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Get Reservations Early, Convention Delegates Warned

Scranton—As Guild locals continued to elect delegates, with the prospect that more than 200 delegates will attend, the Scranton convention committee issued two warnings:

Make hotel reservations early. Make travel reservations early, and check on trains in view of reduced service due to the coal shortage.

"Convention arrangements allow sufficient time for working sessions, with plenty of entertainment during the week," said Pat McGlynn, convention chairman. While formal meetings will

Delegates planning to visit New York City before or after the convention are advised not to come unless they have confirmed hotel reservations. Currently, the hotel room shortage in New York is the most acute in the country, with guests limited to not more than five days' stay at a time.

Theater tickets in New York are harder to get than hotel rooms right now.

not get under way until June 17, the annual gathering will open with a cocktail party on Sunday, with the Scranton Times management as host.

The session will end June 21 with a farewell cocktail party, with the publisher of the Scrantonian-Tribune as host.

Headquarters for the thirteenth annual conclave will be Hotel Casey. However, a number of delegates also will be staying at Hotel Jermyn. Thomas Phillips, chairman of the local hotel committee, stressed that because of a housing shortage, delegates must make reservations well in advance. He urged locals electing delegates late in

WICHITA GROUP ASKS CHARTER

Wichita, Kans.—The newly organized Newspaper Guild of Wichita has applied for an ANG charter, and has completed its provisional organization with the election of officers.

President is Charles M. Love; vice president is Cecil Schulte, and Margaret Hunnicutt is secretary-treasurer. Board members in addition to the officers are Philip Aherne and Mark Clatter. Members of the new organiza-

tion are editorial employees of the Wichita Beacon.

Local by-laws have been prepared for submission to the membership, with the model dues schedule.

Recognition has been requested of management, but so far has been refused on the basis that this is a new experience for the Beacon management. Meanwhile, an NLRB election has been asked as soon as possible.

Long and Short Of Convention



Here's the long and short of the Scranton convention. Discussing committee assignments are Gene Gray O'Boyle of the Scrantonian-Tribune staff who touches four feet, 10 inches, and George Clark of the Times, who looks down from his six feet, three and one-half inches.

New Arbiter Chosen to Render Verdict In 3 Firings in PM Washington Bureau

Washington—Dean Edmund Morris Morgan, Jr., of the Harvard Law school has replaced William H. Davis, former chairman of the War Labor Board, as arbitrator of New York Guild-PM dispute over projected dismissals of ANG President Milton Murray and two other staffers

from the tabloid's Washington bureau.

Morgan was named arbiter by the U. S. Conciliation Service after Davis withdrew on ground he had written and had been paid for an editorial for the dummy of a new magazine Marshall Field, PM owner, plans to launch.

NO DATE SET

No date for arbitration proceedings had been set May 9. Nor was there any decision then on whether the hearings should be conducted in Washington—as requested by members of PM's Washington staff—or in New York City.

Morris Isserman, ANG counsel, conferred with Murray and Elizabeth Donahue and John T. Moutoux, the other bureau staffers who got the PM axe. Murray, as chairman of the Washington

TIME—LIFE—FORTUNE

Strike is Voted By NY Units on Luce Magazines

Members of Time Inc. unit have accepted the challenge of the Luce publishing-empire, voting to go on strike at the most appropriate moment.

At a meeting of editorial workers, held at the New York Guild's headquarters last week, employees of Time, Life, Fortune, Architectural Forum and the March-of-Time newsreel voted for strike action amidst thunderous applause and following a three-hour, thorough discussion.

The strike resolution—in a secret vote—was carried by 248 to 40. Three hundred ballots were issued in all—two of them void and 10 unused. A motion to make the strike vote unanimous found only nine hands raised in opposition.

At the same time the New York Guild took action to raise a \$500,000 war chest.

More than \$15,000 had been contributed to the fund by the end of April by members from first week's raises.

Following a fruitless all-day conciliation session, the unit elected a strike committee.

No strike-date has been set—allowing for an eleventh-hour attempt to settle the dispute by negotiation. The Guild, however, now is ready to move at any moment without further delay in what appears to be an inevitable showdown with the Luce publications.

The strike vote was prompted by the failure of the Time Inc. management to make a satisfactory offer in answer to the Guild's proposals for a new collective bargaining agreement. This failure has been coupled with the management's steadfast refusal to continue maintenance-of-membership—the form of union-security already provided in the expired contract.

Lashing out at the Time Inc. management's union-busting tactics, the strike resolution states that "the Guild has evidenced in vain its desire to resolve this dispute peacefully through its appeal for intervention to the U. S. Con-

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Charges Filed In Firing Case

Buffalo—Organization efforts by the Buffalo Guild in the editorial department of the Polish Every-body's Daily, the largest Polish language daily in America, were met by the preemptory discharge of Mrs. Irene Drajem, less than 24 hours after she had signed a Guild application card and had approached other staff members with invitations to do likewise.

Three days earlier she had been given an increase in pay and was assured that her work was satisfactory.

The Guild has filed unfair labor practice charges with the Buffalo office of the National Labor Relations Board, and Field Examiner Ford Lewis has been assigned to the case.

Recognition Won by New Unit, Fired Man Rehired As Strike is Authorized

Jefferson City, Mo.—A strike authorization by the St. Louis Newspaper Guild, guardian of the new Guild organization here, brought about the rehiring of a reporter fired for Guild activity, and immediate recognition of the Guild as the bargaining agent for editorial employees of the News Tribune Publishing Co.

The members temporarily form a unit of the St. Louis local, and will retain that status until a contract is negotiated and the group has attained sufficient strength to be chartered as a local.

Employees are on the Capital News, Post-Tribune and Sunday News & Tribune, all published by the same firm, headed by Robert Goshorn.

Atrocious working conditions and low wages led employees to seek Guild aid. Initial steps were taken by the St. Louis local at request of Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president. Eubanks

was on hand when difficulties were adjusted and recognition secured.

Adolph Rahm, St. Louis president, and Ed Woods of KSD first met with the group April 14, signing up seven of the nine eligibles. Recognition was sought, but Goshorn was out of town. Executives then instituted a pressure campaign, threatening wage cuts and firings.

On April 22 Rahm and Woods returned to Jefferson City, capital of Missouri, with Larry MacLean, ANG international representative, but recognition still was not forthcoming. Next week James Tirone, unit chairman, was fired. Eubanks came here from Indianapolis to assist in Tirone's re-employment.

After a strike committee was set up by the St. Louis local and AFL printers indicated they would not cross a picket line, management agreed to recognize the Guild as bargaining agent, and rehired Tirone.

As Guild Voted Strike on Luce Enterprises



Above is part of the overflow crowd at the meeting for the Time, Life, Fortune, Architectural Forum and March-of-Time strike vote. After being rebuffed on a clause for union security and other matters the unit was forced to take a strike vote against the Luce publishing empire. The Guild offered to arbitrate, which was refused by management.

Pauley and Oil Stories Win Guildsman Pulitzer Award

Edward A. Harris, member of the Washington Guild won a Pulitzer prize which carries with it \$500 for "a distinguished example of telegraphic reporting on national affairs" for his series in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on the oil situation.

His articles, the announcement of the award said, "contributed to the nationwide opposition to the appointment and confirmation of Edwin A. Pauley as undersecretary of the Navy."

Earlier Harris had been given a \$1,000 bonus by the Post-Dispatch for his oil series and Pauley stories.

Harris is a charter member of the St. Louis Guild, having transferred to Washington in 1943. In St. Louis he served in the representative assembly, and was active in Guild affairs. In addition to newspaper work, he has contributed many articles to national magazines.

The annual awards were established by the late Joseph Pulitzer



EDWARD A. HARRIS
A \$500 prize

and are awarded by a 13-man advisory board of the Columbia school of journalism.

A \$500 gold medal for public service was awarded to the

Scranton Times in recognition of a 15-year campaign for "untainted justice" in the middle district court in Pennsylvania. The Times investigation of the federal court was climaxed last fall when former Judge Albert W. Johnson of Lewisburg, Pa., who had resigned under fire, was indicted with three lawyer sons by a federal grand jury.

They and other defendants were charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice and defraud the United States by obstructing and influencing the administration of justice.

The Times played an important role in developing the case. Specifically, Judge Johnson was accused of handing down decisions in many cases favoring litigants who paid sums of money to one or the other of the defendants.

Much of the Times' material was dug up by Guildsman George Martin, formerly city reporter and now assistant city editor.

Reception for Russ Journalists



PM photo by Tom Lieb

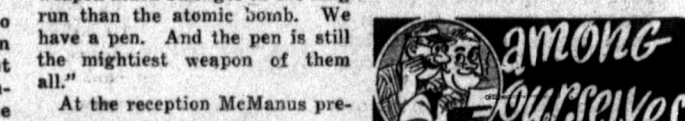
Above, left, greeting Soviet journalists is John T. McManus, president of the New York Guild. Center is Ilya Ehrenburg, writer for Izvestia, and right is Mikhail Galaktionov, Pravda military editor. The Russian journalists were in the U. S. to address the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The New York Guild played host last week to two of Russia's outstanding journalists, Ilya Ehrenburg, author and editorial writer for Izvestia, and Maj. Gen. Mikhail Galaktionov, military editor of Pravda.

In this country on direct invitation of the American Society of Newspaper Editors before whom they spoke, Ehrenburg and Galaktionov took time out to attend a reception given by New York newsmen and told the overflowed crowd that future world peace depends on continued friendship and understanding between the United States and the Soviet Union. A third member of the group, Konstantin Simonov, correspondent and author of the best seller "Days and Nights," could not attend.

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At the reception McManus presented Ehrenburg with a portable typewriter fitted with Russian characters.

CHICAGO INVITES 3 RUSSIAN NEWSMEN
Chicago—Three Soviet newsmen who appeared before a meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and before New York Guild members, have been invited to visit Chicago as guests of the Chicago Newspaper Guild.

The invitations were extended so that the Russian journalists might have a further opportunity to meet with members of the "working press."

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Pueblo Secures 5% Wage Boost In New Contract

Pueblo, Colo. — The Pueblo Newspaper Guild has completed negotiations for a new contract with the Pueblo Star-Journal and Chieftain, providing for a 5 percent increase in minimums, a raised night differential, and several other gains.

Effective May 3, the top reporter minimum was raised from \$47.50 to \$50 after five years. Starting reporter minimum was increased from \$34 to \$35. Advertising salesmen will go to a top minimum of \$52.50, up from \$50.

In the commercial department, stenographers will start at \$24.25 and go to a top minimum of \$36, compared to a previous range of \$22 to \$33.50. The top minimum for telephone operators was raised from \$30 to \$32.50.

The night differential was increased from a minimum of 25 cents per shift to 60 cents.

Other new clauses provide for a regular schedule of days off, with changes to be made only on three-day notice; one year's experience credit for all employees with two years of college training in their respective lines of work; and mandatory credit for time spent in service toward severance pay and experience rating. Previously such credit was optional with the publisher.

Herbert Foster, telegraph editor, was chairman of the negotiating committee. Members included Fred C. Jones, Gertrude Halverson, Bonnie Page, Terrance Curran, and Hazel Smith, local president.

Virginia Crump Heads Buffalo

Buffalo—Virginia Crump, night staffer at the Associated Press bureau, has been elected president of the Buffalo Guild, succeeding Charles M. Fox, night wire editor of the Buffalo Evening News.

Other officers, re-elected at the Guild's annual dinner meeting are: vice president, Tom Rose, editor of the CIO Union Leader; secretary, Maggie Weil, Evening News reporter, and treasurer, Giles Zuhler, city hall reporter for the News. The executive board will include the officers and four delegates to be named by the four units of the local.

The local adopted an all-out membership campaign policy, named committees on membership, veterans affairs, publicity and entertainment.

Wedding Bells Ring In Two Mergers for Members of SFONG

San Francisco — Congratulations were in order following two "mergers" between Hearst Publications Inc. and Scripps-Howard.

First to rush the June month were Jan Cotten, Call-Bulletin reporter, and Edward Lee Thomas of United Press, and former war correspondent.

Shortly after, there followed the announcement that Robert Bruce Keast, Call-Bulletin reporter, had claimed Allice Ray Thompson, member of the News staff, as his bride.

Two AP Bureaus Under Contract

Following organization of the Baltimore and Annapolis AP bureaus, the American Newspaper Guild has been recognized as the bargaining agent for staffers in these two bureaus.

The provisions of the new AP Guild contract also apply.

Baltimore has 17 AP employees, and Annapolis two.

Scranton Reports Convention Plans Well in Hand



Above are some of the members of the Scranton Guild's convention committee hearing a weekly report on arrangements and progress. Seated, left to right, are Harold Brishin, Thomas O'Leary, local vice president, and Neil L. Whitney, treasurer of the convention committee. Standing are Don McCrea, John O'Hara, George E. Clark, Charles Kasse, John Mulhern, and Walter Golden. Pat McElroy, convention chairman, reported plans were well in hand.

"Guilty as Hell" Letter from Bowles Features Trial on Wage-Hour Charges

CHAPTER FOUR
Springfield, Mass. — As the Guild's hunt for the real owner for the four Springfield newspapers continued, Sherman H. Bowles, the ostensible operator of the enterprises, was busy shutting out the court.

In one court action, involving the companies operating the papers, Bowles sought to have set aside an attachment of bank funds. The bank account had been attached by the Guild in connection with a suit for monies allegedly due under the Fair Labor Standards act for some 15 employees.

BOWLES POSTED

Because the real owner of the papers has not yet been established, it was argued the Guild could not attach the funds of the companies.

Anyhow, Judge Sweeney of the Massachusetts federal district court, allowed Bowles and other defendants in the wage-hour suit for unpaid overtime to put up three negotiable \$10,000 government bonds, and dissolved the attachment on the bank account.

The bonds are deposited on the condition that the proceeds will be used to pay any judgment against any and all of the defendants, including Bowles.

While all this was transpiring, Bowles also was involved in another court proceeding, stemming out of the Guild's hunt for the real owners, so a legal contract can be signed. Bowles, meantime is operating the papers with two operating corporations which have been enjoined from

Then came a bombshell. Another wage-hour agent produced a letter stating that the management was "chiseling the

30 Wilkes-Barre Veterans Map On-the-Job Training Program

Wilkes-Barre — More than 30 veterans of Wilkes-Barre Guild local have united to work cooperatively to institute a job-training program on the Wilkes-Barre newspapers.

After the membership meetings in February and March, the group held informal caucuses and discussed details of the program.

Michael Kolesar, Times-Leader Evening News copyreader; William Kistler, Times-Leader Evening News advertising, and Vice President Joseph Collins held a conference with Joseph Connolly of the U. S. Department of Labor vocational guidance department on establishment of the job training program in the Wilkes-Barre plants.

Connolly is investigating to determine whether the Wilkes-Barre

program will be under the supervision of the Pennsylvania department of education or the U. S. Department of Labor.

GUILDSMAN HEADS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Philadelphia — Guild member Leo T. Riordan, executive sports editor of the Inquirer and brother of Arthur Riordan, secretary of the Philadelphia Camden Council, has been unanimously elected president of the Philadelphia Newspapermen's Golf Association.

Other Guild members among the new officers are Allen Hughes, Camden Courier-Post; Fred Byrd, Inquirer; Harry Robert, Edward Hunter, Robert M. Johnston and Samson Berry, Record.

Swim, Memphis President, Aids CIO Dixie Drive

Memphis — The CIO has launched its extensive organizational drive in the south, and has called upon a Guild leader to play an important part in the campaign.

A. L. (Pete) Swim, president of the Memphis Guild, has accepted appointment as public relations director for the campaign.

Swim will direct all publicity for the campaign which will cover all the southern states, and occupy a key position in the drive to organize a million southern workers.

Headquarters for Swim will be in Atlanta, the base for the CIO organization staff headed by Van Bittner, chairman of the Tennessee CIO Council. He has been active in the Memphis and Tennessee CIO movement for four years.

Swim is president of the Memphis CIO Council and a vice president of the Tennessee State CIO Council. He has been active in the Memphis and Tennessee CIO movement for four years.

Gervase N. Love In Philadelphia CIO Council Post

Philadelphia — Gervase N. Love, ANG vice president, unanimously was elected vice president of the Philadelphia Industrial Union Council.

Love succeeds George Bucher, who advanced to secretary to succeed Irving Fagan, Guild member, who was forced to resign because of a change in his working schedule.

Bucher is president and business agent for the Philadelphia Furniture Workers union, CIO.

Love, a delegate to the council, was nominated by Arthur Riordan, local Guild secretary. The nomination was seconded by Kasil Miller, United Steelworkers, and Anthony Gallagher, Transport Workers.

The Philadelphia-Camden local also is affiliated with the South Jersey Delaware County and Montgomery-Chester County Industrial Union Councils.

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Jeep Jockey Is Still at It



Photo by Guildsman Bert Emanuel

Europe. It's quite a novelty to Detroiters, too, to see a jeep racing on an assignment with a press card on the windshield.

Case's brand-new jeep, purchased on an "as is, where is, no recourse basis," has no top.

It also came with many rust spots on the dashboard and wheels caused by moisture seeping into the case in which it was packed for more than a year. Case had to go to Columbus, Ohio, on a moment's notice, finally, to get it.

So now, when Bill goes on assignments he feels right at home — just like when he was chasing down stories for his outfit in

the war.

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Florists, Roofers, Bookbinders,
State, County and Municipal

publicity man.
SIDNEY BURKE.

**MURRAY AS
HOT ISSUE**
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WILD REPORTER:
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WILFRED B. TAYLOR.
Member-at-large.

**RAISING WORK-
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RICHMOND, VA.

BOLD REPORTER:
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**NG Backing
OPA Drive**

San Francisco—Continuation of the drive to force the OPA was demanded in a resolution adopted by the San Francisco Oakland Guild representative assembly at its April 10 meeting.

The body authorized sending a letter to President Truman, the Senate and Congress, and the San Francisco bay area laborers furthering the fight against the OPA at the quarterly meeting—and hereafter they were dispatched as the next phase of SPONG's drive.

Push to Press

SFONG Backing Save OPA Drive

10-hour Week

Critical Trade Union Central organ of the British movement, has decided despite of the need for production it will not its drive for a 40-hour

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Editorial also asserted:
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Caught ON THE RUN

Contribution of first week's increase to the ANG general fund by wire service members throughout the country have now reached a total of better than \$1,350.00.

Leading all by the size of its contribution is the San Francisco AP unit which to date has donated \$353.55 for an average of \$6.60 per member.

The opening wedge?



Employers who have professed to know about the practice of executives who had employees punch out and then work without pay, will take comfort in the opening wedge to pave the way for chiseling on overtime under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

There's a proposed amendment to regulations on keeping records under the FLSA which would require the employer from responsibility for correctness of records.

The proposal would affect only unsupervised pulpwood workers, but once on the books, the way is paved to extend this to other industries and other employees.

Under the law as now constituted, the employer is responsible for the correctness of work and overtime records.

One of our trained investigators has filed a report on the Pennsylvania liquor situation, for the benefit of those heading for Scranton:

"Whisky is rationed in Pennsylvania. Non-residents are out of luck unless they can establish proof of 30 days' residence. The drouth also affects some bars, which sell known brands until the supply for the day is gone.

"Some non-rationed whisky is available, but lighter fluid is recommended as a more palatable viand. Gin, rum, wines, cordials, etc. not rationed and available in state stores."

Meantime, Scranton Guild has a committee at work on the above situation.

The men's locker room at the AP headquarters in New York now has a batch of shiny red and silver chairs.

The bill for the chairs was paid for by profits from a beverage vending machine in the locker room, with the approval and blessing of AP management.

Company Asks Conciliation in Guild Shop Fight in St. Louis

St. Louis—Management of the Globe-Democrat has asked for conciliation on the Guild shop issue after the St. Louis Guild, supported by executives of the St. Louis CIO Industrial Union Council, made preparations to carry out a strike threat at St. Louis' only morning newspaper.

A federal conciliator was sought when management was informed by Robert C. Logsdon, CIO council president, that all St. Louis CIO unions would support the Guild in a strike for union security.

This was the third time that the Guild has been backed by representatives of other unions in its demands. On two previous occasions, officers of the AFL Typographical, Stereotypers and Mailers Unions appeared with the Guild committee.

They told management they viewed failure of the Globe-Democrat to grant the Guild union

security as a threat to the security of their own unions, and announced they were joining the Guild in its demands.

Negotiations have been going on since January, with the company consistently refusing to consider granting the Guild shop.

NLRB Vote Is Set For Plant Guards At New York News

An NLRB election has been ordered for guards of the New York Daily News, who joined the Guild after dissolving their independent association.

The NLRB rejected management's contention that the plant guards should not be represented by the Guild. Captains, lieutenants and sergeants are excluded from the bargaining unit, which numbers about 35.

WASHINGTON ROUND-UP

Germany Really Defeated, Trip to Occupied Zone Shows

By ALAN BARTH
Washington Guild

Washington—From April 9 to May 2, I had the exquisite pleasure of being a guest of the War Department on a tour to see military government in the American zones of occupation in Germany and Austria. The party of which I was a member, traveling in our own C-54, also got briefly into France, Italy and England.

It is not among my aspirations to represent myself as a foreign affairs expert on the basis of this three weeks' exposure abroad. I came home with a lot of impressions and with no fixed conclusions whatever.

There was some compensation for the speed at which we traveled in the fact that the Army had prepared an intensive education for us. In fact, the Army, in addition to giving us cocktail parties and banquets at every stop, managed to work the pants off us.

Wherever we went they had orientation lectures ready for us—by the public safety officer and the public health officer, by the man in charge of denazification, the industry man, the food man, the displaced persons man. These men talked about the problems and progress of their jobs—and they were in almost every case intensely earnest and conscientious about what they were doing.

Besides this kind of orientation, which we could not have gotten if we had not been traveling under the Army's chaperonage, we had a chance to talk with a number of Germans and Austrians, party leaders and government officials, who are assuming leadership under the authority of the conquerors.

MY OWN MOST marked feeling was one of constant discomfort at being in the position of a conqueror. It is an awkward, not to say an intolerable position for an American.

It is a position which, in Germany today, entails an absolute power over a helpless people. And the exercise of such power must tend, as Lord Acton once noted, to corrupt absolutely.

That it has corrupted Americans as little as it has is a testimonial to the essential decency and self-restraint of the men who make up our military government and our army of occupation. They behave, in the main, very well indeed.

But some of the GIs—now, for the most part, youngsters who never saw combat and have been sent to Germany after a bare eight weeks of basic training—swagger about the streets of German cities or drive cars at breakneck speed, honking the natives to one side, as though they thought themselves a new breed of supermen.

And many of the officers, particularly the higher-ups in military government, live in princely magnificence having taken over the palaces and estates once owned by Nazi bigwigs. They have plenty of servants glad to work for a few extra crumbs of American food. It would scarcely be possible to enjoy this luxury in the midst of human wretchedness and hunger without corruption and callousness.

THAT THE GERMANS have been beaten is the one altogether indisputable fact about Germany today.

After the first world war, because Germany's borders were never crossed by the Allies and her cities were untouched, the idea developed that she was never really conquered. And Adolf Hitler was able to sell his pecu-

liarily gullible countrymen the myth of Teutonic invincibility.

That myth must be thoroughly extinct by now. What blockbusters and incendiaries did to the cities of the Reich must be seen to be understood.

I had looked at pictures and read the report of the Strategic Bombing Survey with considerable care before I went over. But I was quite unprepared for the devastation I saw—and for the sense of desolation which it conveyed.

The people of these cities look stunned and beaten. They see the symbols of conquest all about them—alien soldiers, alien laws. And they exist today only by virtue of the magnanimity of their conquerors. They may have learned nothing more than this but they must have learned at least that they have been defeated.

I DO NOT DOUBT that military occupation was necessary after the German unconditional surrender. It was necessary to disarm the Germans militarily

and industrially. It was necessary to oust Nazis from positions of influence. It was necessary to establish governments and democratic forms.

In the American zone at least, a good beginning, it seemed to me, has been made in these directions. These are occupation tasks which it need not and should not take very long to accomplish. And I question whether, once they are accomplished, large-scale military occupation will not prove self-defeating. For the existence of a highly privileged class, which is what the conquerors are, enjoying luxury in the midst of general human suffering, can scarcely be an encouragement to democracy. And it can scarcely fail to impose a moral cost upon the conquerors.

The period of occupation is commonly put at 25 years. I should think it could be more effectively carried out by a small control commission of civilians, supported by a mobile, efficient constabulary, than by a large army.

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discuss organization plans and council operations. Sessions will be at Hotel Casey.

Meanwhile, the following delegates have been elected since the last issue:

San Diego—The three delegates are Edmund Rucker, local president; Jeff Boehm, and John D'Alfonso.

Lehigh Valley—Delegates are Max Levine, treasurer, and Robert C. A. Wolfe. Alternate is Karl Weber, ANG international representative.

Springfield, Mass.—Annette Doyle is the delegate.

Columbus—Leon Roettger, local president, Don Smith, vice president, and Earl MacBlaine, Dispatch unit chairman, have been elected delegates.

Salem—Warren Rockwell, former president, has been elected delegate, with Earl Robbins as alternate.

Lima—Frank Klein, secretary, has been elected delegate.

Saginaw Valley—Paul Jabloniski, local president, and Ray J. Kuhn, president of the Michigan District Council, have been elected delegates.

Washington—Members will ballot May 29 to pick 10 delegates. Two slates are in the field, a "progressive Guild" ticket headed by ANG President Milton Murray, and a "working press" ticket committed to oppose a paid presidency.

Murray was challenged to debate the paid presidency by the "working press" ticket, with Dorothy Rockwell, ANG vice president, and Dillard Stokes, Post reporter, to take the platform against Murray and speakers he selected. The challenge was given Murray after the local executive committee voted not to consider the debate challenge, which was to have been submitted through the committee.

Newark—Kenneth Fiester, local president, and John Robinson, chairman of the Afro American unit, are delegates.

Boston—Ten have been nominated for delegate posts, with an eleventh member nominated by petition. An election will be held in two weeks to name delegates, after it is decided how many delegates will be sent.

Nominees include: John R. Wright, president; George Harris, ANG vice president; J. Joseph Donahue, local executive secretary; Joseph E. Dumont, Richard Fiske, James Glennon,

Arthur Descoteau, Frank O'Donnell, John Mason Potter, Edgar Walker and Lawrence Weiss.

Grand Rapids—E. W. Murphy, local president, was elected delegate, with Peter Harvey as alternate.

Lansing—Carlisle Carver, president, and Jacqueline Karrenman have been elected delegates.

San Francisco-Oakland—Following nomination of 25 delegates and 17 alternates by the representative assembly, 13 new nominees were added to the race.

Los Angeles—George Hutchinson, local president, heads the 14-member delegation, which includes William Brodie, executive officer; G. K. Williams, treasurer; Andy Barrigan, William Oliver, Philip M. Connelly, Harva Karan Sprager, Alma Goudy, Merrill Davis, Eddie Phillips, Howard McClay, R. C. Bradley, Ruth Slade and Betty Golden.

St. Louis—Heading the 10-member delegation is Adolph J. Rahm, local president. Other delegates include Frances Dunn, Alice Stockman and Barney Wippold, Globe-Democrat unit; Marjorie Herron, Julius Klyman, and George Londa of the Post-Dispatch unit; Mary Kimbrough, Leo Middelstadt, and Clarence Schamel, Star-Times unit.

Alternates are Ruth Kimmell, Guild office manager, Ed Gerrity and Howard Lipton.

Elizabeth—Douglas Bailey, Doris Hunt and Marguerite McCollum have been elected delegates. Bailey and Miss McCollum are vice presidents, and Miss Hunt is treasurer of the New Brunswick unit. The members instructed delegates against the proposal of a paid president.

Alternates are Ralph Mahoney of the Plainfield unit; Walter Shultize of the New Brunswick unit, and Melville D. Shapiro, Elizabeth unit.

Worcester—John A. Ullman, ANG international representative, and Robert M. Crocker, local president, have been elected delegates.

Buffalo—Virginia Crump, new president of the local, and Margaret Weil, secretary. Alternates are William Lambie and Thomas Rose.

Harrisburg—Sidney Barson, president of the local, heads the Harrisburg delegation, which includes Homer K. Luttringer and Harry W. Harkins. Alternates are J. Kenneth Beaver, Norma Eisenberg and Charles F. Moore.

Bridgeport—Nancy Kendrick, local treasurer, was elected delegate.

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