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WLB Is Pondering Guild Wage Case

Washington—The War Labor Board now has before it for consideration the petition of the American Newspaper Guild asking that a number of contract dispute cases be consolidated into one national dispute for a hearing and determination by a division of the WLB.

Contract disputes involve basic features of the ANG Wage Program.

The ANG petition stated that the economic position of newspaper workers has deteriorated more markedly than that of workers in other industries.

"This situation has resulted not alone from economic causes and wartime conditions, but from the inability of the Newspaper Commission to understand the stabilization policies of the National War Labor Board and to extend the benefits of these policies to the workers in the newspaper industry," the brief stated.

The brief pointed out that the commission has failed to promulgate any satisfactory policy for the application of stabilization policies of the WLB to the newspaper industry, although the WLB directed the commission last April to formulate such a policy.

Sam Eubanks, executive vice president, conferred with Dr. George W. Taylor, NWLB chairman, on Aug. 9 on the Guild's case. With Eubanks at the discussion were Morris Isserman, ANG counsel, Milton Murray, ANG president, Arthur Riordan, Philadelphia-Camden president, and Dorothy Rockwell, Washington president.

Informal meetings had been held earlier with WLB officials.

The ANG brief cited inconsistencies of the commission in handling Guild cases. "The case-to-case decisions of the commission indicate that the commission follows no consistent policy whatever, and much less applies the proper principles of wage stabilization to the newspaper industry," the ANG brief charged.

"As a result of the commission's failure in this regard, the employees are deprived of the benefits to which they are entitled under the stabilization policy. The resulting condition of wage structures in the industry must be described as chaotic, and the effect thereof upon the economic status of the newspaper worker has been devastating."

The ANG Wage Program was

presented to the WLB as "a remedy for this condition."

Disputes involving Wage Program demands already involve about 6,500 employees, with more cases with similar demands heading for the WLB.

The Guild also is asking that all wire service cases be consolidated to a division of the WLB for hearing and determination.

The Guild brief also stated: "Moreover, it is common knowledge, and reported in the daily press, that the National War Labor Board presently is formulating, or has already formulated, a new wage policy revised to meet the economic conditions of the country arising from the victorious conclusion of the war in Europe.

"If the Newspaper Commission is to properly apply this prospective policy, it is essential that the National Board demonstrate in the nationwide newspaper cases how this is to be done.

"Only thus can a proper uniform policy be established, which will bring order out of the chaos now existing in the industry, and redress the serious economic damage which has already been

done to the newspaper workers by the commission's inability to decide cases properly and in accordance with national policy."

Guild contracts certified to the WLB as dispute involve the following papers:

Camden Courier-Post, Philadelphia Enquirer, Philadelphia Record, Denver Post, Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis Times, New Orleans Item, St. Louis Globe Democrat, San Francisco Oakland City Wide (San Francisco Call, Bulletin, Chronicle, Daily News, Examiner, Oakland Post Enquirer).

Albany Times Union, Chicago Times, Cincinnati Post, Toledo Blade, Washington News, Wilkes Barre Record & Times-Leader-News.

Cleveland Press, Columbus Citizen, Columbus Dispatch, St. Louis Star Times, St. Paul Dispatch & Pioneer Press, Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Minneapolis Star Journal & Times, Plainfield Courier News, St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Demands in the above cases are identical and are based on the ANG Wage Program.

GUILD WINS 2 ELECTIONS

Erie, Pa.—The newest ANG local, No. 187 of Erie, won two NLRB elections July 31. On the Daily Times the vote was 13 to 2 for the Guild and on the Dispatch-Herald it was 13 to 4. One failed to vote in the Times election.

Immediately after the ballots were counted contract proposals were presented to the two publishers

and indications are negotiations will begin within a few weeks. A city-wide contract is to be negotiated by agreement with the publishers.

Joseph E. Meagher is president of the new local and William F. Fowler is secretary-treasurer. Meagher is on the Times and Fowler on the Dispatch-Herald.

Our Daily Bread...



Cartoon by Bernard Seaman, from "Justice."

"One thing we must always remember," said Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt July 25 in her newspaper column "My Day." "There is seldom any great difficulty in getting management's side of any story printed, but when it comes to getting labor's side into print, there is a very different question. I could almost tell you beforehand the very few papers which will usually print both sides."

First Contract Is Negotiated

Los Angeles — Negotiations have been completed for a first contract with Consolidated Publications, publishers of Metropolitan Scratch Sheet. The agree-

ment with the Los Angeles Guild covers only district men, and calls for a Guild shop, severance pay, job security and most other contract protections.

ANG Election Ballots Mailed to Servicemen

With the mailing of ballots to 4,100 Guild members in the armed forces, the ANG election referendum to elect a secretary-treasurer got under way. Ballots will be mailed to locals on Aug. 24.

Only office to be filled is that of secretary-treasurer, other members of the International Executive Board having been elected at the convention without opposition.

Candidates are William W. Rodgers, incumbent, and Charles Whipple.

RESULTS SEPT. 17

Returns must be in the ANG office by midnight Sept. 15, but results will not be tabulated by the bi-partisan elections committee until Sept. 17.

Distribution of ballots to servicemen was in charge of the elections committee consisting of Jack Deegan and John Weilburg, representing Whipple, and Douglas Bailey and Victor Leo, representing Rodgers.

Servicemen's ballots will be held in a postoffice box until tabulated by the committee Sept. 17.

CAMPAIGN IS ON

Campaigning for the two candidates, meanwhile, was in full swing. Jerry Gross, Toledo, is heading a committee for Whipple, and Dorothy Rockwell, Washington Guild president, is chairman of a committee to re-elect Rodgers.

Whipple supporters declared an earlier campaign piece, distributed at the convention, would be distributed "with an insert bringing figures up to date." Miss Rockwell said material was being sent out for Rodgers, and that

Guild Reporter ads also would be used to list Rodgers' supporters.

A proposal advanced in the elections committee to address envelopes for campaigning, costs to be born by the requesting group, from The Guild Reporter mailing list failed for lack of a majority. The proposal was made by Deegan and Weilburg.

LISTS OF VOTERS

The elections committee, however, in a recommendation to all

locals, urged that local officers notify members that the list of eligible voters in the local is available to all members.

More than 17,800 members are eligible to vote in this election, a new high mark. In the 1943 election there were 14,370 eligible to vote.

Locals must hold elections within 10 days of receipt of ballots.

Officers are elected for two-year terms.

Shake-up at Commission— Dr. Burns Out

Washington — Dr. Robert K. Burns, chairman of the Daily Newspaper Printing and Publishing Commission of the WLB, has resigned in a major shake-up of the commission.

New chairman is Dr. F. S. Deibler, former vice chairman. Dr. Burns is returning to the University of Chicago faculty.

A new public member was appointed to the commission, Justice William Lee Knous of the Colorado supreme court. Justice Knous is a public member of the ninth regional WLB at Denver, and currently is serving on the meat packing commission.

He will assume his Newspaper Commission duties immediately. A number of Guild locals had

protested to the WLB on the appointment of Dr. Deibler as chairman because of his failure to grant the full 15 percent under Little Steel, and because of charges he has not followed stabilization policies. Deibler was endorsed generally by industry representatives.

The work of Dr. Burns long has been under fire from newspaper unions. It was charged he was not following stabilization policies, and was responsible for commission policy of not granting the full 15 percent allowable under the Little Steel formula, and had promulgated many modifications which could have been approved in full.

Social Security Act Is 10 Years Old

IN ONE DECADE, MILLIONS HAVE SECURED JOBLESS AND OLD AGE SECURITY

August 14, 1945, marks the tenth anniversary of the Social Security Act.

Within a single decade "social security" has come to mean, to millions of Americans, insurance against the loss of income in times of unemployment, old age and death; and also financial assistance for the old, the young, and the blind when they are in need.

Back in the 1930's, when social security first was proposed, old, familiar adjectives were raised against it—"unconstitutional," "un-American" and "unworkable" were some of the terms.

Similar adjectives had been used to attack earlier social reforms which sought to provide public education, to control conditions and hours of work, and to establish minimum wages and workmen's compensation.

To all these charges the answer was: freedom to be hungry or sick or illiterate are not freedoms to be cherished by a democratic people.

The origin of the Social Security Act lay back in the early 1930's—days of bank failures and general discouragement. At the depths of the depression, one workingman out of every three was unemployed.

At first, private charity was used to relieve widespread distress. When that gave out, local and state funds were employed. As suffering spread and intensified, people and local relief agencies turned to the federal government.

To stem the tide the federal government embarked on experiments, and rapidly developed a list of alphabetical agencies—the FERA, NYA, CCC, WPA, and others. These agencies were merely temporary solutions, created to meet an immediate problem. Something more permanent was needed.

On June 8, 1934, President Roosevelt sent a message to congress that also was a challenge. He said:

"Among our objectives I place the security of the men, women and children of the nation first."

Shortly the President appointed a Committee on Economic Security to explore and recommend

safeguards against economic insecurity, and out of the work of this committee came the Social Security Act.

What "social security" has come to mean to the American people in the last 10 years can best be judged by a review of its activities in three fields:

Old-age and survivors insurance.

Unemployment insurance.

Public assistance.

Following is the record of these programs:

OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE

Today, more than 72 million people have had wages credited to their social security accounts with the United States government. In other words, two out of every three people in the United States, 14 years or older, are building up credits toward benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance program.

Since 1940, the amount and number of monthly benefits, paid under the program, have increased fourfold, until today well over a million people are receiving monthly benefit payments. This insurance amounts to more than \$20 million each month.

To whom are these benefits being paid? Insured workers who retired after their sixty-fifth birthday are receiving 40 percent of the total. This percentage would be even larger if it were not for the fact that two out of every three workers, eligible to retire, are not claiming benefits, because they prefer to continue working during the war emergency.

Children of deceased or retired workers receive almost 30 percent of the \$19 million paid under this insurance program. The remainder is distributed among widows, 65 years or older, of retired workers; widows with young children; widows, 65 years or older, of deceased workers; and dependent parents, 65 years or older, of deceased workers.

Out of every 100 persons receiving monthly benefits under old-age and survivors insurance, 65 are women and children.

About 36 million workers are



—Acme Newspictures

This is what social security is trying to prevent. Pictured here is a breadline in Cleveland in the 1930's. The people lined up are waiting to receive a dole of surplus farm products. The jobs and the aged now will not have to stand in such a line to get a handout. They will have social security checks and they can buy life's necessities in the public markets.

now protected by job insurance under the federal-state unemployment insurance program. Millions more are building up wage credits that will eventually qualify them for such benefits.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Much depends upon what state law a worker is covered, whether he can draw a maximum of, say, \$25 a week, as provided in Washington, Utah and Hawaii, or \$15 a week, as provided in 10 other states. The average weekly benefit, however, paid an unemployed worker in the United States in 1944 was \$15.90. This represents a 50 percent increase over the 1940 average of \$10.60.

The amount of benefits paid out to workers under unemployment compensation varies directly with

"good times" and "bad times." During the war, when jobs have been plentiful, few benefits have been paid. As a result, states have increased their unemployment funds to a total of more than \$6½ billion. By the end of 1944, these funds were great enough to have paid 71 out of every 100 workers in covered employment benefits for the maximum number of weeks provided under state laws.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

To care for people whose needs are not met by the social insurance program, the Social Security Act provides for monthly cash allowances for needy old people, dependent children, and the needy blind. Through 1944, the federal government had contributed well over \$2½ billion to the states

to help finance their assistance programs for these three groups. About 82 percent of this amount was distributed for old-age assistance. Even though wartime conditions have made it possible for many people over 65 to get along without public aid, some two million old people, or about one elderly person in every five is receiving financial assistance under the program.

In December, 1944, average monthly payments varied from a high of \$47.24 in California to a low of \$11.19 in Georgia. For the United States as a whole these payments averaged \$28.62 in that same month.

One-quarter of a million families at the end of 1944 knew what it meant to receive a monthly check under the aid to dependent children program. This check often meant the difference between a broken home and one that could last out hard times together.

Families with dependent children received checks averaging \$45.58 a month in December, 1944. Yet this program received only slightly more than 15 percent of the total federal grants to states for public assistance.

From 1936 to 1944 the federal government granted to the states about \$62 million to help them finance their program for the needy blind. At the end of 1944 more than 56,000 blind people were receiving an average monthly check of \$29.41 to assist them in meeting their everyday needs.

But the social security structure is not yet completed. For the future much remains to be done. NOT YET FINISHED.

When President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935 he called it the "cornerstone of a structure which is being built but is by no means complete."

In 1939 the act was amended extending insurance protection to the families of insured workers. Such important areas as medical and health insurance, permanent and temporary disability insurance need still to be made part of the social security system.

Millions still are excluded from coverage, and benefits should be increased, and coverage extended. Special provisions also are needed to protect the insurance status of those in the armed forces.

These points are included in recommendations made by the Social Security Board to congress.

ALL POLITICAL ADS PAID FOR

All political ads in this issue of The Guild Reporter have been paid for at regular rates, in line with the mandate of the Boston convention.

The finance committee report, which was adopted, declared: "The finance committee recommends that all political advertising copy for The Guild Reporter be accompanied by cash or certified check."

We've worked with Rodgers and know he's experienced and capable. Vote for RODGERS. Amasa Howe, Boston president (Globe unit)

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Guild Card Is Required in VFW Post of Combat Veterans

Washington—The first combat veterans organization with eligibility limited to members of the American Newspaper Guild, has been chartered here as the Press Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Theoretically open to all newspapermen who have served in the armed forces in combat theaters, the requirement that the applicant shall have been a Guild card carrier was explained by the post's officers as "not intended to create a link with organized

labor but rather to establish a basis on which the definition of newspaperman may be made."

Officers are, Otto L. Black, commander; James L. McNamara, vice commander; William R. Frank, adjutant-quartermaster; Robert J. Bremner, sergeant at arms, and Jeremiah A. O'Leary, Jr., membership chairman.

Black, former Sunday editor of the Washington Times-Herald, is on the public relations staff of the Veterans Administration.

Contract at NEA Pays Off With Raises to Last December

Cleveland—Pay day at Newspaper Enterprise Association (NEA) brought a load of cash for Guildsmen, as the paycheck included retroactive pay increases to last Dec. 1, following approval of the new wire service contract by the Newspaper Commission.

Minimums were increased, with a new top of \$65 for newsmen, artists and photographers. There also was a general increase of \$2.15 per week per person. For New York and Washington, top minimum is \$72.50.

An improvement also was made in the overtime provision, which now is time and one-half in cash, with fewer exemptions.

The contract also provides time and one-half for holiday work.

The payoff gave employees an average of \$70 each.

Guild negotiators were Charles Nichols, Cleveland Guildsman and a member of the wire service negotiating committee, and Joseph Colangelo, ANG director for wire services.

Brockton Appeal Hearing Held

Washington—The War Labor Board has held a hearing on the Guild's appeal over denial by the Newspaper Commission of severance pay in the Brockton Enterprise dispute case.

Public members were Nathan Feinsinger and Edwin Wittee. The ANG case was presented by Morris Isersman, ANG counsel. Eliza Hanson represented the Brockton publisher.

When the case came to the commission, severance pay was one of the points in dispute, and the directive ordered that no provision for severance pay be included in the contract.

The Guild, in its brief, contended that severance pay is a basic part of the Guild's wage

program, and is not a fringe issue, therefore the commission was out of bounds in denying severance pay.

TEXAS BISHOP LAUDS UNIONS

Washington (LPA)—"It is the duty of working people to join a bona-fide labor union for mutual protection and progress. They must organize for their own sakes and for the welfare of their families, their community and their nation. The CIO has taken a long step in that direction," said the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, bishop of Texas, in a talk recently.

SFONG Member Is Decorated



Lt. Morton Sontheimer is pictured receiving the Bronze Star medal from Maj. Gen. S. B. Akin, chief signal corps officer in the Pacific, in a ceremony at Manila.

Manila—Lt. Morton Sontheimer has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for "gallantry in action and meritorious achievement" with the U.S. Army signal corps in the Pacific.

He was given the medal for "voluntary missions under fire at great personal risk to obtain material for lucid, dramatic and accurate historical articles on the signal corps in the southwest Pacific" and for making "an urgently needed orientation motion picture on the Philippines with unprecedented rapidity."

Lt. Sontheimer is chief of the historical, awards and public relations section of the office of the chief signal officer at General MacArthur's headquarters.

Throughout the past four years the American Newspaper Guild has gone forward steadily under the united leadership of Murray, Eubanks and Rodgers.

As secretary-treasurer, Bill Rodgers has played a vital role in the forward progress of our union. He has shown himself a competent and experienced union officer.

Today the Guild has more members than ever before. Good standing is at an all-time high mark. Our financial reserve has more than tripled since 1941.

We want the administration of the American Newspaper Guild continued in capable and experienced hands. We urge you to keep Rodgers in office as secretary-treasurer.

LEWIS GANNETT, New York
PAUL WEBER, Detroit
WM. M. DAVY, Cleveland
AMASA HOWE, Boston
C. W. (BILL) GRAY, San Francisco-Oakland
JOHN R. WRIGHT, Boston
ARTHUR D. RIORDAN, Philadelphia-Camden
JOHN J. BIDDISON, Twin Cities
DOY SCHRAM, Chicago
WADE FRANKLIN, Chicago
ANDY WENCHER, New York
DAVE KAPLAN, New York
ELSIE MCKAY, Toledo
PEGGY O'REILLY, New York
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CHANDLER FORMAN, Chicago
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GEORGE CONNERY, Washington
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JAMES D. HARTSHORN, Cleveland
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MILTON MAGRUDER, Washington
FRANKLIN O. WILLIAMSON, Elizabeth
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THOMAS BRENNAN, New York
JAMES Y. NEWTON, Washington
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DEAN HUNT, Bridgeport
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PHIL AUSTENSEN, Washington
ERNEST RAPPLEY, San Francisco-Oakland
HENRY S. POINTON, Woonsocket
HAROLD KOLB, Boston
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LOUISE LYNN, Boston
FRANK TORONTO, Boston
FRANK O'DONNELL, Boston
JERRY KENNEY, San Francisco-Oakland
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ROBERT RANKIN, Chicago
CHARLES JOHNSON, Chicago
MARIE OHANION, San Francisco-Oakland
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MAXINE COSENS, Saginaw Valley
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HAL WELLES, San Francisco-Oakland
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CARL SWARTZ, San Francisco-Oakland
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Here Is the ANG Ballot

AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD
REFERENDUM ELECTION FOR
SECRETARY-TREASURER
1945
SAMPLE
Official Ballot
FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER (Vote for one)

WILLIAM W. RODGERS..... ☐

CHARLES L. WHITTLE..... ☐

Above is a reproduction of the official ballot for the secretary-treasurer election. Ballots have been mailed to servicemen, will be sent to locals on Aug. 24. Election returns will be tabulated Sept. 17, with the deadline up to midnight Sept. 15.

Layoff Stunt Fails—UAW Wins

Willow Grove, Pa. (FP)—Despite a last-minute campaign trick to defeat the union, Local 770, United Auto Workers (CIO), was overwhelmingly voted in as bargaining agent for the workers of G. & A. Aircraft Co. here, a subsidiary of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

Three days before the NLRB election, Firestone abruptly announced cutback layoffs of 300 of its 500 shop workers, to be completed by the afternoon following the election.

Accuracy Is Not E & P Forte; Here Is What Really Happened

Accurate reporting on Guild matters is not always a forte of Editor & Publisher.

In its account of a recent WLB decision awarding maintenance of membership and other benefits at the NY Herald Tribune in a reversal of a previous Newspaper Commission decree, E & P reported July 28:

"The WLB denied a differential for night shift workers because, it was explained, they entered the employ of a newspaper knowing they would have to work nights."

Actually, the WLB directive said nothing of the sort on this point. This is what it did say:

"The Newspaper Commission's order of Dec. 23, 1944 (denying a night differential) is affirmed in this respect. However, should a

dispute arise over this issue in connection with a new contract, the commission is requested to examine this issue in the light of national board decisions made subsequent to Dec. 23, 1944, and any changed circumstances since the case was last considered by the Newspaper Commission."

In plain English, this means that if the Guild asks for a night differential in the next Herald Tribune contract, and the contractors before the commission in a dispute case, it is likely that a differential will be awarded, since that has become WLB policy.

E & P also referred to "Sam Edwards, executive vice president . . ." when they meant Eubanks.

Christian American Outfit Gets Going Over by Collier's

An expose of the men and motives spearheading the rabble-rousing Christian American Association's current drive to add an open-shop amendment to the federal constitution appears in an editorial by Walter Davenport, political editor of Collier's magazine, in the current issue of that publication.

Based on interviews with Vance Muse, secretary-treasurer, and Lewis Valentine Urey, chairman of the organization, the article throws light on the anti-Semitic and anti-Negro complexion of the outfit, as well as its anti-labor activities.

PROPAGANDA FLOOD. From its headquarters in Houston, the Christian American Association has flooded the legislatures of the 48 states with its propaganda thumping for state constitutional amendments prohibiting closed shops and for memorials to congress asking for a federal constitutional amendment on the same subject.

To date only Arkansas and Florida have adopted the "God-Given-Right-to-Work" amendment, as its backers call it, but it is not operating there at present, since it's going through the courts for constitutionality tests.

The War Labor Board just ignores it. The voters of California turned the amendment down flat last fall, and the Louisiana state legislature not only wouldn't touch it, but also adopted instead a resolution condemning the outfit and calling on J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI to investigate it.

HE GETS THE DOUGH. The Collier's article characterizes Muse as "a promoter of and collector for 13 fund-raising and propaganda rowdyshows," and Urey as a "geologist, anti-Semitic pamphleteer, one-time college professor and Indiana state senator."

Before starting the Christian American outfit in 1936, Muse had had a long and profitable career as fund collector and propagandist for various questionable "America-saver" organizations, Davenport reveals.

Among the outfits he worked for were the Texas Businessmen's Association, Southern Committee to Uphold the Constitution, Order of American Patriots, League of

Ten Million, Southern Republican Council, and Dirt Farmers Association.

All of these groups had similar objectives which were revealed to the public in the findings of three senatorial investigations in 1929, 1936, and 1944. They thumped for tax reductions, were against labor unions, liberal social and economic trends and, after 1932, the New Deal.

The Christian American outfit didn't really start functioning until 1941, when Muse discovered an editorial in the Dallas Morning News calling for a 22nd amendment which would prohibit closed shops. Muse adopted the idea for his outfit.

Up to that time he and Urey, a "free-lance hater," had used Christian American only for "a scattering fire against atheism, Communism, Negroes, Jews, and labor unions," according to Davenport.

SOURCE NOT CLEAR. "The source of Christian American's operating funds is by no means as clear as crystal," the article points out. The group has an advisory board, membership of which is a closely guarded secret, and a mailing list of 4,500 supporters "who are good for three or four touches a year."

Muse admits that his own take is between \$4,000 and \$5,000 a year (in salary), but many observers consider this something of an understatement. Davenport points out, Urey contributes his time and talents—the latter consisting primarily of scorching harangues against anything he considers un-Christian and un-American—free of charge.

His income is derived from the Maco Stewart oil, real estate and finance interests of Galveston, Houston, Dallas and San Antonio for which he is a geologist and engineer.

In addition to hallyhooning the "God-Given-Right" amendment, Muse and Urey are "whooping it up for state labor regulatory laws."

While promoting such legislation in 44 states, they claim success in eight to date. These are Kansas, Idaho, South Dakota, Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi, Florida, and Texas.

"You can give him the best there is, and he's still not satisfied. He's got to find out for himself that it's the best—or learn how to make it better."

That's just what he's doing in working with his instructor to develop a new keyboard so arranging the keys that the first three fingers of the hand reach those letters that occur most frequently in the English language. The arrangement is reversed for right and left hands.

On the standard typewriter, long recognized as inefficient, the most commonly used letters are

"All these states have adopted in one form or another Christian American's second best favorite: a law to license union business agents, open their records on party, and revoke a non-cooperative agent's license," according to the article in Collier's.

LAWS ADOPTED. The outfit's first choice among restrictive laws is one fathered in Texas by Senator W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel which makes it punishable by fine or imprisonment for a striker to threaten a non-striker or to address him in a way that could be construed as a threat. O'Daniel, incidentally, is Christian American's chief backer nationally.

Muse and Urey both insist that they are not anti-Negro or anti-Semitic, but Davenport cites evidence to prove otherwise. He quotes extensively from Muse's campaign speeches while a candidate for congress in 1942, in which he violently attacked the Negroes and abolition of the poll tax in Texas, and from vituperative anti-Semitic blasts which Urey wrote for the Defender, published by the Rev. Gerald Winrod of Wichita, Kans., until his indictment for sedition.

"WE LIKE NIGGERS." And he quotes Muse on the subject of Negroes and Jews as follows: "We like the nigger—in his place. Our amendment helps the nigger; it does not discriminate against him. Good niggers, not these Communist niggers. Jews? Why, some of my best friends are Jews. Good Jews..."

Muse's hatred of organized labor dates back to a time when he worked in a meat-packing plant. "I was going all right," he told Davenport, "until one day a fellow from Chicago came down with a truck mutchuck and all dressed up... He said he was going to organize us. He did. Then just to see if it took, he called us out on strike. I damn near starved to death before they called me back to work. It was then that I made up my mind. It was then that I dedicated my life to fighting these labor boss racketeers."

So placed that the weakest fingers do most of the work. "It's an important innovation," Allen says, "breaking new ground for civilians as well as for disabled veterans. But Mrs. Chapman deserves the credit. I did the squawking. I was the guinea pig. But she listened to me and we went ahead to work something out..." The whole field of instructing one-arm typists is a virgin one, according to Mrs. Chapman, who has been with the hospital just about two months.

Allen expects to return to the newspaper business when the war is won.

CHICAGO PLANS ANNUAL BALL, PAGE 1 AWARDS TO NEWSMEN. Chicago—The grand ballroom of the Drake hotel on Chicago's Gold Coast will be the scene of the Chicago Newspaper Guild's Page One Ball on Nov. 17. Plans for the affair already have started under the direction of Wade R. Franklin, chairman of the Chicago Times unit.

In addition to presenting a top-flight show by outstanding stars in the entertainment field, the

dance will be the occasion for the presentation of Page One Awards for the best work done by Chicago newsmen during the past year.

An 80-page book containing stories and pictures of many aspects of the Guild in Chicago is being prepared and will be presented to everyone attending the dance.

Pay Guarantee Won by 2 Unions. Washington (LPA)—Guaranteed annual wages and guaranteed annual employment received two vigorous pushes last week when the first guaranteed wage in the steel industry was chatted up, and the WLB issued an order assuring year-round employment for 800 New York shoe salesmen. In both cases the workers involved are members of CIO unions.

The United Steelworkers-CIO disclosed that the Willman Manufacturing Co., of Norristown, Pa., has acceded to a new contract which provides a minimum of 1,200 hours of work a year for every worker who has five years of continuous service to his credit. The contract specifies that "if the company does not provide work for any part of the 1,200 hours the employee shall be paid for the unworked time at his straight time hourly rate."

Claim Seattle Cops Plan War on Unions. Seattle (FP)—Labor charges that the Seattle police department is being converted into a military machine to bust unions followed the disclosure that the department plans to buy seven armored cars.

Local 6, Building Service Employees International Union, AFL, sent a stinging protest to the city council denouncing the proposed purchase and called on other unions to follow suit.

Reporter Takes Publicity Post. Minneapolis—Mickey Swartz, veteran Minneapolis police reporter, has resigned from the Star-Journal to become public relations director here for the newly established branch office of the Institute for American Democracy.

Swartz started his newspaper career as office boy for the old Minneapolis Journal.

California Boasts Good Strike Record. Sacramento, Calif. (FP)—California has an exceptionally low wartime strike record, according to 1944 for 1 1/2 percent of the man days of labor dispute idleness although the state has 6 percent of the employment. In terms of man days lost as a result of strikes and lockouts the 48 states in 1944, compared with fourth in 1940.

PRESENT PICTURES TO CHICAGO GUILD. Chicago—Members of the Times unit have presented to the local framed copies of prize-winning news pictures taken by unit members to decorate the Guild office.

POPULAR CANTEN. Harrisburg (FP)—More than 350,000 service men and women have attended the USO-labor canteen here, jointly sponsored by the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods.

GOOD ADVICE. Washington—A local outfit which sells specialized information to businessmen, is advising them to "play ball" with unions to avoid reconversion headaches arising from jurisdictional disputes.

IT'S THEIR MONEY. Weirton, W. Va.—Weirton Steel Co. has refused to pay \$4.32 in back pay to an employee because the amount is too trivial, a United Steelworkers representative charged.

JOBS END. Kansas City, Mo. (FP)—Termination of glider contracts at the Commonwealth Aircraft plant here will throw 1,600 workers out of jobs about Sept. 1.

For continued progress re-elect **RODGERS** William Crawford Washington Guild

From the Grass Roots we support RODGERS James F. Henderson, president, Muskegon Guild

CIO Reveals Texas Plot to Smear Unions

Sas Antonio—A conspiracy on the part of Fight for Free Enterprise, Inc., to use the courts of Texas to persecute the CIO was charged by O. A. Knight, president of the CIO of Workers Union, and W. M. Akin, Texas CIO secretary.

Their charges were on the basis of documents submitted to Grover Selers, Texas attorney general, and the U. S. Department of Justice.

Newspapers were to be coerced, framed up evidence was to be manufactured, and unsubstantiated charges were to be leveled against the CIO in such a way that the libel laws could be evaded, it was charged.

SECRET MEMO. CIO representatives named William Walker, chairman of Fight for Free Enterprise, with headquarters here, as the sponsor of a secret memorandum sent to businessmen in the Rio Grande valley. The memo contained Walker's program for fighting union organization among agricultural and cannery workers in the valley, and asked for funds for an anti-CIO crusade.

The memorandum was marked "confidential" and was unsigned. It was enclosed in an envelope with the address of Walker's organization and was accompanied by a logging letter signed by Walker.

This memorandum revealed how the CIO was to be accused of being "communistic and atheistic."

A scheme was divulged to seek a writ of mandamus, under which scurrilous charges could be made against the CIO without fear of being prosecuted under the libel laws.

Publications of an inflammatory nature were to be circulated, falsely purporting to be issued by the CIO itself.

World War II veterans were to be recruited on the basis of toughness and "peculiar abilities" to take violent action against the CIO.

CIO members were to be trapped on the basis of understandings with certain police officers.

PROBE IS ASKED. Newspapers which refused to join in the Fight for Free Enterprise campaign were to be disciplined by circulation and advertising boycotts.

In placing proof of their charges before Selers, Knight and Akin asked him to investigate Fight for Free Enterprise, to revoke its charter and to prosecute Walker and his associates.

Nearly 4,800 Papers Use NAM Propaganda

(By Federated Press) The National Association of Manufacturers' posches-and-cream version of big business, ladled out through its free Industrial Press Service, is reaching into more and more hometown papers, the NAM News reports.

The NAM News modestly quotes a report on the progress of IPS by a newspaper trade journal, which reveals that orders for mats and other features in the clip sheet have increased by nearly 1,200 in the last year, until now 4,750 "grassroots" papers are using it.

POPULAR HANDOUT. The NAM clip sheet is "probably the most widely used free press service offered to newspapers," according to the trade journal.

IPS is now in its 11th year and "is designed to supply information to the nation's editors on the viewpoints, aims and achievements of American business and industry," NAM News says.

Explaining its fast growth in the last year, IPS Editor Carl Helm is quoted as saying: "It all adds up to a mounting desire on the part of the nation's hometown editors to maintain the American economic system by telling the specifics about its accomplishments."

THEY GET IDEAS. In many instances, editors of hometown newspapers find the news and feature material of IPS valuable in giving them ideas on which they base their own editorials and news stories.

The type of news appearing in the clip sheet is "of particular

appeal to residents of farm and rural communities," Helm says.

He knows better than to try to appeal to workers.

WINS FURLOUGH. Camp Lee, Va.—Pvt. David B. Dreihman won a two-week furlough here by scoring highest on all written and practical application tests. Dreihman, formerly a copyeditor on the Minneapolis Star Journal, is in a quarter-master company. He is a member of the Twin Cities Guild.

A management official dismissed her on charges of "stealing" a company car, but other officials quickly declared what was meant was misuse of the vehicle.

After investigation, the Guild countered with an unfair labor practice charge, declaring she was fired for Guild membership.

Meanwhile, the NLRB is to set a date for a hearing on the charge.

U. S. Chamber Is Opposed to Boosting Jobless Payments. Washington (FP)—The U. S. Chamber of Commerce has come out openly against any increase in unemployment compensation payments for jobless war workers.

In a statement the Chamber attacked the proposal of President Harry S. Truman to liberalize payments of unemployment compensation to a top of \$25 a week for 26 weeks.

The Chamber claimed that "all states have liberalized their laws since the adoption of the social security system," by expanding coverage, increasing benefits and lengthening the duration of payments as well as cutting down the waiting periods.

As a clincher, the Chamber said that the assertion that the U. S. must supplement unemployment benefits "is not borne out by the record."

The U. S. Social Security Agency, however, reported that in 1944 the average weekly benefit for total unemployment was \$15.90, ranging from North Carolina's \$7.91 to Hawaii's \$19.57.

Sf. Louis Given OK on Contract For Star-Times. St. Louis—The Newspaper Commission has approved an agreement reached between the Guild and the St. Louis Star-Times on four points which had been remanded to the parties for settlement when a directive order was issued last March.

For watchmen, newly under the contract, a Guild shop was agreed to, as were five holidays, with equal time off or an extra day's pay for holiday work.

The effective date was agreed to as June 15, 1944, the date of the interim wage reopening. Minimum rates in four classifications also were resolved and approved.

Charges Filed After Firing

Allentown, Pa.—The Lehigh Valley Guild has filed an unfair labor practice charge against the Call-Chronicle newspapers over the dismissal of Mrs. Georgy Rohrbach, reporter-photographer in the Stroudsburg office.

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Let's Build Our Guild! Elect WHIPPLE

Your wages, your working conditions are held down by low wages that exist on papers without Guild contracts.

Your post-war security is tied up directly with how much job security there will be in the WHOLE newspaper industry, which includes a vast group of unorganized.

It would seem obvious that we must concentrate all of our energies on organizing the unorganized.

It is obvious to Charlie Whipple. His long record of Guild organizing speaks for itself. He is committed to a vigorous organizing campaign.

It has not been and still is not obvious to William Rodgers whose position is simply that we have done well enough. To us this is the gist of his statement in the July 27 issue of the Guild Reporter. This even after it has been pointed out to him that we are less than one-third organized; that there are 45 major cities in the United States where there are no Guild contracts, and there are 17 states in which we do not have one member.

Charlie Whipple is running against Rodgers for Secretary-Treasurer. Whipple's election will remove some of the lethargy from our national office. It will help build the Guild. Vote for Whipple.

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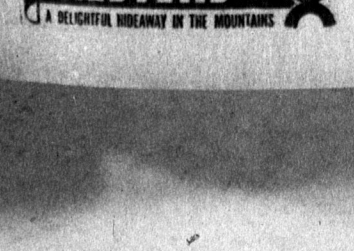
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***CHARLIE WHIPPLE'S RECORD**
AS A NEWSPAPERMAN: Whipple is a rewrite man on the Boston Globe, having returned to his job after 30 months overseas.

AS A GUILD MEMBER: For five years organized and negotiated in New England, as secretary of Boston Guild. For two years a Resident Organizer and then International Representative in Pennsylvania. Whipple served under the present ANG officers and the old administration and worked harmoniously with both. He helped raise wages more than 25% in Pitts'burgh. He exposed the conspiracy of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association to break the Guild in Pennsylvania. He was one of the authors of the Resident Organizer Plan, which during the short period it was in effect increased the dues paying membership of the Guild 15%.

WITH THE ARMED SERVICES: As a 4-F civilian, Charlie Whipple was turned down both by the Marines and the Army. He then volunteered for Red Cross work as Field Director, spent 15 months with the air force in England and then at his own request spent another 15, including 10 in combat, with the 29th Infantry Regiment, 8th Division. He was wounded in Normandy and cited by General Eisenhower.

Our Daily Bread...



DeMille Makes Much Noise But Gets Nowhere

Sacramento—Movie Producer Cecil B. DeMille's one-man war against unions is getting nowhere fast.

The latest setback in his effort to stop union political assessments is the failure by default of an initiative measure seeking to carry out his aims.

Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan announced the 90-day period in which sponsors of the measure were required to file their first signature expired. There were no signatures on file, so the initiative died.

178,000 NEEDED

Although only original signature filings were required in the 90-day period, a total of 178,044 names would have been necessary to put the measure before the voters of the state in 1946.

The initiative scheme inspired by DeMille was titled last May by the attorney general's office at the request of Joseph E. Matthews, Walter F. Parker and Harry F. Brubaker, all of Los Angeles.

EARLIER SETBACK

DeMille's first setback came when a Los Angeles court ruled against him in a suit to compel the American Federation of Radio Artists to permit him to broadcast his radio show without paying a \$1 assessment levied by the union to fight an anti-closed shop initiative last year.

Setback No. 2 came when the state legislature decisively tabled a bill which would have prohibited labor unions from making such political assessments.

New Contract For Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh—Members of the Post-Gazette unit are to act on a new contract as negotiated, with tentative agreement reached on all points except wages and those portions of the ANG Wage Program relating to merit and length of service increases.

If other sections are approved, wage matters will be submitted to the War Labor Board as a dispute.

Various gains were reached in the new agreement, which covers a new department, inside circulation.

Negotiators for the Guild were Steve Ripley, ANG international representative; Leo Finegold, local treasurer; Charles Gross, Post-Gazette unit chairman, and Ed Fisher, of the same unit.

Father and Son Meet in France



The fortunes of war brought Pvt. Chris Ahlrich (left), former treasurer of the Madison Newspaper Guild, to a reunion in France with his son, Lt. James J. Flannery—and rank was ignored. The two met at Fontainebleau, where the lieutenant is stationed, and "did" Paris before Ahlrich led to Germany. His wife, Lou Ahlrich, is employed on the advertising staff of the Madison newspapers where both she and Chris worked before he became a GI. Chris is now in the Bavarian Alps with the Third Army.

As Ballots Were Mailed to 4,100 Servicemen



Picture by Frank Carson, NY Guild

Members of the bi-partisan elections committee are pictured preparing to dig in and mail ballots to servicemen. In a short time, the office staff of the ANG was called in to help seal and stamp 4,100 envelopes. Servicemen's ballots will be held in a postoffice box until they are counted Sept. 17. Left to right are Jack Deegan, Victor Leo, Douglas Bailey and John Wellburg. Leo and Bailey represent ANG Secretary-treasurer Rodgers, and Deegan and Wellburg represent Charles Whipple.

DID THEY SIGN PEACE PACT IN GOOD FAITH?

U. S. Chamber Solid For Same Old Union-busting

(By Labor Press Associates)

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce which just three months ago signed an industrial peace pact with both the AFL and CIO last week gave leaders of both organizations cause to wonder whether the C of C entered into the agreement in good faith.

In a mail vote the member chapters voted 2,658 to 42 in favor of an anti-union proposal that labor has had to beat down in congress a half-dozen times and will probably have to confront again when congress reconvenes in the fall.

What the C of C wants is legislation that would make unions subject to the anti-trust laws. The lopsided 2,658-42 vote was on a proposition which specified that "labor organizations should be subject to regulation that will prevent monopolistic practices injurious to the public."

Even worse from organized labor's point of view was the con-

cluding idea in the same proposition: "Closed shop provisions in collective bargaining union contracts should not be sanctioned."

This anti-labor attitude on the part of the Chamber "makes sheer nonsense of the management-labor peace pact which President Eric Johnston signed," declared one labor leader.

The C of C is expected to support any legislation along this line that may come up in congress and also a reduction of federal taxes as soon as possible.

The poll showed—by 2,658 to 42—the C of C members' belief that: "Early in the transition period there should be reductions of the taxes applicable to ordinary incomes of corporations and individuals."

Labor leaders generally have opposed any relaxation of corporate taxes while the present heavy taxes on low-bracket incomes continue and while take-home pay is being cut.

A number of other propositions attested the Chamber's increasingly reactionary position. Fa-

vored by a vote of 2,658 to 25 was a proposal that would hit labor's political activity. Political contributions should be restricted not only in general elections but also in primaries, the C of C chapters declared.

On public health the Chamber overwhelmingly voted (2,653 to 32) against any national program and insisted that it remain the responsibility of the individual states and municipalities.

All of organized labor is on record in favor of a national health insurance program.

GUILD BATTLES FIRING ON CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Cleveland—The Cleveland Guild is preparing unfair labor practice charges against the Catholic Universe-Bulletin, largest Catholic weekly in the United States, in the summary firing of Leonard Bruening, Guild unit chairman.

Management claims Bruening's job has been abolished, and the

Directive Ends Dispute Case In Knoxville

Knoxville—A directive has been issued by the Newspaper Commission in the dispute case involving the Guild and the News-Sentinel.

Maintenance of membership was ordered, with the industry member, Frank Ahlgren, editor of the Memphis Commercial-App-

The atomic bomb had a big role in the Knoxville Guild's plea for a 10 percent pay boost. One of the giant plants working on this weapon of destruction is near Knoxville. The influx of workers has made goods scarce, has sent prices soaring out of all proportion to the increase in the rest of the U. S.

But this abnormal cost of living rise (due to the bomb plant) was ignored by the commission.

The commission, increase in the ceiling of severance pay from 25 to 28 weeks was denied on the grounds 26 weeks is "reasonable."

The commission remanded to the parties a management proposal to exempt the news editor from the contract. Crouse dissented. A Guild proposal for a 10 percent increase was denied. Crouse dissented. A night differential of 5 percent of weekly salary for normal work between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m. was ordered.

Starting and fifth year reporters minimums were increased \$2.50, with a \$50 top, but other step-ups were left unchanged. Crouse dissented on the unchanged minimum and Ahlgren dissented on a \$50 top minimum.

Clothing Workers Seeking Pay Boost

A \$1 daily wage increase, an old age retirement fund and six paid holidays for 150,000 clothing workers throughout the country were demanded by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CWO) at a conference with the Clothing Manufacturers Association of the U. S.

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Guild Shop in New Contract For Lynn Item

Lynn, Mass.—Negotiations have been completed for a new contract at the Daily Evening Item, with a modified Guild shop now incorporated in the agreement.

The Telegram-News unit has had a full Guild shop for several years, and the Item contract provided maintenance of membership last year.

The Lynn Item was the scene of a bitter strike for union security in 1938 which lasted 17 weeks, and finally was ended by arbitration.

Wage minimums were continued, with a top of \$55 for reporters and photographers, and \$50.35 for desk men. Mileage remains at nine cents per mile. Seven holidays are recognized, and the contract is retroactive to April 6, 1945.

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SAN JOSE GOLF TOURNEY WON BY DELORENZO

San Jose—Registering with a low net card of 94-28-66, Charles DeLorenzo won the San Jose Newspaper Guild's annual 18-hole Hillview Country Club. DeLorenzo, Guild president, was two strokes ahead of three rivals who tied with net cards of 98.

In this group were Louis Daino, Mercury sports editor, 76-8-88; Frank Freeman, Mercury columnist, 79-11-68; and Bill Gould, News reporter and columnist, 88-36-68.

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Prize Winning Photo Done in Oils



Perry Cragg (left) head photographer at the Cleveland News won first prize in a national photo contest with a picture of his son, Alan, and dog, Buster, bating up for fishing. The prize, \$750 in war bonds, went to his sons. Cragg had Ladd Cerny, News artist, do the prize picture in oils. Above Cerny is putting finishing touches on a faithful reproduction of Cragg's picture. Both are Guildmen.

Freedom of Press Round Won in Court

Pittsburgh—A blow was struck for freedom of the press here last week—but not by the commercial press. The right of the public to read about evidence submitted in public hearings was upheld after a fight waged by Guildsman Ray W. Pannick, a reporter for Steel Labor, official organ of the United Steelworkers.

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Minor Gains for N. Y. Deliverers, But Gyp Looms

Chicago—The Newspaper Commission has awarded paid vacations and time and a half for work on six holidays to the independent New York Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union in an interim decision following a hearing.

The two issues were among those involved in a dispute which led to a 17-day strike halting delivery of 14 New York papers during July, but the issues had previously been agreed to by the publishers.

The more controversial issues, including a 3 percent welfare fund to be financed by the publishers, will be settled in a final commission order. Since it is against WLB policy to order such a fund, this is not likely to be granted.

The strike was called off after the then commission chairman, Dr. Robert K. Burns—now out—promised the union an immediate hearing and that the commission would "consider" ordering arbitration on issues which could not be resolved at the hearing.

But when the union asked the commission to order arbitration on the welfare fund issue, the request was turned down with a statement that the commission would settle all disputed points.

(However, on similar issues involved in Guild cases the commission has repeatedly remanded the dispute back to the parties for further negotiations.)

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Washington (LPA)—Senator Pappy O'Daniel, Texas rabble-rouser and labor-hater, has moved the headquarters of his union-busting newspaper, the "W. Lee O'Daniel News" from Fort Worth to Washington and has installed his staff in an impressive bank building for which he swapped property in Texas.

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Contracts Body Sends Out Memo On Negotiations

The IEB contracts committee has sent a memorandum to local officers again calling attention to the rules in the American Newspaper Guild constitution governing both the content and the procedures for obtaining the necessary clearance by the contracts committee.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING PROGRAM

Following are minimum provisions for Guild contract proposals, as listed in the collective bargaining program:

A correct preamble; 5-day, 40-hour week and 8-hour day; holidays; time and one-half in cash for overtime; adequate minimum salaries and increases for those above the minimum; full Guild shop; adequate severance pay to be given on termination of employment for any reason, with death benefits and no qualifications.

Two weeks vacation with pay; sick, disability and maternity leave with full pay; guarantee of no pay cuts, no dismissals as result of contract, no unjustified firings, and Guild right to question all firings; contract to run for only one year.

Freedom of outside activities; no required transfers, payment of transfer expenses and no loss of benefits as result of transfer; a war service clause, protecting both regular employees and their substitutes; seniority in job tenure and rehiring; limitation of apprentices; checkoff; and leaves of absence for Guild work.

CIO WINS ELECTION

New Bedford, Mass. (FP)—The Textile Workers Union, CIO, defeated the United Textile Workers, AFL, by more than 2 to 1 in an NLRB election here involving 10,000 workers in the nine mills of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers Association.

TOLEDO REPORTER GAINS HER FREEDOM VIA WEDDING BELLS

Toledo—Donna Payden, deemed so essential by the Toledo Times management and the War Manpower Commission that they would not let her accept another job, found a way to leave the paper—she got married.

Donna, a good Guild member for the two years she was a reporter on the Times, was offered a post with the Central Press in Cleveland about one year ago.

Washington Backs Rodgers Campaign

Washington—The Washington Guild executive committee voted unanimous support for William W. Rodgers in his campaign for re-election as ANG secretary-treasurer.

William Crawford of the Times Herald was named local campaign chairman for Rodgers.

We have learned what sound financing means.

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with units also in

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Campaign Head Predicts Win For Rodgers

Washington—More than 17,000 Guild members in good standing will turn out in record numbers to re-elect Bill Rodgers as ANG secretary-treasurer, Dorothy Rockwell, national chairman of the Rodgers campaign committee, predicted today.

"Sentiment in all Guild locals is running high," Miss Rockwell said, "in favor of putting Bill Rodgers back in office and going ahead with the constructive, forceful program laid down at St. Paul—the program Rodgers helped plan and is pledged to help put into effect."

"The unanimous support given the ANG program and policies at St. Paul, after the thorough discussion that went on there," she added, "makes it obvious, of course, that the statements lately attributed to Rodgers' opponent, Charles Whipple, are only campaign talk."

16,000 NEW MEMBERS
The record shows that in the past three years, more than 16,000 new members have paid initiation fees—that the Guild now has 179 daily papers under contract, representing at least 70 percent of paid circulation in the U.S.—that the Guild's severance pay clauses, standard in our contracts and ours alone, are becoming the model for other unions to follow—that the Guild's National Wage Program, threshed out at Washington, is sound by every test and its conception is unique in the labor movement.

"These facts cannot be gained," Miss Rockwell continued. "No responsible Guild leader will insist that this is a perfect record and no such claim has been made. The toughest part of the job is ahead, as we all know."

"The war, which together with abnormal conditions in our industry has taken away seven old members for every eight we have signed, will soon be over, and every local will be beset with grave problems demanding the utmost in skilled and patient leadership."

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Rodgers Backed By Hutchinson

Los Angeles—George E. Hutchinson, president of the Los Angeles Guild and international vice president of Region 4, has endorsed William W. Rodgers for re-election as ANG secretary-treasurer.

Hutchinson has been an independent in Guild political affairs. In a statement to the Los Angeles Guildsmen, local publication, and The Guild Reporter, Hutchinson said: "I have weighed the evidence in the light of its good for the entire Guild, and I am forced, personally, to choose William W. Rodgers."

Hutchinson's statement follows, in full: "It is useless and only a contribution to disunity to choose between William Rodgers and Charles Whipple for international secretary-treasurer of the Guild solely on a political basis."

"Personally, I have made my choice through analysis of the men, the issues and the overall Guild situation."

"First, I have considered Rodgers' experience as secretary-treasurer. He has held the office, he knows the job. Whipple may make just as good a secretary-treasurer eventually, but he has not held the job before. Strictly on his work as treasurer, Rodgers is above criticism."

"Secondly, I have considered Rodgers' record as a member of the International Executive Board. Here, again, he has the experience, knows the problems before the board and before the Guild, a knowledge which Whipple must acquire."

"There is no doubt in my mind that Whipple is an entirely sincere and capable man. On that basis, I should not say a word to injure his campaign."

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A number of important gains are included in the new agreement. Overtime pay for a holiday week shall start after the 32nd hour of work, and there is a 5 per cent differential for all regular work between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m.

A trial period in promotions is limited to one month, with pay increases retroactive. Severance pay of employees who may die in military or Red Cross service shall be paid their beneficiaries.

Replacement employees who may be displaced are put on a preferential rehiring list.

The contract also provides that the new agreement shall be retroactive to the expiration date.

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Denver Leader Switches Jobs
Barley Murray, radio-house reporter for the Denver Post and Post unit chairman, is moving over to the INS Bureau at a better salary.

Murray will continue as chairman of the organizing committee on the Post until the campaign is won.

Murray was a delegate to the St. Paul convention.

Two Chroniclers Of Cupid's Efforts Fall to His Darts
Sacramento—Society Editor Betty Green and Society Writer Barbara Mayers of the Sacramento Union, both during the same week, took time off from writing about other people's luck with Dan Cupid to write stories of their own engagements.

Miss Green announced her betrothal to Edward Thomas Rooney, Jr., of Sacramento, and Miss Mayers revealed she will wed Arnold Irving Rowell of the merchant marine. The bride-to-be are members of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild.

WIN RAISES AFTER FIGHT
Denver—Four University of Colorado professors won their fight for raises, denied them by the board of regents because they had invited Harry Bridges to speak on the campus, when the regents reversed themselves on recommendation of President Robert L. Stearns, following a stormy session.

The four faculty members had invited Bridges to address a meeting endorsing legislation for a Missouri Valley Authority. The regents action denying salary increases followed, and touched off a bitter campus fight over academic freedom.

HONOLULU LABOR CANTEEN
A CIO-AFL canteen for servicemen in the Pacific will soon be opened in Honolulu.

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Company-paid Insurance Plan For Scranton Times

Scranton—Publishers' of the Scranton Times have announced full details of a comprehensive insurance plan for all employees, the full costs of which are to be borne by the management.

Formal announcement via an explanatory booklet distributed to all employees was made several weeks after William R. Lynett, Times publisher, had apprised a Guild negotiating committee of the management's intention to inaugurate the program. This disclosure was made during discussion of a Guild proposal to broaden contract severance provisions to include payment of severance on death. The contract's severance maximum is 30 weeks.

Life Insurance Co., the plan provides for group life, accidental death and dismemberment insurance of \$2,000, in addition to accident and sickness, and medical, hospital and surgical expense insurance.

The plan also provides hospital expense benefits for dependents of Times employees including wives and unmarried children of male workers and unmarried children of women employees.

The eligibility age bracket for unmarried children is three months to 18 years.

If the employment terminates, those covered by the plan retain the death payment provisions for 31 days, during which they may convert the group insurance, without a medical examination, to an individual policy.

Immediately preceding his or her 65th birthday anniversary plus an additional \$1 a month for each full year of service with the company after January 1, 1940, but prior to retirement.

A retirement committee designated by the publishing company is set up to administer the pension fund. One printer who had been with the Wilkes-Barre Record 46 years retired on Aug. 1.

OTHER PROVISIONS
The plan provides that in event the company terminates the pension plan, the trustees shall disburse the accumulated fund for the benefits of the individuals according to the amounts allocated to each under the actuarial set-up.

Such disbursements may be in cash or otherwise, as the retirement committee designates and no part of the fund, under any circumstances, shall be paid to or for the use of the company.

Two Council Sessions Set
Two district councils will meet this month.

The Northern California District Council meets Aug. 19 at San Jose, and the Midwest Council meets Aug. 26 in Chicago. Expansion and organization plans will be discussed at both sessions.

Charles DeLorenzo, San Jose, is president of the California group, and I. Nash McCrea, Milwaukee, heads the Midwest organization.

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CIO Charters Another Union

Washington (FP)—Another affiliate has been added to the rolls of the CIO—the Utility Workers Union, with a membership of 60,000.

CIO President Philip Murray announced the granting of a charter to the U.W.U. It is composed of the former CIO Utility Workers Organizing Committee, and the Brotherhood of Consolidated Edison Workers Union of New York City, and other former affiliates of the Utility Workers Union (unaffiliated) throughout the U.S.

Heading the new union is President Joseph A. Fisher of New York, Secretary-Treasurer William J. Fackler, and Vice President Harold J. Strub and William Munger. All officers are temporary, pending a national convention, Murray said.

The granting of the charter follows an election in which the employees of the Consolidated Edison voted 8,555 to 2,843 to affiliate with the CIO. Consolidated Edison workers formerly were affiliated with the AFL, but voted for independent status in a NLRB election in 1940.

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Accuse Weirton Steel of Firing War Veteran

Weirton, W. Va. (EP) — The United Steelworkers, CIO, has accused the Weirton Steel Co. of firing a World War II veteran with more than 12 years seniority after bluntly telling him that "the GI bill of rights don't mean a damn thing around here."

The veteran, Kenneth K. Weir (no relation to company President Ernest T. Weir) was fired when he attempted to settle a grievance for his fellow employees as steward for the Weirton Independent Union. The NLRB has ruled this group a company union, but Weirton continues to recognize it as bargaining agency in its plant here.

Weir has been a walking delegate for the past three years. He was in the army for nine months, and was discharged a year ago after five months in an army hospital.

In a statement to officials of the CIO union, Weir said that he had been trying for 10 months to get rates for stove room employees raised to the level of those paid in steel plants organized by the CIO. In June he learned that the president of the company union had phoned the pay raise request and was instructed to forget about it.

Weir immediately resigned his stewardship, and reported back to his old day-shift job. He was transferred to another shift and fired when he protested. When he got his paycheck later, it was \$99.50 short. The case has been referred to the NLRB for action.

LAKE RESORT

Chattanooga—AFL unions here signed a 19-year lease with the TVA for a lake resort.

A Guild Member Goes Up



When Robert L. Chase, one of the founders of the Denver Guild and a "stalwart" since its inception, was promoted last month from city editor to managing editor of the Rocky Mountain News he became ineligible for continued membership and asked for an honorable withdrawal card. Pictured above is a committee of Denver Guild officers who presented the card to Chase, together with a letter of appreciation for his Guild services. From left to right, are Harley Murray, chairman, Post unit; Warren R. Benbow, local president; Chase, and W. M. Deardorff, local secretary.

He Edits Home Town News

GUILDSMAN KEEPS SERVICEMEN POSTED

Scranton—An eight-page newspaper, tabloid and printed monthly for the 3,000 service men and women of suburban Danmore, Pa., has a Scranton Guildsman as its editorial sparkplug.

The paper is the Home Town News, published under auspices of the Danmore Legion Community association and its guiding hand—although he modestly is not identified in its masthead—is Thomas J. Bralin, assistant managing editor and telegraph editor of the Scranton Times.

Bralin, member of the Scranton Guild, is the father of Sgt. Tom R. Bralin, editor of The Invader, publication of the 25th

Labor Now Gets Voice in Minneapolis Government

Minneapolis—Through the combined efforts of labor—CIO, AFL and the Railroad Brotherhoods—Minneapolis now has a labor government.

New mayor is Hubert H. Humphrey, 34, who spearheaded a clear-cut victory for labor-endorsed candidates who captured control of the city council for the first time in more than a decade.

MAKES HISTORY

Humphrey's victory again focuses attention on Minnesota politics, always active, frequently turbulent. The new mayor beat the incumbent Marvin (Twent) Kline 55,000 to 54,000, making history for labor candidates.

Kline had taken an active role in the 1944 Dewey campaign.

The new mayor's victory is regarded by many political observers as a repudiation of Kline's campaign, which was a continuation of the red-baiting and CIO-smearing tactics that marked the Dewey campaign.

Kline also imitated tactics of Harold Stassen supporters, when Stassen first was elected governor in 1938.

For years the Minneapolis majority election has centered about the single issue of law enforcement, the mayor having direct control only of the police department.

LAW WAS FLOUTED

In the city's loop there had been continuous gossip that this has been a wide-open town, with big-time gambling, vice dens and illicit liquor operations openly flouting the law. There was much talk about cops and other city employees being on the underworld's payroll.



HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
Backed by labor

Humphrey did not make law enforcement his only issue in the campaign; instead he campaigned on the "positive and constructive issues". He said, "I will enforce the law."

Humphrey's program called for effective action to solve the housing problem, proper post-war planning to insure a high level of employment, a vigorous program to encourage business expansion, a realistic plan to solve the city's financial situation, and the building of an over-all community relations program to eliminate inter-racial friction and discrimination in employment.

Labor went for that program. So did other groups, and support for Humphrey went across party lines and class divisions.

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Lost Leg on Iwo



T/SGT. R. A. TENELLY, USMC
Machine-gunned

San Francisco—Tech. Sgt. Richard A. Tenelly, veteran Marine Corps combat correspondent and former Guildsman, is recuperating at the Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif., where he is being equipped with an artificial leg to replace the left leg he lost in the battle for Iwo Jima.

Tenelly was Tokyo correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company and for Reuters at the outbreak of the war with Japan and was interned for six months before being exchanged. Since enlistment, he covered the Marine campaigns on Kwajalein, Saipan and Tinian in addition to Iwo.

Prior to going to Tokyo in July 1937, Tenelly was a reporter for the Washington News and a member of the Washington Guild.

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WIN RAISES FOR TWO ON LABOR PAPER

Chicago—The Chicago Newspaper Guild has negotiated its first contract with another labor organization, winning monthly raises of \$50 and \$57.50 for two employees on the paper of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union (CIO).

CIO Man Is Appointed to Top Position in Labor Department

Washington (IAP)—The CIO got its first real foothold in the Labor Department when Secretary Schwelbann announced the appointment of John W. Gibson, president of the Michigan CIO, as special assistant.

AFL already has its representative in Assistant Labor Secretary Dan Tracy from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

It is believed that Carl Moran, former Congressman from Maine and recently appointed assistant secretary, will be elevated later. Meanwhile it was learned that the awaited shakeup in the department will probably not occur until after Congress reconvenes in October.

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ASK PROBE OF USE OF TEACHERS AS SCABS

Los Angeles (EP)—Investigation of the employment of school teachers as strikebreakers in film studios was demanded of the superintendent of Los Angeles public schools by the strategy committee conducting the current 19-week old Hollywood strike. The committee charged that teachers have been working on strikers' jobs during the dispute.

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HITS DISCRIMINATION ON MILITARY RANK

SOUTHERN FRANCE Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

While we who are overseas happily count on federal laws and vigilance of our unions to safeguard our civilian posts until we return, we unhappily discover the WMC is attempting to sneak a wholesale job-steal on those of us serving as enlisted men.

We read with amazement, then with rage, that a WMC manual tells employers certain post-war positions will be "more suitable" for discharged officers than for mere GI veterans.

This uncivil effort to introduce the Prussian (and Jan) military caste system calls for prompt action by the Guild and the CIO in behalf of the American worker of life that both officers and enlisted men are too busy fighting abroad to defend at home.

Two suggestions: (1) See whether the axis left any fifth columnists in the WMC among other likely places to undermine our democratic principles; (2) advance an amendment to the FEPC establishing an act which would authorize that body to spike military rank discrimination in post-war employment.

SGT. ARTHUR MCWEN, SPONG member.

HE HAS A PLUG FOR WASHINGTON COLUMN

CHESTER, PA. Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I would like to enter a "plug" for the new Washington columnist, Alan Barth. He helps improve The G. R. Keep up the good work!

GEORGE T. HAYES.

SUGGESTS WHIPPLE CHECK UP

WILKES-BARRE Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I'd suggest Charlie Whipple do a little research of our IEB minutes of the meeting of September, 1942, and of the proceedings of the Boston (1943) convention, before making any more nasty cracks about Secretary-Treasurer Bill Rodgers "granting the loan from the Defense Fund to a new bankrupt publisher in Alquiappa, a loan of which \$5,000 has not been repaid, and which the Boston convention disapproved."

Of course, election campaign propaganda permits some leeway, but Charlie is hitting below the belt on this one.

There is no blame attached to anyone for making that loan, least of all to any individual officer of the Guild.

That loan was authorized in advance by unanimous vote of the IEB. It was authorized in order to bring a new publisher into control of the struck paper, and to conclude a settlement of the strike with a nearly model Guild contract.

The record shows that the IEB regarded the possibility of repayment of this "loan" as extremely remote. The board felt the price a worthwhile one for the successful settlement of the Guild's last pre-war strike, a strike which otherwise might soon have been lost.

The board acted at a time when collapse of the strike appeared imminent. The ranks of the strikers had dwindled to five, and those remaining were subject to military drafting at any time. In addition, it was becoming more and more difficult for those not expecting immediate induction to resist attractive jobs, which continually were being offered them.

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Caught ON THE RUN

Top editors of the Denver Rocky Mountain News were in a quandary when the British election returns came in over which picture of Churchill to use.

Then up stepped Al Nakkula, News librarian, with a picture showing a full length back view of Churchill, in overcoat, cane in hand, going down Downing Street. It just says, "Goodbye Winnie," Nakkula said.

The editors agreed and the picture ran on page one with that caption.

You figure it out

Industry members of the Newspaper Commission come up with gems in their various dissenting opinions. The most recent comes from the pen of Edgar L. Morris, publisher of the Springfield, Ohio, News-Sun, in the Muskegon Chronicle case on maintenance of membership.

Morris was against it. Says Morris: "Maintenance of membership has arisen as a compromise devised by Dr. Graham and the ANG to lull that fraction of employing publishers who have Guild contracts into the position of accepting the closed shop or modified closed shop where it does not belong and where it eventually will reduce newspaper properties that are forced to sustain a management divided between owners and unions to narrow profit margins or no profit at all in normal times."

Earlier Morris wrote: "There is a logical excuse for the closed shop in the mechanical departments."

Some day we're going to dig out all the classics and gems from publisher dissents. You'd be amazed.

The Negro Newspaper Publishers' association says most Negro publications have doubled their circulation since the war, and have increased their advertising volume from 50 to 75 percent.

All this spells greater profits.

In the "prosperity" year of 1938, the average weekly wage in the textile mills of South Carolina was \$9.56.

Yogi at the commission

The news of the shakeup at the Newspaper Commission reminds us of the last visit we had with Dr. Burns, the ex-chairman. It was strictly business; we were checking on a story about Burns.

Burns has a trick of sitting limp, additionally bolstered only by his elbows, when he acts on cases or sits in his big, plushy chair.

It's a special form of yogi.

As Burns explains it, he remains limp. The idea is to live longer, to remain rested.

It's not his idea. He got it from a man yclept Jacobson, back when he was in college. "Jacobson Yogi" it was dubbed by those who heard Burns explain the novel business of resting while you work—and getting paid for it.

Burns says you just remain limp, more or less balanced on your elbows, and you are sup-

posed to develop more energy. (He didn't say what for.) He also explained it was a good system for going to sleep—just stretch out and murmur, "I don't give a damn—I don't give a damn—he says, and bingo! you're asleep."

When asked what happened above the neck when one relaxes in this fashion, Burns broke off the interview.

Follo on Cleveland: After the three Cleveland dailies suppressed the Treasury Department list of big salaries, the Cleveland executive committee went on record as favoring treatment of news as news, and not as propaganda for or against a set of opinions. Suppression of the salary list news was deplored.

Minnesota's GOP Senator Ball is deeper in labor's doghouse now. He snagged the appointment of a federal judge in Minnesota—and the new judge, who had Ball's OK, is Dennis Donovan, who has spent most of his life defending U. S. Steel Corporation subsidiaries.

Workers in the vast Minnesota iron industry are more than irate.

An excellent idea

The Gary Newspaper Guild has evolved a good plan to cheer up one of its members. A Guildsman must spend the next year in a sanatorium. So each day a different member is delegated the task of writing a letter to the hospitalized member, to keep him posted on what is going on, and to speed him along the road to recovery.

Ann Smith, Guild member in the Trenton AP bureau, found there were too many Ann Smiths, creating confusion. She solved the matter by adopting "X" as a middle initial, and now she is Ann X. Smith.

Every so often help-wanted ads now state openly there is a Guild contract, listing some of the benefits.

Employees have come to know that a non-Guild shop means lower pay, longer hours, minus various benefits.

Naval Academy Greedily Eyeing St. John's College

By ALAN BARTH

Washington Guild

Washington—There exists currently a controversy between the US Naval Academy and St. John's college which presents implications which go far beyond its seemingly local significance.

Both the academy and the college are located at Annapolis, Md.

There are two distinct issues in this controversy:

(1) Should the present Naval Academy be enlarged?

(2) Should the Navy's majestic power of eminent domain be employed to destroy one of the very institutions which it is the function of the Navy to defend?

With the approval of the house and senate naval affairs committees, the Navy Department proposes to acquire the site of St. John's college and to expand the Naval Academy's facilities for accommodation of twice the present complement of 3,400 midshipmen.

LOGICAL QUESTIONS

Admitting the need for a big postwar Navy, one may reasonably ask if the present Naval Academy is the best possible agency to train its officers. Perhaps they could be better trained in officer candidate schools manned by sailors selected from the ranks.

Perhaps we ought to have several naval academies—one of them, at least, on the Pacific coast which the Navy seems bent upon turning into an American lake. Perhaps, if we are going to have a single department of defense, in accordance with General Eisenhower's suggestion, there should be no separate naval academy at all.

Perhaps the academy at Annapolis should be turned into a small graduate school for the advanced technical training of officers assigned to service at sea.

AN EYE TO DEFENSE

It would make sense, at any rate, to predicate plans for the Naval Academy upon plans for the defense system which this country is going to pursue in the future.

The Naval Academy, undoubtedly an extremely good institution of its kind, although not noted for its academic standards, is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary this week. It has

long coveted the campus of its neighbor, St. John's, the third oldest college in the United States—founded in 1696—and the one college devoted exclusively to the teaching of the liberal arts.

GOT ASSURANCE

A few years ago Stringfellow Barr, the president of St. John's, apprehensive about the intentions

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of the academy, sought clarification from Navy Secretary Knox and President Roosevelt. Both assured him that the Navy would not try to take over the college against its will.

But under Secretary Forrestal, the move for acquisition has started all over again—and by extremely disingenuous methods.

The college trustees, with rather naive patriotism, have said that they would be willing to sell if the secretary of the Navy asserted acquisition to be a matter of national necessity. Mr. Forrestal countered promptly by making the assertion.

THERE ARE OTHER WAYS

It is an assertion which is absurd on its face. If the academy must expand—a matter of doubtful necessity to begin with—it can do so by bridging the Severn river and building on its other bank. Taking over the St. John's campus would, of course, be more

convenient. But this is the most that can reasonably be said for it.

By asserting national necessity, the secretary of the Navy is bargaining with a big stick—the threat of condemnation.

There is no doubt whatever that the Navy has the power to condemn and take over St. John's—for the sake of convenience as well as on the basis of necessity. All that can be said against the exercise of this power is that its very majesty dictates the utmost restraint in wielding it. And nothing short of genuine necessity can justify its use against an academic institution.

The trouble is that the Navy seems to think of the St. John's college campus as just another piece of real estate.

ALARMING SYMPTOM

It is difficult, however, to understand the willingness of Navy men to uproot another seat of learning which has its own vital function to perform in our society. The Navy's scorn of this function is an alarming symptom.

It suggests that the Navy, grown great in war, has embraced power for the sake of power—and has forgotten the purposes for which it was made powerful.

The Navy is a protector. It exists for the protection of the arts of peace. And of these, St. John's College may fairly be regarded as a symbol. It is not subordinate to the Naval Academy.

It is the Naval Academy's reason for being.

Drive Is Mapped By Ohio Council

Erie, Pa.—The Northern Ohio District Council met here to welcome the new Erie local into ANG ranks, and to plan added organization work. Officers of the Erie Guild welcomed delegates and attended council sessions.

Steps to organize the unorganized newspaper workers in Ohio were discussed by delegates. Larry MacLean, ANG international representative heading the ANG district council program, outlined the successful operation of the New England District Council.

Plans were made to report on potential organization projects. The council voted to protest the discharge of Leonard Bruening,

fired from the Catholic Universe-Bulletin in Cleveland for Guild activity. Bruening, father of nine children, had been with the Catholic paper 26 years.

Delegates from Cleveland, Toledo, Massillon and Youngstown attended the two-day council session, and were guests at a party given by the Erie Press club. Arthur Kochendorfer, Toledo, is council president.

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