Denver conventions. He was on the staff of the Mercury Herald.

Before entering service in 1944, he was assistant legislative director for the California State CIO.

WIRE SERVICE COUNCIL FORMED IN CHICAGO

Chicago—Wire service units here have formed a wire service council to exchange information and to discuss common problems.

Claire Cox, UP unit, is temporary chairman, and Elizabeth Fairbairn, INS unit, is temporary secretary.

Acceptance of the WLB decision and management's offer to the added jurisdiction enabled the contracts committee of the St. Louis Newspaper Guild to begin negotiations for a new ANG "model" contract covering all Star-Times employees under Guild jurisdiction.

Study your Guild contract... and know what clauses mean.

A Veteran Returns to His Desk



Photo by Guildsman Joe Maxson
Chief Radioman Jack McDonald, former president of San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, is introduced to his typewriter and telephone in the Call-Bulletin sports department, after his return to shore. Left to right: Harry Houle, McDonald, Frank Maloney and James K. McGee. McDonald is a veteran of two wars.

San Francisco—Chief Radioman Jack McDonald, U.S.N., a former president of San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, is returning to his sport department desk in the Call-Bulletin after an absence of almost four years.

Shortly after war was declared, McDonald, a veteran of World War I, quit experting horse races,

said goodbye to the "Dying Indian Chief" who aided him in his peerless picks, and wrote his final "Both Barrels" column.

Since then he has served in the Atlantic, Caribbean and Pacific, took part in many of the Pacific landings and found time to edit the ship's paper. His last months were aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Lamons.

Guild Member Appointed to NJ Anti-Discrimination Body

Camden—Veteran Guildsman J. Margaret Warner of the Courier-Post unit of the Philadelphia-Camden Newspaper Guild, is the only woman to be appointed to the seven-member advisory policy-making council of New Jersey's new Division Against Discrimination.

The appointment was made by Gov. Walter E. Edge.

A member of the Courier-Post Guild unit since its beginning and a former unit secretary, Margaret Warner has been a reporter for the Courier-Post newspaper for more than 19 years.

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SERVICEMEN COVERING NEWS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GUILD

St. Paul—The Guild convention broadened interpretation of the ANG's constitutional requirements on eligibility to "allow admission of persons in the armed forces who are employed on service publications" to Guild membership—"regardless of whether those persons had previously been eligible."

In other words, Uncle Sam at war is a bona fide publisher of hundreds of servicemen's news publications and as such his employees are properly eligible for union membership. Under the Guild's rules granting dues exemption to servicemen, an applicant in the armed forces will receive a card and "for the duration" in return for his payment of initiation fee and one month's dues.

Tact in waiting on disabled or disgraced war veterans is being stressed in special instructions to union department store salespeople here by their local.

Department Store Employees, weekly paper of the local organization of the United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees, CIO, carries a four-page special section which sets forth simple rules to guide store

sales personnel in serving, without embarrassing and actions of retail attitudes who wait upon the disabled serviceman, particularly on his return to civilian life, may be of crucial importance to his mental and emotional readjustment, the union paper points out.

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Labor Strength Is Noticeable In California

Sacramento—In sharp contrast to earlier years, organized labor made its weight felt in the California legislature during the session just adjourned. This was despite defeat for the progressive forces on key measures.

Probably labor's biggest achievement was the killing of the De Mille anti-union shop measure.

On the legislative "debit side" was failure to enact a fair employment practices law, health insurance, and a full employment measure.

However labor held its own during the session by putting down adverse bills, and also advanced somewhat through enactment of improvements to the unemployment insurance law and the industrial relations act.

LIBERAL SUCCESSES

A brief summary of how measures of special concern to labor fared, follows:

Favorable legislation—A law extending jobless insurance coverage; a measure shortening the waiting period for jobless insurance; reorganization and expansion of the department of industrial relations to give better and faster service; strengthening of the law against an employer interfering with political activities of his employees (a bill permitting employer to fire persons for adhering to "foreign doctrines" was killed); and rejection of a plan to give permanency to the wartime prohibition against the "hot cargo" embargo and secondary boycotts.

Unfavorable results—Refusal to enact an FEPC law, although urged by Republican Governor Warren; flat rejection of compulsory health measure and a hospitalization insurance program; refusal to enact a full employment bill (a governor-endorsed unemployment relief act was passed); enactment of a federal definition of agricultural labor into unemployment insurance law (if the measure is signed by the governor it will deprive 40,000 fruit and vegetable packing workers of benefits); rejection of extension of jobless insurance payments from 23 to 26 weeks; and continuation of the "Little Die" committee which last year developed most of its effort to attempting to discredit the CIO-PAC.

In the closing days of the session, labor helped defeat a resolution calling for an investigation of lobbying on the ground that it could develop into a witch-hunt with labor, rather than the business interests, as the actual target.

Briefs In for Kingston Case

Kingston, N. Y.—Briefs have been exchanged in the dispute case involving a Guild contract with the Kingston Daily Free-Press. The publisher charges the Guild with irresponsibility, and seeks to have maintenance of membership denied.

The publisher is being represented by the New York State Publishers association.

Ten issues are in dispute. Charles Crissey, ANG international representative, is aiding the local Guild.

Rosenthal Gives Denver USO Talk

Denver—Joe Rosenthal, the AP photographer whose picture of the planting of the U.S. flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, became the war's most famous photograph, stopped off here to give an eye-witness account of USO work overseas at a conference of the Colorado United War Chest.

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JOURNALISM'S BRIGHTEST GEM!

Muskegon, Mich.—The Muskegon Newspaper Guild lays claim to top honors for harboring this year's "fairest"—not to mention "squarest"—newshand.

This sterling reporter, who is a Guild officer (naturally), was nabbed by a Muskegon gendarme for driving over the speed limit. And given a ticket.

The following day, our Guild's "pride" who covers the police run for the Chronicle here, presented the ticket—believe it or not—in traffic court and paid a \$10 fine.

Nor is that all! This rare-fair-square fellow, asking no favors, listed his name with the other traffic violators and thus it appeared in the paper.

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Army Officer Tells Off Editor for Slur on Loyal Japanese-Americans

Washington—Earlier this year Managing Editor Charles F. Pierce of the Mando (N. D.) Daily Pioneer wisecracked in his regular column:

"A squib in a paper makes the statement that there are some good Jap-Americans in this country... but it didn't say where they are buried."

It happens that Mando is the home-town of the commanding officer of the famous 2nd Battalion of the 442nd (Japanese-American) Infantry. He is Lieut. Col. James M. Hanley.

The officer, receiving his home-town paper in France, read the remark. And sat down and wrote a letter-to-editor.

It follows, in part:

"I know where there are some GOOD Japanese-Americans—there are some 6,000 of them in this unit."

"They are American soldiers—and I know where some of them are buried..."

"I recall a sergeant—a Japanese-American, if you will—who had his back blown in two. What was he doing? Why, he was lying

over a white officer who had been wounded, to protect him from shell fragments during a barrage.

"I recall one of my boys who stopped a German counter-attack single-handed. He fired all his BAR ammunition, picked up a German rifle, emptied that, then used a German Luger he had taken from a prisoner."

"I wish that all the troops we have fought beside could tell you what they know (of Japanese-Americans)..."

"The marvel is that these boys fight at all—they are good soldiers in spite of the type of racial prejudice shown in your paragraph."

"I know it makes a good joke—but it is the kind of joke that prejudice thrives upon. It shows a lack of faith in the American ideal. Our system is supposed to make good Americans out of anyone. It certainly has done it in the case of these boys."

"You, Hearst, and a few others make one wonder just what we are fighting for..."

"Come here. I'll show you where 'some good Jap-Americans are buried.'"

Guildsman Melts Down Plates, Type For Hitler's Book

St. Louis—A local Guild member, Arthur F. Gerecke, supervised the task of melting down the plates from which Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was printed.

Gerecke, on leave from the advertising department of the Post-Dispatch, now in chief of the OWI press section for Austria. He also published the first postwar paper in Munich to inform Bavarians that the war was over.

Gerecke discovered the plates when taking over a publishing plant in Munich while putting out an Army paper. The original type and plates for the book were melted down in a special ceremony.

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West Coast Bias Against Nisei Being Eased Through Education

By DICK RODDA
Sacramento Guild
(Winner, Guild Reporter Award, 1944-45)

Sacramento—The west coast's feeling against returning Japanese-Americans is not as intense as the front page publicity given incidents of violence would indicate.

This was the opinion voiced by Frank Muench, WRA relocation officer, who spoke at the July membership meeting of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild, and presented a sound movie, "A Challenge to Democracy," which depicts the evacuation problem.

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"A Challenge to Democracy," except for revisions to bring it up to date, is the same picture which was presented to the Milwaukee ANG convention by Guildman Pat Frayne, information officer for the WRA in San Francisco. The 1944 convlave asked the return-home of loyal Japanese-Americans from the relocation centers where they were then confined.

Frayne was responsible for bringing the film to the Sacramento Guild. Besides presenting the evacuation story, the picture has some newsworthy spots of the famous 442nd Infantry Regiment.

The Donnelley strike, which had been carried on by seven printing trades unions in Chicago and against Donnelley sub-contractors elsewhere since June 3 when the Printing Pressmen's and Assistants Union, AFL, walked out, ended suddenly July 18 when the pressmen announced that they were returning to work.

No details of possible concessions from the bitterly anti-union company were announced.

The pressmen voted to return to work following an ultimatum to end the strike by their international president, George L. Berry, amidst charges of betrayal from the other participating unions. N. M. DiPietro, executive secretary of the strikers' organizing committee, and Carl Berreiter, ITU representative, declared that the back to work order came at a time when the strike had reached its peak and victory was assured.

FAT BOYS SUBSIDY

He figured it out this way: Industry has 20 billion dollars more cash on hand now than in 1939 and has three billion dollars coming in checks from the Treasury Department in excess profits tax returns as a cushion for absorbing reconversion cutbacks.

If industry operates at a loss, there is another 25 or 27 billion dollars to draw on through the treasury.

For workers to be in a similar position, each should have \$7,200 in savings, get \$1,200 in excess profits tax refunds, and have \$9,600 to draw on in case he operates at a loss.

A four-point program was outlined at the meeting including a federal supplemental unemployment

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"A Challenge to Democracy," except for revisions to bring it up to date, is the same picture which was presented to the Milwaukee ANG convention by Guildman Pat Frayne, information officer for the WRA in San Francisco. The 1944 convlave asked the return-home of loyal Japanese-Americans from the relocation centers where they were then confined.

Frayne was responsible for bringing the film to the Sacramento Guild. Besides presenting the evacuation story, the picture has some newsworthy spots of the famous 442nd Infantry Regiment.

The Donnelley strike, which had been carried on by seven printing trades unions in Chicago and against Donnelley sub-contractors elsewhere since June 3 when the Printing Pressmen's and Assistants Union, AFL, walked out, ended suddenly July 18 when the pressmen announced that they were returning to work.

No details of possible concessions from the bitterly anti-union company were announced.

The pressmen voted to return to work following an ultimatum to end the strike by their international president, George L. Berry, amidst charges of betrayal from the other participating unions. N. M. DiPietro, executive secretary of the strikers' organizing committee, and Carl Berreiter, ITU representative, declared that the back to work order came at a time when the strike had reached its peak and victory was assured.

FAT BOYS SUBSIDY

He figured it out this way: Industry has 20 billion dollars more cash on hand now than in 1939 and has three billion dollars coming in checks from the Treasury Department in excess profits tax returns as a cushion for absorbing reconversion cutbacks.

If industry operates at a loss, there is another 25 or 27 billion dollars to draw on through the treasury.

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"A quib in a paper makes the statement that there are some good Jap-Americans in this country... but it didn't say where they are buried."

It happens that *Mandan* is the home-town of the commanding officer of the famous 2nd Battalion of the 442nd (Japanese-American) Infantry. He is Lieut. Col. James M. Hanley.

The officer, receiving his home-town paper in France, read the remark. And sat down and wrote a letter-to-editor.

It follows, in part:

"I know where there are some GOOD Japanese-Americans—there are some 5,000 of them in this unit."

"They are American soldiers—and I know where some of them are buried..."

"I recall a sergeant—a Japanese-American, if you will—who had his back blown in two. What was he doing? Why, he was lying buried..."

Guildsman Melts Down Plates, Type For Hitler's Book

St. Louis—A local Guild member, Arthur F. Gerecke, supervised the task of melting down the plates from which Hitler's "Mein Kampf" was printed.

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The truth is the no arbitration of economy discharge clause was inserted in the contract by the previous ANG administration in 1940, despite great misgivings of many Hearst Guildmen. Ever since we have been trying to eliminate it.

When Hearst negotiations plans were made at the Milwaukee convention, N.Y. Guild officers proposed a long list of changes in the Memorandum, which they insisted, should immediately be enforced upon Kelly. They did not make clear how this was to be done in view of the war, the WLB, and repeated assurances to Kelly by N.Y. Guild leaders that he nothing worse to fear from us than rhetoric and "terminal facilities" (i.e. arbitration of everything).

It was abundantly clear, however, the real idea was to make political hay by insisting upon a set of demands which could not be achieved under wartime circumstances, and then lousing up the union's officers for failing to achieve them.

I told the Hearst Chain Council then that it was better to tell Hearst members frankly what small chances we had of favorably revising existing clauses rather than to deceive them by empty promises.

Nevertheless, we DID negotiate with Kelly on demands for changes, including the economy discharge clause. Irving Gilman, Nat Kinhorn and other N.Y. officers were encouraged to do their utmost to talk Kelly out of this position.

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Harrisburg—A new agreement, providing nearly \$11,000 a year in wage increases and added benefits, was signed between the Harrisburg Guild and the Patriot-News Company, ending a controversy that has been in negotiation for more than two years.

However, the Patriot-News unit voted not to insist that the publisher comply with the directive granting the Guild maintenance of membership.

Voluntary maintenance of membership has been in operation in the plant, it was disclosed.

The Patriot-News management led the newspaper publishers' opposition in the American Newspaper Guild's historic fight for maintenance of membership.

It was joined by the American Newspaper Publishers Association, along with a number of nation's most powerful publishers individually, in contending that a contract clause for maintaining Guild membership in their plants is incompatible with the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press.

BEGAN IN 1943

The maintenance of membership battle had its inception in 1943 for the Patriot-News unit of the Harrisburg Guild in 1943 for a Guild shop. Management refused "any kind of a Guild shop" and the matter went to the Newspaper Commission as a dispute.

More than a score of publishers from many parts of the country and their attorneys argued the question with Guild officers and counsel in October 1943 in Washington. In March 1944, the National War Labor Board ruled that there is no relationship between Guild membership and press freedom.

The Harrisburg Patriot-News case was then remanded to the Newspaper Commission for consideration on its merits. In October, 1944, the commission ordered a membership-maintenance clause which the company promptly appealed. On March 29 of this year the NWLB finally sustained the commission.

BACK TO JAN. 1

The new contract will run to July 1, 1946, and its provisions are retroactive to January 1, 1945, including the top wage minima which were revised upwards.

The agreement has been submitted to the Newspaper Commission for approval, with management and Guild in full agreement on the wage and all other clauses.

Among the gains obtained by the Guild are an increase in the maximum severance pay to 28 weeks, improvements in hours of work for circulation employees, and extension of benefit to persons in military service.

FULL COMPLIANCE

A joint Guild-management letter covering submission of the new agreement to the Newspaper Commission acknowledges "full compliance with and satisfaction of all issues in dispute in said proceeding (the 1943 case) and of the directive order issued by the National War Labor Board on March 9th, 1945."

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MONEY TALKS Convention Acts on Financial Problems

By William W. Rodgers
ANG secretary-treasurer

MEMO TO TREASURERS—Two constitutional changes adopted by the St. Paul convention are of considerable importance to local treasurers.

The first of these removed the following paragraph from Article V, Section 3(b): "In making the computation for representation (convention votes) hereunder no per capita payment for any member shall be counted for the particular month for which there has been levied an international assessment unless both the per capita tax and the assessment are paid in that month."

This means that henceforth a local's convention vote will be based on the average monthly per capita payment for the twelve-month period, without regard to assessments. If any assessments still have been levied, and if not paid on time, will continue to hold down

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A Duty

FOR the first time in ANG history, the International Executive Board has prepared its annual report more than a month before the annual Convention and is distributing it, in printed form, to every member of the Guild.

Throughout the report, laid out in easy-to-read topical headings with only the essential number of statistical tables and charts, runs the theme:

"The Board recommends that the membership discuss . . . The Board urges the membership to consider . . . The Board believes the Convention will want to decide . . ."

The International Executive Board is doing everything that it possibly can to promote democracy within the Guild. It is laying before the membership a detailed picture of what has been done in the last year and is asking the membership—the thousands of us who work in newspaper plants from Portland, Me., to San Diego—to read the record and order the way that the Guild shall go in the light of facts and reason.

In the trite old way of expressing it, we owe it to ourselves to cooperate in this further extension of real democracy within the Guild by reading every word of the IEB report and then deciding the issues before us by a considered majority vote.

A Question

THE Gallup poll would have us believe that most Americans attribute strikes to Communist agitators—rather than to profiteering employers who refuse collective bargaining, deny overdue wage increases and compel workers to strike because of their economic needs.

The Gallup poll is one of those mystic entities that answers to no power but its own conscience—and perhaps to the wealthy publishers which finance it—for the way it phrases its questions and chooses its samples.

We of the people, from whose ranks the Gallup poll selects its timorous and dazed guinea pigs, have no chance to argue back to this sublime arbiter of public opinion. But with all diffidence, we would like to suggest a question of our own to the Gallup wise men:

If strikes are caused by Communists, how come there were twice as many strikes in 1917, when there was no Communist movement in the United States, as in 1940?

—CLO News.



CIO Unions Win \$380,000,000 Wage Increases in Four Months

WASHINGTON (FP)—Wage increases amounting to \$380,000,000 annually have already been won by the CIO in the first four months of 1941, according to the April issue of Economic Outlook, monthly publication of the economic division of the CIO.

In the same time, the Outlook asserted, corporation profits jumped 17.5 per cent over a similar period last year.

These profit increases, figured in terms of profits per dollar of shipment, "greatly outstripped the increases in payroll per dollar of shipment," and "during the periods compared, the payroll figure dropped in all but one case, and that was durable goods whose increase was a reflection of heavy armament manufacture," the Outlook said.

In addition, wage increases are already threatened by "encroachments on several fronts," the Outlook added. "Two of the most important ones are the rising cost of living and increased consumer taxation."

Current proposals for new taxation offered by the Treasury Department would "aggravate the unduly heavy burden of taxation upon the low income groups," the CIO said, citing proposed increases in income levies in the lower brackets and in sales taxes on specified commodities.

Other proposals "prepared by experts working directly with Congress" would decrease the income tax burden but would impose "many more taxes on things that working people consume, such as coffee, sugar, tea and cocoa."

The publication cited CIO President Philip Murray's tax proposals, presented to the House Ways and Means Committee May 2, as a new approach to the tax problem that would "greatly improve the distribution of the federal tax burden."

Taxes on consumption and on low incomes were described as a "hidden wage cut," the Outlook pointing out that 36 per cent of all taxes are now paid by persons with incomes under \$1,000 a year. According to U. S. figures cited, workers with incomes under \$500 had to pay 21 per cent of their earnings in taxes; those with \$1,000 incomes, 18 per cent, and those with incomes between \$1,000 and \$3,000, 17 per cent. These percentages are for 1938 and 1939, and were increased by the revenue act of 1940.

PREPARATIONS by 160,000 members of the United Automobile Workers for a strike against General Motors Corporation were completed as the Guild Reporter went to press, with deadline for the big walk-out set for May 15.

GM, with a net profit in 1940 of at least \$195,000,000 and \$750,000,000 of defense contracts in reserve, talked loudly of the need for "uninterrupted production" of defense products but refused to grant a 10 cents an hour wage increase. It offered 8 cents.

UAW President R. J. Thomas commented: "The adamant, short-sighted and selfish wage policy of GM is a menace to stable labor relations and national defense."

SAN FRANCISCO—CIO and AFL shipbuilding machinists, striking jointly and harmoniously this week

against the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation and ten other smaller shipyards, rejected on Monday a request from the Office of Production Management and President William Green of the AFL that they return to work and negotiate later.

Reason, as expressed by the AFL business agent: "Inasmuch as we've never been able to get an agreement out of Bethlehem in the past 22 years, we don't feel any good purpose would be served by sending the men back to work before an agreement is reached now."

Picket lines of the 1,200 AFL members and 700 CIO men closed all 11 shipyards concerned because other workers refused to pass the picket lines.

NEW YORK (FP)—The Bethlehem Steel Corporation signed the first union agreement in its history May 3 with the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers (CIO). The contract covers 2,000 workers at the company's Hoboken, N. J., shipyard.

Bethlehem has been in the forefront of the fight against unions in the United States and, next to the Ford Motor Co., has been the most flagrant violator of the National Labor Relations Act. Negotiations for a contract to cover 5,700 workers in Bethlehem's two Brooklyn shipyards will start soon.

DETROIT (FP)—Unless the unexpected happens between now and the Ford Motor Co. labor board election May 21 at the Rouge plant in Dearborn and the Lincoln plant in Detroit, the United Automobile Workers (CIO) will sweep both plants by large majorities.

The only exception is the separate unit election for 271 patternmakers in Rouge, where the Patternmakers League (AFL) is on the ballot against the UAW-CIO and is considered the probable winner in some quarters.

At the Detroit labor board proceedings where the date of the election was announced the AFL was not represented, though the Ford Motor Co. and the UAW-CIO were on hand.

The board announced that in the Rouge plant the eligible workers total 80,372, exclusive of the 271 eligible patternmakers. In the Lincoln plant the eligibles total 2,943.

KENOSHA, Wis. (FP)—Wisconsin's longest strike, that against the Kohler Co., manufacturer of plumbing fixtures, was settled May 6. The walkout of AFL Federal Local 18454 would have been eight years old on July 16.

President Herman Seide of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, who announced the settlement, did not reveal its terms, but said they were "mutually acceptable." Negotiators included Seide, President Peter Schoemann of the Milwaukee Building Trades Council, WFL Organizer Arter Olsen, and Secretary Rod Weisman of the Sheboygan Building Trades Council.

The plant, situated in the "model" company town of Kohler, has been picketed ever since the start of the strike. Each year memorial services have been held for two strikers who were shot dead by deputies on July 27, 1934.

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