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Scranton, Anthracite Capital, Plans Mine Visit for Delegates



By DON MCCREA
Scranton Guild

Scranton—Two thousand feet below the earth's surface. That's where members of the American Newspaper Guild are going—if they want to—when they visit Scranton in June for the 1946 convention of the Guild.

Scranton, the anthracite capital of the world, a bulwark of unionism and a great convention town, has elaborate plans under way for the occasion.

Michael J. Kosik, president of District No. 1 of the United Mine Workers of America, told Scranton Guildsmen he would be glad to show convention delegates through an anthracite mine. The Guild delegates will also have an opportunity to load five cars of coal—if they want to. Kosik will take a 10 to 1 bet that the Guildsmen will be of the opinion when

they return to the surface that the mine workers are not overpaid.

When the delegates are dropped down the shaft they'll get a thrill words just can't describe. When they walk along the gangway road and realize how much earth, coal and rock is over their heads they'll get something else—it may be the jitters. But one way or the other a visit to an anthracite mine is an experience, the boys and girls on Scranton newspapers insist, everyone should have.

Scranton Guildsmen have other plans in the making, too, to assure all delegates a grand time.

Lawrence Votes Strike; 2 Fired

Lawrence, Mass. — Following the discharge of two members, the newly-chartered Lawrence Newspaper Guild voted a strike in the Eagle and Tribune editorial departments, subject to call of the strike committee.

The two reporters were fired shortly after the Guild won an NLRB election, and as negotiations for a contract were getting under way. One man was told he was being dismissed "because a serviceman is coming back pretty soon," and the other, a reporter for nine years, was told his job had been abolished.

In negotiations, management had offered as minimums the wage rates now in effect.

Local unions have pledged support if a walkout is called.

FINALLY IT'S PAID— AP Staffers Collect \$62,000 for Couple of Years of Night Work

Night differential for AP employees, which has been hanging fire for several years, has been paid at long last.

At stake was approximately \$62,000 in retroactive pay for regular hours worked after 7 p. m., at the rate of 5 percent per shift, with a minimum of \$1 for those earning under \$40 a week, and \$2 for those earning more.

Before AP paid off, the case had gone through the War Labor Board several times, with AP having the equivalent of four appeals. Last July further avenues of appeal were closed to AP, ending a three-year fight on the issue. Retroactive checks finally were issued last week.

The night differential is retroactive to Sept. 1, 1943, for employees in the New York, Michigan and Atlanta bureaus. It's retroactive to May 1, 1944, for the following AP bureaus: Birmingham, Boston, Cheyenne, Cleveland, Denver, Helena, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Montgomery, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, San Diego, San Francisco, and Trenton.

Some checks ran up to almost \$500. An AP employee earning \$75 per week would have drawn a total of \$461.25 for the 123 weeks. The night differential has been on current checks since Jan. 6, on the new 1946 agreement.

GUILD WINS NLRB FIGHT ON FIRINGS

Found guilty of unfair labor practices, E. Anthony & Sons, Inc., publishers of the New Bedford Standard-Times, has been ordered by the NLRB to reinstate and "make whole" seven employees who had been fired for union activity.

Employees of the paper originally had formed a protective association, which they dissolved and then joined the Guild.

The report of the NLRB trial examiner revealed employees had been fired about their union affiliation and had been urged to refrain from joining a union. Employees were under surveillance, and the examiner found the seven had been fired "because they joined and assisted the union . . . and engaged in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining and other mutual aid or protection."

Management was represented by Elisha Hanson, long identified with ANPA legal actions. The Guild was represented by Morris Isserman, ANG counsel.

Hanson, meanwhile, served notice he would file exceptions to the decision, which has the effect of delaying the decision.

The Guild was upheld on all contentions by the examiner's report, which ordered the company to post a notice that it would not interfere with, restrain or coerce employees in exercising their right to self-organization, and to reinstate the seven employees. Two, who had declared they would not return, were to be "made whole."

The publisher also was ordered to reimburse the seven for any financial loss sustained through being fired.

Because two executives had joined the association after quitting their jobs, Hanson contended the association was a company union. The NLRB found otherwise.

Units Vote on Acme and NEA Contracts; Up Pay \$65,500

Proposals for a new contract covering employees of Acme Newspictures and NEA Service, Inc., tentatively agreed to in negotiations, are being submitted to the membership for final action.

New wage minimums and a general increase, estimated to mean a \$50,000 increase annually for 150 Acme employees, and \$15,500 for 55 NEA workers, followed the pattern set for other services in earlier negotiations.

The Chicago bureau was included with the New York and Washington Acme bureaus for the first time, with a top minimum of \$82.50 for newsmen and photographers in the seventh year, up \$10 for New York and Washington, and an increase of \$17.50 for Chicago. Top minimum for other bureaus is \$72.50 in the sixth year, up \$7.50.

MINIMUMS

Top minimum for photo printers was advanced to \$72.50 for New York, Chicago and Washington, up \$10 and \$15. For other bureaus top minimum is \$62.50 in the fifth year, compared to \$57.50 in the sixth year. Top minimum for stenographers and phone operators in New York and Washington is \$40, an increase of \$5.

Comparable gains were made in minimums for other classifications.

The Acme contract provides a top minimum of \$82.50 for newsmen, artists and photographers in New York and Washington; \$72.50 in Cleveland, Detroit and San Francisco; and \$62.50 for Kansas City, Fort Worth and Atlanta. Increases in minimums ranged from \$2.50 to \$12.50.

\$12.50 INCREASE

Bureau assistants, for bureaus outside New York, were upped to \$55 in the fourth year, an increase of \$12.50 in both contracts.

ANG Pushes Strike Aid Fund Drive

Spurred by the drive of big business against labor, Guild members have rallied to assist union members pounding picket lines coast to coast, as unions have been forced into a series of strikes in order to maintain contract benefits, and to secure cost-of-living wage increases.

Incomplete reports reveal that more than \$12,000 already has been contributed to CIO and AFL strikes through Guild locals, with weekly collection campaigns continuing.

Meanwhile, the IEB called on all locals to assist in raising a special ANG Strike Contribution Fund, launched with a \$1,000 appropriation by the board. Funds will be disbursed by the board's finance committee to assist union members on strike.

The board also voted \$1,000 for embattled UAW strikers who are seeking a contract with General Motors.

In a memorandum to local presidents and treasurers, William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer, urged locals to make contributions for strike aid through the ANG fund. Contributions may be earmarked for specific strikes or unions.

A special appeal by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, as a Guild member, was sent to all members on behalf of the National Citizens Committee to Aid Families of General Motors Strikers, of which Harold Ickes is chairman.

The start of the UAW strike at General Motors last November, followed by the steel, General Electric and other walkouts, started contributions from Guild locals and members as it became more obvious that industry was ganging up on labor.

OTHER ASSISTANCE

In addition to financial aid, many Guildsmen are assisting striking unions in editing publications and in getting labor's story

STRIKE AID ROLL CALL

Contributions by members to assist strikers are reported by Guild locals:

Boston	\$ 75
Cincinnati	50
Cleveland	50
Detroit	621
Elizabeth	50
Indianapolis	100
Los Angeles	700
Lynn	254
New York	5,000
Newark	120
Norwalk	90
Philadelphia-Camden	1,000
St. Louis	1,000
Syracuse	30
Tri-City	305
Washington	1,100
Wilkes-Barre	100
Willsboro	2,000
ANG staff, employees	175

Total \$12,971

Reports from other locals were not received in time for this tabulation.

before the public. Food and clothing also are being contributed.

Following is a resume of strike aid by local Guilds, on the basis of information received here.

The Boston local contributed \$25 each to the United Auto Workers, the United Steelworkers of America, and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. Cincinnati voted \$50 to aid CIO strikes, and started weekly collections from the membership.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Cleveland voted \$50 to UAW strikers there, and also set up a weekly collection system. Detroit voted \$200 to the UAW, and so far has turned over an additional \$431 contributed by members, with collections continuing.

The Elizabeth Newspaper Guild voted \$50 to the New Jersey State CIO Strike Fund, and so far has collected an additional \$30 from members. Indianapolis voted \$100 for UAW strikers.

Los Angeles members voted two 50-cent assessments to raise funds for strikers, with \$700 of an expected \$1,000 already raised. Another \$500 is expected to be contributed through pledges of an hour's pay per week.

DRIVE IN LYNN

In Lynn, Mass., the Guild is giving all-out support to the UERMWA strike, with 16,000 out at the huge General Electric plant. After the local contributed \$50, members voted to contribute at least \$1 per week, with \$364 raised so far.

Two Lynn members, Charles McGhee and Fred Bowler, are members of the Lynn Joint AFL and CIO Council of Labor advisory committee which is aiding in strike plans and in raising aid for strikers. Guild members also are aiding in putting out the union's paper.

Thomas Murphy, New York secretary-treasurer, reported more than \$5,000 had been raised in (Continued on Page Six)

Business Good, Chicago News Report Reveals

Chicago—Business is good—in fact it's excellent—at the Chicago Daily News, of the Knight chain. Earnings were up in 1945, advertising advanced over 1944, and circulation figures set new records, according to Publisher John S. Knight's report to stockholders.

With the announcement of increased earnings, the News announced that 5 percent cumulative preferred stock and 10-year 3 1/2 percent debentures have been called for redemption, along with the 4 percent notes of the subsidiary Chicago Daily News Printing Co.

As of Dec. 31, 1945, after giving effect to current maturities, the indebtedness totals \$4,459,100. The \$100 par preferred stock will be redeemed as of April 1 at \$110. As of Dec. 31, 1945, there were 42,960 shares outstanding.

Fixed carrying charges for interest on the corporation's indebtedness will be reduced by the refunding and redemption procedure, which will leave the 400,000 shares of common stock as the only outstanding stock. During 1945 the funded debt was reduced \$407,500.

Net earnings last year of the News and its subsidiary totaled \$814,657, compared to \$750,297 in 1944 after a \$50,000 tax adjustment for 1943. Working capital increased \$228,484 in 1945, amounting to \$907,439.

Dividends of \$214,250 were paid on the preferred stock, the 25-cent dividends on the common stock, and \$400,000 added to working surplus.

The report also cited circulation and lineage gains.

Franklin Chosen As Chairman of '46 Brown Award

Wade Franklin, chairman of the Chicago Times unit, has been appointed chairman of the 1946 Brown Award committee by the IEB.

Franklin was chairman of the Chicago Guild's recent successful Page One Ball.

As chairman of the Brown Award committee, Franklin will direct the work of entries and awards.

RED HERRING STILL FISHY—EVEN IN CALIFORNIA POLITICS

Sacramento—An attempt to smear as "red" California's attorney general and probable Democratic candidate for governor and a legislative conference he sponsored and in which the Guild participated, boomeranged against a small group of Republican assemblymen.

The assembly, after two hours of heated debate marked by sharp exchanges of epithets, defeated by a vote of 51 to 19 a resolution "vigorously condemning" Attorney General Robert W. Kenny for "assisting the activities of subversive organizations."

During the debate the resolution was called "dirty, underhanded politics." Twenty Republicans, including the floor leaders for GOP Gov. Earl Warren, joined 37 Democrats in killing the measure.

The author of the resolution, described as "intellectually impotent" by one of the opponents, was Assemblyman Thomas H. Werdel, Bakewell attorney.

The resolution charged that Kenny called a legislative conference in Sacramento in January "for the purpose of formulating and enunciating the confusion policy of the Communist Party."

Several Guild locals in California, and scores of other labor unions, both CIO and AFL, sent delegates to the conference.

Proposed Constitutional Changes Go to Convention

Acting on at 3 and recommendations of a subcommittee on the constitution, the IEB is submitting various proposed constitutional changes to the convention. The subcommittee included Vice Presidents McMahon, Love, Collins, Harris and ANG Secretary-Treasurer Rodgers.

The group also will investigate and report to the next board meeting the possibility of extending the Guild's jurisdiction in the magazine field and the creation of a radio division within the Guild.

The board rejected a proposal to delete Art. II, Sec. 2 (c), which states that eligible for Guild membership are "unemployed persons or persons employed on government work projects or by temporary government agencies who formerly came within the classifications enumerated in Sec. 1, who have had three years of employment in such capacities, not less than nine months of which employment was within one year of the date of application for membership."

Another rejected proposal was to delete Art. II, Sec. 5, which defines as eligible for membership "unemployed persons or persons employed on government work projects or by temporary government agencies who formerly came within the classifications enumerated in Sec. 1, who have had three years of employment in such capacities, not less than nine months of which employment was within one year of the date of application for membership."

The discussion raised the point on what was a public office, the question having been raised in regard to a congressman's secretary. An opinion by Morris Isaacman, ANG counsel, held that this post was not a public office in the light of legal decisions, Corpus Juris, and federal office definitions which labeled the post a clerkship.

SEEK CLARIFICATION

The board recommended changing Art. II, Sec. 9 to read: "The facts of eligibility . . . shall be determined by the local . . . etc." in order to clarify the intention of the clause which at times had been interpreted as giving locals the right to fix eligibility despite constitutional definitions.

A subcommittee on eligibility, consisting of Vice Presidents McMahon, Collins, Novak and Secretary-Treasurer Rodgers, was set up to examine applications for membership, and to review doubtful cases of eligibility which would be reported to the board.

Clarifying language for Art. VI, Sec. 7 (IEB committees) was proposed, and references to the IEB were deleted from Art. VIII, Sec. 15, because the Guild is back to the free collective bargaining stage. By the same token, Art. X, Sec. 16 (b) also would be deleted.

Another recommendation would change Art. VIII, Sec. 7 to read: "Where a president and at least one other officer are elected, the offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined." The committee explained lack of manpower in smaller locals necessitated such a provision to be used at the local's discretion.

The subcommittee also was instructed to rewrite or clarify district council by-laws and Art. IX.

The motion lost 7 to 6 on a show of hands.

ANOTHER REJECTED

A proposal which had been voted down in subcommittee also was defeated by the IEB, and would have deleted Art. II, Sec. 5, which defines as eligible for membership "unemployed persons or persons employed on government work projects or by temporary government agencies who formerly came within the classifications enumerated in Sec. 1, who have had three years of employment in such capacities, not less than nine months of which employment was within one year of the date of application for membership."

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Strike Looms on Brooklyn Eagle

The New York Guild faces a major strike situation on a large daily as the Brooklyn Eagle management rejected the guild's demand that it meet citywide minimums and working conditions, as agreed to by all the other organized New York dailies.

Frank Schoch, Eagle publisher formerly of Scranton, delivered a defiant NO to the local's emergency committee which previously had successfully settled deadlocked disputes on the other major papers.

The representative assembly approved a strike, following request for such authorization by a unit meeting.

Wage minimums at the Eagle have been substantially lower than those prevailing on other New York papers. Management

Pay Boosts Won On Albany Paper

Albany—The Tri-City Newspaper Guild has concluded negotiations with the Knickerbocker News providing for increased editorial minimums and a \$3.50 general increase for all employees not raised by improved minimums.

Effective March 9, expiration date of the previous contract, the top reporter minimum will be raised from \$52 to \$57 after four years.

A new classification of slot man will be set up with a minimum \$10 higher than the top reporter minimum.

In the commercial department, display advertising salesman, artist, and copy boy minimums are being raised, the first two classifications by the same formula as reporters, and copy boys by \$2.

A provision that the Guild shall receive written notice when replacement employees are made permanent employees was added to the national emergency clause.

Dekker is a film actor. As columnist for a Hollywood weekly paper he holds a membership card in the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild.

Herald Tribune Joins NY Dailies With \$90 Reporter Minimum Pact

The New York Herald-Tribune and the Newspaper Guild of New York agreed to a contract which grants the standard minimum wages established by the Guild on other major papers in the city, and provides for union security in the form of maintenance of membership and the voluntary dues checkoff.

Wage provisions in the contract, which establishes a \$90 top

on councils to conform to existing practice and policy.

In Art. XVIII, Sec. 9 it was proposed to add severance pay, so that no contract would fail to provide for the Guild shop, and the five-day, 40-hour week, and severance pay unless the IEB gives specific permission.

Changes also were proposed to provide procedure for lockouts, in addition to strikes, in Art. XIX.

So that elections would not be held at peak vacation periods but must be held after Labor Day, changes were proposed in Art. XXI which would give local treasurers additional time to check lists of eligible voters, and thus fix election dates after Labor Day.

Additional proposed changes were being studied by the IEB subcommittee on finances, involving financing delegates and dues matters.

Other changes proposed dealt with charges involving locals, and proposals on resigning from the Guild.

He also said, decriing anti-labor legislation, "punitive legislation against labor inevitably entails the loss of freedom for all."

Senator James Mead of New York and James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer, also spoke.

REUTHER TALKS

Walter Reuther, UAW vice president who has been negotiating with General Motors, told the rally that UAW strikers were on the GM picket line today in behalf of all workers for a better tomorrow, and that this time organized labor was going to see that having won the war on the battlefield, it also was going to win it on the home front.

"General Motors strikers are spearheading this battle to win the peace," Reuther declared. He added that General Motors would have agreed to UAW wage demands at any time, if they could have passed the raises on to the public in the form of price increases.

"UAW strikers don't want mere dollars, they want more purchasing power. We don't want 15 cents put in our left pocket, and 15 cents taken out of our right pocket," Reuther explained.

David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL) criticized President Truman and other government leaders for failure to give as much to the UAW in the GM dispute as was rendered in the steel strike. He also attacked what he called left-wing labor elements for lack of support in the GM strike.

More than \$700,000 to aid families of GM strikers was pledged by AFL and CIO unionists at the rally.

Racing Record Vote Ordered

Cincinnati—An election has been ordered in the editorial and maintenance departments of the American Racing Record, division of Triangle Publications, Inc., following an NLRB hearing on the appropriate unit.

The NLRB found for the Guild, including in the unit a copywriter and a handicapper the company sought to exclude, claiming they were the editor and associate editor. The NLRB found the two employees had no supervision over other workers.

Management, meantime, has served notice it will ask a restraining order.

Steve Ripley, ANG international representative, handled the hearing before the NLRB.

Guild's \$1,000 Contributed at Big Strike Rally

The American Newspaper Guild's \$1,000 contribution to families of United Auto Workers strikers at General Motors was presented at a New York rally which raised more than \$200,000 when 1,500 union members and friends of labor jammed a meeting hall. The check was presented on behalf of the ANG by William W. Rodgers, secretary-treasurer.

The occasion was a rally sponsored by the United Labor Committee, of which Milton M. Marzay, ANG president, is one of the sponsors, consisting of CIO, AFL and independent unions.

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Betty McCarren is chairman of the dance committee, assisted by Douglas Adams, Jean Berzin, Jerry Lu Johnson, William Garson, William Hanlon, Fred James, John East, Rae Small and Kay Ryan.

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(Where NAM propaganda has been peddled by teachers and school officials, unless officials are demanding the right to present the union viewpoint too.)

But the drive to sell pupils on NAM philosophy at making the rich richer, and of curbing collective bargaining is only a small part of the NAM campaign. The literature in the schools comes from the National Industrial Information Committee, the NAM propaganda section which spends a million a year planting this material also in newspapers, radio, and farm, women's and church groups.

Another million dollars, according to Federated Press estimates,

New Local Picks Name, Sets Out On Negotiations

Long Branch, N. J.—The new Guild local in Monmouth county, chartered last month by the IEB, officially has been christened the Jersey Shore Newspaper Guild. It presently is comprised of a unit on the newly-founded Asbury Park Sun and the Daily Record unit here, transferred from the Elizabeth local. There are about 35 charter members.

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comes up, who will help out if trouble comes, who will make any arrangement that they can to help you, just as you would to help them.

Installment Buying Brings Finance Lesson for Suckers

By BEN DOR

Washington—All over America, people are watching the newspapers and the store windows—waiting for the time when they again will be able to buy toasters, washing machines, autos, and the other things that have been out of the stores for so long. Probably you too have some of these things on your list, things that you want to buy as soon as they are available again.

The people who are lucky will be able to pay cash when they get around to buying. By paying cash, they will save themselves a good deal of money. But the rest of us will do our buying on time or we will borrow the money with which to pay for our purchases.

Either way, we will have to pay more for the things that we get. Even the stores that say "no extra charge for credit" have to make up some way for the extra costs of selling on time.

Now, salesmen don't like to talk about how much extra it costs if you pay later for the things that you buy now. Hardly ever does a dealer tell you how much interest you are paying on the money you owe him.

Instead, he talks about how much money you put down, and about how much money you will pay each week or month. If he can make the amount seem small enough in each case, you won't bother to figure out how much you're paying altogether, and how much you're paying for the credit service.

AN EXAMPLE

Let's take the new stove that Susan Smith is thinking of buying, for instance.

The cash price of the stove is \$100, and that's more than Susan can lay out at one time. However, she doesn't have to pay for it all at one time if she doesn't want to. The store will take \$35 down, and let her pay \$2 a week for one year to pay up the balance.

If Susan does a little arithmetic, she will find out that the payments alone add up to \$104, more than the cash price of the stove—and she has already paid \$35. In other words, she would be paying \$39 in finance charges.

Susan may be one of those people who knows how to figure finance rates. If she is, she will sit down with pencil and paper and:

1—divide the amount she is

borrowing in half—\$65 divided by two is \$32.50—average amount of loan, since it is being amortized.

2—divide the finance charge by the \$32.50—\$39 divided by \$32.50 shows that the interest rate is about 110 percent.

Now 110 percent is a lot of interest to pay for the privilege of buying on credit.

LOAN COMPANIES

There are small-loan companies that would be glad to lend Susan the \$65 that she needs for buying the stove. But that might mean putting the family furniture in hock, or the car. And both Susan and her husband remember what has happened to their friends who have fallen behind in their payments to small-loan companies—after paying back most of their loans, too.

Even the small-loan companies would charge as high as 24 percent per year, or even 36 percent per year. And nobody should have to pay that kind of interest to borrow a few bucks to buy a stove, or a refrigerator, or to pay a doctor's bill. Especially if there is a credit union to which Susan—or her husband—belongs.

In a case like Susan's, the credit union is a chance to borrow money at the lowest rates that are usually available. Credit unions charge no more than 12 percent per year, and sometimes much less. It's a chance to deal with your own people—people who will understand your problems if any

come up, who will help out if trouble comes, who will make any arrangement that they can to help you, just as you would to help them.

The credit union is a place to invest your money, too. Credit unions are paying 3 percent, 4 percent and even 6 percent on money that is invested with them, with an almost perfect record for safety. The money that you put into the credit union is loaned to other Susans and other Joes. So it serves your friends and fellow workers at the same time that it serves you.

WRIGHT NAMED TO STATE CIO

Boston—John Wright, president of the Boston Newspaper Guild, has been named vice president of the Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council, CIO, representing the Guild. His appointment followed the resignation of Amasa Howe, past local president.

UOPWA to Ballot On Assessments

Cleveland—The convention of the United Office and Professional Workers (UOPWA) approved a change on an assessment of \$10 for those earning above \$50 weekly and \$5 for those below to finance collective bargaining and organization work.

Big Business Opens Million-Dollar Ad Campaign Against OPA and Labor

The National Association of Manufacturers, representing Big Business, has embarked on a million-dollar propaganda campaign in daily and weekly newspapers urging abolition of price controls and shattering of organized labor.

At the same time, tons of leaflets are being distributed by NAM. Clippings are asked. The use of this propaganda may or may not be a factor in placing NAM's paid advertising.

Cost of the first four ads was estimated at \$200,000 for space alone by the magazine, Advertising Age.

PUBLIC PAYS

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New Muskegon Contract Lists Improvements

Muskegon, Mich.—The Muskegon Newspaper Guild has signed a new contract with the Muskegon Chronicle providing for increased minimums, a "day class" and other improvements.

Under the agreement which is retroactive to Dec. 1, 1945, the top reporter minimum has been raised from \$47.50 to \$55 after four years; editorial and special writers were raised from a top minimum of \$50 to \$57.50.

The new holiday clause provides for six holidays off per year. Employees required to work on any holiday are to receive a minimum of four hours' pay at time and one-half, and employees who work day off falls on a holiday will receive an additional day off.

The minimum guarantee for overtime on callbacks after hours was raised from one to two hours, and a guaranteed minimum of three hours' pay was added for work on a day off.

Another new clause provides for a regular schedule of days off, to be changed only on three-day notice.

ELIZABETH WAIVES VET INITIATION FEE

Elizabeth, N. J.—In line with national CIO policy of extending special consideration and benefits to veterans, the Elizabeth Guild will remit the initiation fee of any veteran who applies for membership within 30 days after taking up employment. The local will assume the expense of the veterans' fees to ANG.

Big Business Opens Million-Dollar Ad Campaign Against OPA and Labor

The National Association of Manufacturers, representing Big Business, has embarked on a million-dollar propaganda campaign in daily and weekly newspapers urging abolition of price controls and shattering of organized labor.

At the same time, tons of leaflets are being distributed by NAM. Clippings are asked. The use of this propaganda may or may not be a factor in placing NAM's paid advertising.

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New Objectives For CIO Set by Philip Murray

Washington (FP)—A strengthened fight for price control, continued battle against all-out campaign to organize the unorganized were listed as prime objectives for labor in a personal statement by CIO President Philip Murray.

Writing in the CIO News, Murray declared that with the CIO campaign for "the restoration of take-home pay now approaching a successful conclusion," historians will record the drive "as the most impressive activity of the American labor movement."

Murray recalled that in the course of the wage fight "we have had to meet attacks from strange sources" including some from labor groups outside the CIO. He said these attacks included charges that the drive for wage increases had threatened price control, but that such allegations "will decide no one—least of all American workers who will reap the fruits of the successful and vigorous drive of the CIO for substantial wage increases."

"But even after the wage settlements are concluded," Murray said, "three unfinished tasks remain which are absolutely vital in preserving and extending the effect of these wage settlements:

"FIRST, members of the CIO must join with millions of other Americans in repelling attacks upon price control. . . .

"SECOND, the victories of organized labor are being threatened by sinister legislative proposals pending in Congress which are designed to deprive workers of their right to organize and bargain collectively and to undermine the very existence of labor unions. . . .

"THIRD, the millions of unorganized workers all over America will inevitably share the fruits of our campaign for substantial wage increases. They will inevitably be made aware that it is through our struggle and our collective endeavors that their lot has been improved. Now is the time to bring home to these workers the message of trade unionism. Now is the time to make them see that the improved wage patterns emerging during this period are the product of the progressive trade unionism of the CIO. . . .

SEEK NEGOTIATIONS ON POST-DISPATCH
St. Louis—Proposals for a new contract with the Post-Dispatch have been submitted to the management and negotiations are expected to get under way within a week. A cost-of-living increase was obtained last October.

EIGHMEY AND MAYOR
Kingston, N. Y.—Henry P. Eightmey, local Guild president who was elected to head the newly-formed Empire State District Council, ANG, was speaker at the annual banquet here of Local 186, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO.

Des Moines Hearing Is Set on Unfair Labor Practice Charges

Des Moines, Iowa—A hearing has been called here for March 19 on unfair labor practice charges filed against the Register and Tribune, key papers of the Cowles interests who also own Look magazine, and radio stations. Charges were filed by the American Newspaper Guild following the dismissal of Leo Simon, a reporter, and denunciation of Ann Lipson, the complaint charges, for Guild membership and activity. Organization work started at the papers last year and was met by management strategy in the form of special raises and questioning of employees on Guild affiliation. The complaint charges management representatives interviewed employees on the Guild, and expressed disapproval of the Guild.

Charges were drafted by John J. Biddison, executive secretary of Twin Cities Guild, who has been working with local leaders. The Star Journal, Tribune and Times in Minneapolis, all owned by the Cowles interests, are under Guild contract.

Signing the World-Telegram Agreement



Present at signing of new contract with NY World-Telegram, Scripps-Howard "bellwether" paper, are (left to right): B. O. McAnney, city editor; N. S. Macneish, business manager; John T. McManus, NY Guild local, following IEB action to bring the issue before the membership in advance of the Scripps convention.

Locals Start Discussion on On Paid Presidency for ANG

The proposal of a paid presidency for the American Newspaper Guild is being discussed in Guild locals, following IEB action to bring the issue before the membership in advance of the Scripps convention.

The Memphis Newspaper Guild, in a unanimous action, adopted a resolution holding "that the interests of the ANG would best be served by continuing unchanged the historic system under which the presidency is an honorary office."

URGE NO CHANGE
The local went on record "advocating the continuation of the present organizational machinery without any change in the present presidential arrangements," and also opposed "the addition of a salaried president, either by creating a third paid executive office, or by the consolidation of the presidency and the executive vice presidency."

Among the reasons listed for the action were: "The ANG does not need and cannot afford three paid officers; 'The ANG has been built by, and has been maintained and shepherded by, volunteers and depends heavily on unpaid local officers for its survival and growth; 'The ANG president not only receives an expense allowance, but is reimbursed for any loss of salary incurred because of absence from his regular job'."

The resolution also declared "establishment of the international presidency as a paid office would be bound to have a discouraging effect" on local presidents and other officers and members who serve the Guild in their spare time "for no salary."

L.A. URGES STUDY
In Los Angeles, the representative assembly recommended to the membership that the question of a paid presidency be referred to a special committee for study and recommendation.

Meanwhile, the Wage Earner, published in Detroit by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, and edited by Paul Weber, said the majority group which has controlled the American Newspaper Guild since 1941 "appeared to be heading into a serious internal row. Storm center is President Milton M. Murray, who is accused of planning to change the Guild's tradition of unpaid presidents, and make his office a full-time job."

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presidency of an international union with 22,000 members in his spare time. . . .

The matter of a paid presidency was broached by Murray last November, and came before the membership officially by IEB action to submit a proposed constitutional change to the convention. Murray earlier had declared he would not be a candidate for the presidency in 1947 unless it were made a paid office.

The proposed change would be effective Nov. 1, 1947.

Hudson Dispatch Appeal Date Set
April 16 has been set by the NLRB for a hearing on the appeal by the Hudson Dispatch management of Union City, N. J., from the New York regional board's directive ordering the Hudson Dispatch to recognize the Guild as bargaining agent for its editorial employees and to reinstate James Allan, deskman and chairman of the Guild unit at the time he was fired for union activities.

The appeal hearing will be at Washington, and will include oral argument. Elisha Hanson, ANPA counsel, represents the Dispatch.

WIRE SERVICE UNIT
Denver—Harley Murray, INS, was re-elected chairman of the wire service unit here. Norman Johnson, UP, is secretary and Lyle Mariner, INS, treasurer.

HITS 3 PAID OFFICERS
"The alternate proposal of three full-time officers is unthinkable in a union of this size. We now require special assessments to finance our limited organizing work and such additional expense would mean the elimination of two full-time organizers from our present plan."

The matter also was discussed by the Elizabeth Guild executive board, but no official action was taken.

In New York, the matter is on the agenda for the next executive committee meeting, according to John P. Ryan, local executive vice president.

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New York Wins Two Grievances On Arbitration

The New York Guild has won two arbitration decisions which have an important bearing on contracts. One involved severance pay, and other death benefit.

In one case, at the Daily News, an employee had been dismissed and \$448 in severance pay was refused on the grounds it did not be paid for gross neglect of duty or gross insubordination.

The employee, a stenographer, had accompanied a sister who was ill to Florida, on her vacation and leave of absence. She notified the News she could not return in time because of more illness in the family. The company notified her she was fired, withholding severance pay.

The case proceeded through grievance meetings, without satisfaction, finally going to arbitration. A series of minor incidents was alleged by management as justification. The arbitrator ruled she was entitled to the severance pay, as actions did not constitute gross neglect of duty or insubordination, holding the failure to return from the leave was justified.

In the other case, involving Hearst's Mirror, an employee suffered a stroke in April, 1941. The company paid his salary until November, 1941, when he was notified this was his final check under the sick leave policy. The Guild was not informed.

Two years later the man died, and in 1944 the widow notified the Guild the death benefit clause had not been fulfilled.

Grievance sessions brought no result and the case was arbitrated. The arbitrator held that since the man had not been fired, and the man had not severed his connections with the Mirror, he still was an employee the time of death, and therefore the widow was entitled to death benefit under the Guild contract.

Loses Job Over Backing Union

St. Louis (FP)—Because he favored the St. Louis police union, Assistant State Attorney Alfred I. Harris was dismissed from his post by Attorney General John Bennett. Harris has charged.

EBY ON JAP MISSION
Washington (LPA)—Kernell Eby, CIO research and education director, is off for Tokyo with a group of educators, invited by General MacArthur to help demilitarize Japanese education.

Our Daily Bread . . .



Cartoon by Bill Chalmers, NY Guild. "He's our horse racing expert!"

Newark Breaks Move to Knife Call Contract

Newark—A management attempt to destroy Guild security on the Newark Sunday Call collapsed suddenly here just 22 hours before the deadline for settlement or strike.

At 2 a. m. February 28, after nearly 12 hours of negotiation, publisher's representatives agreed to continue the Guild shop protection in force on the Call since 1940.

A 12-day contract extension would have expired the following midnight. A further 15-day extension had been refused by the Guild on the grounds that if agreement was possible, it could be reached as easily in two days as in two weeks.

The Guild executive committee had been authorized two days earlier to call a strike at its discretion.

John H. Yanch Jr., management attorney, said after the session that the Guild's insistence upon a showdown had been a "major factor" in the settlement, although at the beginning of the final meeting he had argued for the extension to "eliminate pressure."

SCUDDER NEW BOSS
Negotiations began six weeks ago with management demands that the Guild waive union security, four of its six holidays, one week of vacation, and numerous other advantages won in the last 10 years in order to accommodate an unnamed new publisher.

The Guild asserted, without contradiction, that the new owner was to be Edward W. Scudder, publisher of the unorganized Newark Evening News.

Management quickly abandoned most of its demands but was adamant on the Guild shop issue. Representatives of the International Typographical Union and other mechanical trades supported the Guild, and their backing played a large part in the victory. 4-1-N-5 RATIO

The new security provision provides for a four out of five ratio among new employees. While this is a slight modification of the old clause, which permitted no exceptions among new employees, it is an even greater modification of the management's original threat that without an open shop the paper would suspend publication. Other gains include a 12 1/2 percent general increase and improvements in some minimums. The reporter classification, now at a \$47.50 top minimum, will be determined by arbitration.

Guild negotiators were William W. Rodgers, ANG secretary-treasurer; Charles E. Crissey, ANG international representative; Ken Fleeter, Newark president, and Morris Isaacman, Guild counsel; John T. McManus, New York president and ANG vice president, participated in one session.

HEED COPS' CALL
Kingston, N. Y.—The Kingston Guild has urged enactment by the state legislature of the Condon-Rapp pension bill, in response to a request addressed to all labor unions here by the Kingston Patrolmen's association. The bill provides for optional retirement of policemen after 25 years' service.

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El Paso Member Learns Guild Pal Bombed Him in Manchurian Snafu

El Paso, Tex.—Two ex-GI Guild members here—Steve Alex, Times reporter, and Mike Egan, on the Herald-Post editorial staff—met and swapped service experiences.

During the conversation, Alex, who was captured on Bataan and later transferred to a prison camp in Mukden, Manchuria, was recounting how badly the camp had been torn up when it was bombed in error by a flight of American planes.

He noticed that Michael's face was getting redder by the minute as the story progressed.

When Steve asked him what the matter was, a sheepish grin came over Egan's face as he admitted (fact being stranger than fiction): "That was my flight."

Some 'See Here' Business at Scranton



Marion Hargrove, who was a \$22-a-week reporter in unorganized Charlotte, N. C., before he entered military service and authored the best seller, "See Here, Private Hargrove," got some first hand information about the American Newspaper Guild on a recent visit to Scranton, Pa. Hargrove, in Scranton to speak to an industrial expansion drive mass meeting, tied up with a Guild group anxious to explore the reasons that prompted him to tell the National Association of Manufacturers "where to get off" at the NAM's 50th anniversary dinner. Seated, left to right are: Charles Rosse, Ed Donohoe, Scott Thurston, Lillian Goldman, Marie McDonald, and Hargrove. Standing, George Walsh, J. Harold Brislin, John O'Hara, and John Mulhern.

California Lawmakers Laud Guild in Press Resolution

Sacramento—In adopting a resolution praising the press and the Guild, the state assembly gave strong support to the Guild state.

NEW MAGAZINE UNIT COUNCIL FORMED IN NY
The five news magazine units of the New York Guild have formed a magazine council to co-ordinate their current negotiations. Units in the council include: American Weekly, Hearst Sunday magazine; Look, Cowles brothers bi-weekly; Parade, Marshall Field Sunday magazine; Newsweek, and Time, Inc. (Time, Life, Fortune and Architectural Forum).

The contracts currently being renewed show wide differences as to wages and working conditions. The council set itself the major task of bringing about uniformity of wages and working conditions on all five publications.

The council adopted the following program: 1. Agreement that no magazine unit shall adopt a contract until it has been submitted to the council. 2. An emergency negotiating committee to take over negotiations in event of a negotiations deadlock.

The emergency committee is composed of: John T. McManus, local president; John P. Ryan, executive vice president; Irving Gilman, research director; Gertrude Epstein, Time, Inc.; Paul Marcus, Look; Joseph Peters, American Weekly, and Lenore Garrett, Newsweek.

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ment that union membership does not prejudice the stories of reporters.

The resolution commended the Capitol Correspondents Association, "virtually all of whom," it said, "are members of the American Newspaper Guild."

"Regardless of their personal views," continued the resolution, "they have at all times sought to present fairly and accurately the transactions of this honorable body and have distinguished themselves by doing so to a remarkable degree."

Guild negotiators may well recall this quote when they hear publishers argue that a reporter can't write an objective story if he belongs to a union.

Assemblyman Albert Dekker, Hollywood movie actor, presented the resolution on the closing day of the 1946 special legislative session. Assemblymen William H. Rosenthal, Los Angeles attorney,

and Julian Beck, Los Angeles schoolteacher, were joint authors. All three are Democrats. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Other excerpts from the resolution:

"These men and women have been industrious, patient, tolerant and comprehensive in their coverage of the California legislature. . . .

"Without the close co-operation of the press of California our deliberations here would lack much of their effectiveness and the processes of democracy would be endangered. . . .

"... this assembly and its entire membership do hereby commend the Capitol Correspondents Association and its membership for its splendid service to this body, the state and the newspapers it serves. . . .

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Bill Would Stay Crackdown on Fake Food Ads

Washington (LPA)—Opposition witnesses are attempting to block a measure now before a house subcommittee which threatens the health of many Americans.

The bill, introduced by Representative B. C. Reece (R. Tenn.), would weaken the Federal Trade Commission's powers to crack down on firms falsely advertising foods, drugs, devices or cosmetics which are inherently dangerous to health.

The bill almost was slipped through quietly, but consumer spokesmen got wind of what was happening, and are testifying before a house interstate and foreign commerce subcommittee against the Reece bill.

Supporting their stand is a Federal Trade Commission report on the Reece bill, charging that it would "seriously weaken that provision of the present law which was and is especially designed to protect the health of the consuming and using public."

Most shocking of the amendments that Reece tried to put over is one which, according to the FTC, "would limit the responsibility of the advertiser to the affirmative representations made directly or by implication, and would make it impossible to require those who advertise potentially dangerous drugs or devices to disclose to the public the consequences which may result from the use of their products under the conditions prescribed in the advertisement or under such conditions as are customary or usual."

CIO SUPPORTS BRITISH LOAN

Washington (LPA)—CIO President Philip Murray has thrown the CIO's support behind the pending U.S. loan to Britain because its defeat might mean "the difference between security and insecurity for the American worker."

Vote to Quit AFL ON UMW Protest
Springfield, Ill. (FP)—The Progressive Mine Workers in a special convention here voted unanimously to quit the AFL in protest against readmission of the United Mine Workers.

It's Official — California Solons Invite ANG Convention to Golden Gate in '48

Sacramento — The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild's bid for the 1948 ANG convention has the full support of the California legislature.

Both the assembly and the senate, on the last day of the special 1946 session, adopted resolutions inviting the ANG to hold its 1948 conclave in the city by the Golden Gate.

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error of California have extended an invitation to the American Newspaper Guild to meet in San Francisco in 1948, now

Be it resolved that the assembly (and senate) of the state of California join in extending an invitation to the American Newspaper Guild to hold its 1948 convention in San Francisco, and

Be it further resolved that the chief clerk of the assembly (and senate) send copies of this resolution to the executive vice president of the American Newspaper Guild and the executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland

It Seems to Us...

HE THANKS THE GUILD FOR JOB DURING WAR

IOWA CITY.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

"Thanks a million for a multi-million dollar job during the war! I'll be on my way 'home' in a week or so and I know that I will return to a newspaper profession much better than that of four years ago, thanks largely to the Guild which carried its battles right along with those of Uncle Sam.

Thanks, too, for chasing me higher and with the copies of the ever-welcome Guild Reporter. Henceforth, you can return to the old address of the Toledo Times, Toledo, Ohio. I'll be back there as sports editor shortly now—my old stand.

I wish I could go on and be more adequate with my appreciation but I'll try the oft-used naval expression "Well Done" and let that try to tell the story. It covers a great deal.

JACK SENN.

SAYS GOV. WARREN

NOT REAL LIBERAL

LOS ANGELES.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The Guild Reporter story on California's Governor Warren appearing in the Feb. 8 issue and detailed Sacramento is seriously in error on the facts and represents a friendly point of view toward Warren completely contrary to the position of the CIO and PAC.

Your lead states: "California's Republican Gov. Earl Warren is for: full employment, fair employment practices, child care centers and disability pay for workers."

Warren has been for these things in words only—he has never put up any fight for this program. Every CIO representative who has attended sessions of the California legislature is painfully familiar with Warren's efforts to build himself up as a liberal while at the same time his lack of action on progressive legislation has been a main factor in the triumph of the reactionary elements during the entire session.

Warren does not represent the small progressive faction in the Republican party. On the contrary, he is a leading potential presidential candidate of the smoother anti-labor elements in the party of Hoover and his crowd.

For this last reason it is important that the impression created by the Reporter's misleading story be corrected, as a service to Guild members nationally.

A great deal of material on Warren and the California political setting in which he operates is constantly available in the California CIO newspaper, the Labor Herald. Your Sacramento

FLASHBACKS

MILWAUKEE STRIKE—Ten years ago Guild members on Hearst's Wisconsin News were picketing, on strike following collapse of contract negotiations. Guild locals and local labor unions pledged support to those manning picket lines in bitter sub-zero weather. At the final session, the News general manager had informed the Guild that Hearst had concluded "the Guild movement is bad for the newspaper industry." At issue were the five-day week, severance pay, minimum wages—and a signed contract.

With 43 members, the Indianapolis Guild was chartered 10 years ago. Bill Davy, then the ANG's only organizer, handled the details. Davy long has been executive secretary of the Cleveland Guild.

Concessions were won from three managements, the March 1, 1936, GR reported. Pay boosts of from 11 to 16 percent were included in a bulletin board statement won by the Guild at the Minneapolis Tribune. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch unit received promise of pay raises, three weeks' vacations and other improvements. In a policy statement, the Brooklyn Eagle agreed to continue the five-day week.

SCRIPPS-HOWARD SIGNS—Following 13 months of negotiations, the Cleveland Guild signed a contract with the Press, mother paper of the S-H organization. The agreement set up a severance pay schedule, a 40-hour week, and a minimum pay schedule. The accord also broke a long-standing publishers' agreement in Cleveland that one paper would not hire a man working for another paper.

Guild members in good standing here may discuss affairs of the Guild, the labor movement, or the newspaper industry, keeping in mind that the welfare of the Guild, and the fact these columns should not be used for personal quarrels.

Letters exceeding 350 words are subject to editing to reduce them to that length.

correspondent should avail himself of this information; and certainly the Reporter editor should know the political situation in a key state such as California.

RALPH E. BRUENEN.

HE COMMENTS ON

PAID PRESIDENT IDEA

SACRAMENTO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

First off I want to say that I think Milton Murray, Sam Eubanks and Bill Rodgers have done a smooth job for the Guild in these last few years.

So, the thought of rearranging this combination, about which I have just learned, came as a complete surprise. Someone has come up with the idea of a paid presidency.

Somehow this doesn't make sense to me. First and foremost the Guild needs more paid organizers, not a paid president.

It would seem to me that it would be just as logical for the New York Guild, the San Francisco Guild or any other large local to have a paid president. The Guild's reputation—unlike many unions—has been built on an organization of working newspapermen.

Not only from the standpoint of our relations with the publishers but from the standpoint of the influence on our own rank and file it is good business to have a working newspaperman in the key office.

It's a responsibility and requires many sacrifices but so is the presidency of the Philadelphia local a great responsibility. And I don't think the president in Philadelphia gets 1 cent in salary.

Even if the Guild could afford it—I understand the finances just aren't there—I would be against this new scheme.

Let's keep our most important policy making offices in the hands of working newspapermen and let the paid staff carry out these policies.

When we get some money for more hiring, let's add some organizers.

NEIL SHAW,

Wire Service Unit, Sacramento.

PAUL WEBER COMMENTS ON PAID PRESIDENCY

DETROIT.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

The form in which the IEB has chosen to put the issue of a paid presidency to the convention is, in my opinion, a serious mistake—because it tends to create an artificial personal issue.

As I understand the facts, Milton Murray has never sought to substitute himself for Sam Eubanks as the Guild's chief administrative officer, nor has he advocated elimination of Eubanks' job of executive vice president. It is a well-known fact that Murray would lose much support (including mine) were he to adopt such an objective.

Yet, over Murray's protest, the IEB appears to insist that the convention shall vote not on the question Murray has raised—but on a question of substituting a paid presidency for Eubanks' job.

This tends to make a personal and factional issue out of a straight question of whether we need and can afford a paid president in addition to our present full-time officers. The effect is to obscure the real issues of policy, finances and administration which underlie this problem and to divide everybody up into Eubanks men and Murray men.

The rank-and-file has had no opportunity to discuss the question of a third paid officer.

Yet, the issue: "Do we need and can we afford a third paid officer?" is brushed aside and the membership is asked to vote on whether it wishes to cancel Eubanks' job—which nobody has proposed and which the advocates of the action admit they are against!

It is evident many of the IEB members voted not on the merits of the proposal, but merely in an effort to get the question out of their hair and before the membership in some fashion.

I am not going to allow a Eubanks vs. Murray personality battle to get started without protest. I will examine reasons for and against a third paid officer and make my decision on the basis of these facts.

If I judge the Guild's rank-and-file correctly, many will feel the same way.

PAUL WEBER.

Guild Strike Aid Drive Is Pushed

(Continued from Page One)

unit drives. About \$1,000 was earmarked for the UAW walkout, and other funds were turned over to the Greater New York Joint Strike Support Fund. The Post unit contributed almost \$1,000 to lead the list.

Newark has raised \$120 for the state CIO fund. Members of the Norwalk Guild have raised \$30 for AFL strikers at the Yale & Towne plant. Philadelphia-Camden voted \$1,000 to aid strikers, and also started weekly collections.

St. Louis voted \$1,000 for a strike aid fund. Syracuse contributed \$30 to the Steelworkers, UAW and UERMWA. Tri-City launched an all-out campaign to assist UERMWA strikers at the huge Schenectady plant, contributing \$50 per week, with \$305 raised to date by membership contributions. Guild members also edit the union's weekly paper.

The Washington Guild voted \$200 for the UAW strike, and \$200 for the UERMWA strikers, and has collected an additional \$700 in unit-by-unit collections. ANG office employees and staff members have contributed \$176 to UAW on a weekly checkoff.

Milwaukee Guild members are contributing food and canned goods to strikers there. St. Louis members also are staging drives for canned goods for strikers, purchasing cases of food whole sale.

MONEY TALKS

Can the ANG Afford A Paid President?

By William W. Rodgers

ANG secretary-treasurer



One of the hottest issues facing Guild delegates at the forthcoming convention in Scranton is whether the ANG presidency should be made a full-time salaried office.

President Milton Murray is on record as favoring such a change, asserting he believes the job that needs doing cannot be done on a part-time non-salaried basis—at least not by one who must work for a living. He proposes maintaining the present structure intact, except that the presidency would become a third salaried office.

A majority of the IEB, including Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks, have indicated that if any change is made it should be by elimination of the executive vice presidency, combining the responsibilities of that office with those of the presidency, thereby retaining the existing set-up of two salaried officers, and creating a sixth regional vice president as the thirteenth member of the board.

This group contends (a) that the Guild cannot afford a third paid officer; and (b) that a third paid officer would make for divided administrative authority and inefficiency.

I want to comment on contention (a).

I am not convinced that abandonment of the Guild's historic policy of having a working newspaperman as president is wise, despite the improbability of ever finding another so favorably suited to the office as was Heywood Brown.

But I think the membership ought to know that if it is found desirable to make the presidency a third salaried office, the Guild CAN afford it. And the reason is this.

The only added cost will be the difference—perhaps \$30 or \$40 a week—between the salary of the president and the salary of an appointed director of organization.

For under the plan advocated by a majority of the IEB it would become absolutely imperative that we hire a director of organization, if not some additional help as well.

As a matter of fact we already are under mandate of the 1945 convention to hire a director of organization, but have been unable to find the right man.

On the other hand, it is probable that if the presidency were made a full-time job, the executive vice president could give sufficient added attention to organization to obviate entirely the need for a director of organization.

This is a touchy problem because of the difficulty of ignoring the present personalities involved. But it should be considered on its merits alone—without regard to who likes Eubanks or who likes Murray—and a decision made on that basis. I sincerely hope it will be done that way.

HONOR ROLL—Local treasurers who have kept their memberships at 90 percent or better in good standing for three consecutive months (November, December, 1945, January, 1946) include:

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10 YEARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MILWAUKEE GUILD AFFAIRS

Milwaukee — Ten years can make a lot of difference in a lot of things. If you don't believe that take a look at the case of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild.

It was 10 years ago last Feb. 17 that 27 boys and girls, members of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild and employees of the Wisconsin News, declared the first strike in the history of the American Newspaper Guild against William Randolph Hearst and his newspaper enterprise, touching off a bitter struggle that lasted 28 weeks. At the end the Guild emerged the victor.

But last Feb. 17 all was different. It was the occasion of the first banquet in the history of the Milwaukee Guild, a banquet for which the Guild treasury footed the bill.

But it was more than a banquet. It was a cementing of good feelings between the local and the management of the Milwaukee Sentinel, now Hearst's only paper in Milwaukee, at which management sat down with employees and joined with the Guild in saying the banquet was the finest thing that has happened in Milwaukee for both the Guild and the management.

The affair wasn't arranged to mark the anniversary of the strike

and the friction of 10 years ago wasn't so much mentioned at the affair. It had been arranged for Jan. 22 but the date was changed in order to enable more members to attend.

Urge More Steel For Small Firms

Washington (FP)—President Philip Murray of the United Steelworkers (CIO) in a letter urged Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles to take immediate steps to reinstate steel allocations to small companies to keep the smaller units from being squeezed out of business by the large steel producers.

The letter came as the result of a resolution passed by the Steelworkers executive board, in which the need of the small independent producers for adequate tonnages of semi-finished steel was pointed out.

The resolution also called for the setting up of a temporary operating committee of large and small producers and union men under the Civilian Production Administration, for the purpose of allocating steel to the small concerns.

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GUILD FILES 2 OVERTIME SUITS ON 3 SPRINGFIELD NEWSPAPERS

Springfield, Mass.—Two suits on behalf of 15 employees, and others, of three Springfield papers have been filed in the U. S. district court by the American Newspaper Guild to recover unpaid overtime pay.

Involved are managements of the Union, Republican, and Daily News, which are controlled by Sherman Bowles and voting trustees, under a trust agreement, also parties to the action.

The suits seek to recover at least \$9,250 for overtime for work in excess of 40 hours per week which was not paid at time and one-half as provided by the Fair Labor Standards act. In addition, an equal amount is sought in the form of liquidated damages, plus attorney fees and costs of the action.

The action grew out of the practices of the two companies involved of paying only straight time for time over 40 hours in a week. The practice is alleged to have extended back to Oct. 4, 1940. Morris Isserman, ANG counsel, is handling the cases.

The Guild recently won an NLRB election in the four papers, all under Bowles' control. In negotiations, the Guild was unable to learn who owned the enterprises, or who was publisher. The papers had been operated by operating corporations, which had been enjoined from operating by the Massachusetts supreme court, but nevertheless continued to function.

At an NLRB hearing which sought to establish ownership so that any ensuing contract would be with a legal entity, Bowles refused to appear.

Unfair labor practice charges, growing out of firings said to be for union activity, also are pending against the papers.

DETROIT RELIEF RISES

Detroit (FP)—The city had 2,300 families on relief rolls at the end of February, compared with 3,493 a year ago. About 1,100 General Motors strikers are on relief in Detroit.

among ourselves

Archie Robinson, former head of the WLB of the labor desk, now with United States News as labor editor.

Emil Zubryn, formerly on Billboard in New York, now publishing Free Lance Weekly.

Milton J. Lapine, former ANG vice president, now executive sports editor of Cleveland Press, after duty in Navy.

Charles W. Cleveland, AP photographer, now operating his own studio.

Cleveland Press staff changes: Tom Boardman out of Navy and labor reporter in place of Ray DeCane, now assistant city editor.

Richard Peters, out of Army and assistant city editor.

Robert Seltzer, new financial editor.

Cleveland Plain Dealer changes: Tony DiStasio, labor reporter, succeeding James Harshbarger who returns as aviation editor.

Out of service are H. M. Stamford, Gunnar Beckman, Robert Herrick, Steve Blossom, Nels Silverman and Wilson Hirschfeld.

L. F. Levenberg back from Army to be foreign columnist for Cleveland News.

Mary McDermid resigned as Cleveland News society editor.

Gerald Turner, former Chicago Sun copyboy, now University of California campus correspondent for Berkeley Gazette.

Lee Ballew, formerly with the New Orleans UP bureau and recently transferred to Little Rock, will be married shortly to a Chicago AP man.

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Anaconda Pays in Wire Fraud Claim

Washington (FP)—The Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. has settled claims for \$1,624,000 by the U.S. government in connection with irregular wire and cable manufacturing practices during the war. Attorney General Tom C. Clark announced. The practices occurred mainly in the production of field wire for the Army and deausing cable for the Navy.

The government's claims were based upon alleged irregular manufacturing, testing, and inspection engaged in by the company in connection with carrying out during 1941 and 1942 various government contracts for wire and cable produced at its plants in Marion, Ind., Pawtucket, R. I., and Hastings, N. Y.

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The Guild's Bookshelf—

THE TRUTH ABOUT UNIONS, by Leo Huberman. Pamphlet Press, Reynal and Hitchcock, \$1. Here is a book that can be read profitably by union members, friends of labor, and also those who are lined up against unions. With charges and counter-charges filling the air and providing misleading headlines, it is well to know the "why" of matters.

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Caught ON THE RUN

Qualified newspapermen who have spent at least three years as telegraph editors, rewrite, or wire service editors who have recently donned a uniform, will be interested in an SOS from Armed Forces Radio Service, operated by the Army and Navy departments.

Copy editors are needed to prepare news broadcasts made every hour to armed forces overseas from studios in San Francisco.

Those interested should write to the Commandant, Armed Forces Radio Service, 6011 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles.

The enlightened view



John P. Lewis, managing editor of PM, started his newspaper career in Denver at \$15 per week as a reporter. He knows how helpless unorganized newspaper employees were. Now he deals with the Guild from the management side of the table.

On a recent visit, Denver Guild members asked for his views on the Guild. He said:

"The greatest thing that has happened for working newspapermen in the last 10 years is the growth of the American Newspaper Guild. It would be suicidal for them to let it weaken or die out."

He was asked if he could be quoted. Lewis replied, "Certainly. And make it as strong as you want."

He stated sure there are disputes. "Every year we battle in our negotiations over contract terms. Grievances come up and we fight over them—and settle them. But all that's healthy and beneficial. It makes for sound relationships for all of us. We get each other's views."

Lewis added that PM has a Guild shop contract and right now is paying the highest minimums in New York—\$95 a week for reporters.

Lewis was asked by Guild members about the charge that Guild membership might tend to color a reporter's writing.

"It's silly," he replied. "It's just an old bogey, once used by opponents of the Guild, but long ago proved unfounded. You don't hear it much these days. Employers rarely question an employee about his religious or political affiliations, do they? They don't believe affiliations of that sort harm a reporter's writing. When, then, Guild affiliation?"

Lewis concluded: "The Guild is helping improve conditions and standards for newspaper workers day by day. I am glad to see it growing in Denver. Would anyone want to go back to the old unorganized days? Foolish question!"

On the birthday of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, few papers carried any pictures of FDR. There were a few small stories of placing of wreaths on his grave at Hyde Park. But with Lincoln's birthday it was different.

Some readers have suggested this is an apparent conspiracy of silence.

No. 47, the St. Louis Guild's local publication, announces its award for public service in journalism "will go to the first writer of picture underlines who refrains, on the next occasion of processing one of a movie star in a bathing suit, from saying she is 'taking time out'."

Officers of the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild believe in keeping members posted on Guild business, even if it means taking board meetings to members.

With units also in Plainfield and New Brunswick (and until recently in Long Branch, which transferred to a new local), the Elizabeth Guild executive board

swings the circuit for its meetings. All members are invited.

Thus closer contact is established between officers and members.

Senate shenanigans



The senate judiciary committee quietly approved a constitutional amendment aimed at cutting congressional representation and electoral college votes of such states as New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey and Ohio, which have large alien populations.

Introduced by Senator Capper (R., Kan.) the amendment was sired by William H. Anderson, big shot of the American Christian Alliance, Anderson, as secretary of the Anti-Saloon League, did a prison stretch for altering the outfit's books.

Purpose of the amendment is to alter the political balance of power by reducing congressmen from states with large alien populations, and boosting representation of what the sponsors term "American" states, including poll tax states.

This would be done by rewriting a single sentence in the constitution, which now reads: "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed."

The proposed amendment would change this sentence to read: "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding aliens."

The same senate committee, which furtively approved the amendment, still is nesting on the anti-poll tax bill which would allow several million American citizens to exercise their right to vote.

UNEMPLOYMENT PAST TWO MILLION MARK

Washington (FP)—The Labor Department announces that the number of employees in non-agricultural establishments during Jan., 1946 was 35,706,000, a drop of 2,225,000 from the level of a year ago.

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WASHINGTON ROUND-UP

Bowles' War on Lobbyists Is Launching New Crusade

By JAMES A. WECHSLER

Washington Guild

Washington — The New York Times thoughtlessly relegated the tale to page 26. Other journals generously or grudgingly told the story after their own fashion. From where this correspondent sits it still looks as big as any news in town. The news was the administration's declaration of war on the profiteer-lobby.

The man who led the charge was Chester Bowles, a quiet, reserved citizen whose conduct may dismay his old Yale classmates in the way that Franklin D. Roosevelt's behavior brought anguish to the Harvard club.

THEY DON'T LIKE IT

For Bowles is getting into a battle with some very special interests, which believe in some very special privileges; some very high-priced lobbyists for higher prices who are not accustomed to such treatment, and do not like it, and will be running to their sugar-daddies saying: "He hit us, daddy."

And he did.

Bowles' attack, echoed by other high administration officials, was aimed at the "black marketeers, the gougers and the speculators."

He was referring to the furtive fellows who have engineered the drive to wreck Wilson Wyatt's housing program and to slash the funds of Paul Porter's OPA.

STILL RIDE HIGH

As this is written the lobbyists still are riding high. They have persuaded the senate to riddle OPA's appropriation. They have won the preliminary skirmishes on the housing-for-veterans program. They really have been earning their pretty pennies, and no student of the art of lobbying can legitimately disparage their talent. By the time these heated words reach cold type the lobbyists may have literally lifted the roof off the homes we are supposed to build for the veterans.

Nevertheless, the important fact is that Bowles has understood more clearly than most administration big shots the nature of the battle.

James Wechsler has returned from the Army and is resuming his Guild Reporter column of comment on Washington affairs. He proposes to alternate with Alan Barth, who filled in for Wechsler.

Wechsler is national editor for PM, and Barth is an editorial writer for the Washington Post.

He recognizes that the only real answer to the profiteer crowd must come from the anonymous characters who will pay higher prices for their food and higher rents for their park benches if the fat-cat lobby wins.

This is elementary but a lot of Missourians have to be shown. So Bowles has taken the story to the country. We trust that he will be heard.

ATTACK OVERDUE

If the counter-attack seemed overdue, the delay was not of Bowles' making. He inherited the stabilization post after a long administration wrangle in which Reconversion Director John Snyder set the stage for a Munich with the steel barons. Having given the steel industry the price-boost it was after, the administration gave Bowles the stabilization job.

It was a tough assignment; perhaps it was an impossible assignment. We will find that out soon.

Meanwhile, Brother Bowles has injected some acutely needed fight into an administration that has almost unfailingly come out for the right things, and just as faithfully neglected to follow up

words with deeds. Now, with the aid of Democratic Chairman Bob Hannegan, some semblance of crusading blood is being pumped into the Democratic machine on Capitol Hill.

NOT LIKE SNYDER

All this is totally at variance with the strategy Mr. Snyder employed in trying to "handle" the steel industry by holding its hand, patting its head, and promising to work things out. It is at variance with Truman's stubborn refusal in both the steel and General Motors crises to tee off publicly against the men who were conducting a sitdown strike against his proposals for industrial peace.

Bowles professes a wide-eyed, wistful faith in the power of the ordinary citizen to communicate his views to congress and to make his voice heard. We suspect that Bowles is neither wide-eyed nor wistful.

We suspect that in his soft and smiling way he is practicing one of the simple principles that F. D. R. used to confound his congressional enemies. The principle was that you don't win great social battles by discussing them with old political cronies over tea and muffins. They are won by clear calls to the multitude of people who neither write editorials nor clip coupons.

This man Bowles may take an awful beating in the next couple of weeks but if we were Yale '24 we'd vote him the man most likely to succeed in our class. Even if the class didn't like it.

NY Guild Calls Conference to Plan Local Activities Program

A citywide conference to plan the future program and activities of the Newspaper Guild of New York has been called for April 27 and 28 by the local executive committee. The conference, following closely on the heels of the recent successful negotiations on the city's major dailies, will have the task of developing the local's collective bargaining program, and evaluating past accomplishments and activities.

Representation at the conference will be based on unit membership. Sessions will be at the

Guild club. Panels will deal with specific subjects, with each group preparing a report to the full conference.

Discussion topics will include: Organization of the Sun, only unorganized New York daily; new and larger local Guild headquarters; advance planning for next year's collective bargaining; development of new local activities; political action program; unit administration; women's auxiliary; contract enforcement; veterans' problems; and relations with other unions.

Utica Gets More Money And Shorter Work-Week

Utica, N. Y.—Increased minimums, a 37½ hour week and an improved holiday clause are included in a new contract signed by the Newspaper Guild and the Observer-Dispatch and Press.

The contract also replaces a 50 cents per shift night differential with a separate schedule of minimums for night workers, and defines the day and night shifts.

The new night minimums are \$3.50 higher than day rates.

The reporter top minimum has been raised from \$50 after five years to \$55 for the day shift and \$58.50 for the night shift.

Employees working any time during the night shift between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m., will receive the night minimums under the agreement.

The contract is retroactive to Dec. 16, 1945, and provides that the 37½-hour week is to be put into effect as of Jan. 1, 1946. The working day will be 7½ hours. Previously employees worked a 40-hour week and an eight-hour day.

The new holiday clause provides for six holidays off with pay and an extra day's pay for holiday work, replacing a six-hour shift on the six holidays.

MORE FOOD HERE, BUT LESS FOR OTHERS

Washington — The average American will eat at least 8 percent more in 1946 than before the war, while the rest of the world will average 12 percent less.

Wins Job Back In Guild Action

Columbus — Following militant action by the Columbus Guild, a member of the Dispatch unit was restored to his job with full back pay for the time he was out. The Guild charged the firing was discrimination against Guild members.

This was the fourth case in which a dismissed employee was restored to his job because of grievance committee action.

Meanwhile, the local Guild and management of the Dispatch are working out procedure to be followed when servicemen return.