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Convention Attendance To Set New ANG Record

The American Newspaper Guild convention in Scranton June 17-21 will set a new attendance record, with approximately 250 delegates and alternates scheduled to review the work of the year, to chart new policies for the Guild, and to set programs for organizing and collective bargaining.

A feature of the conclave will be the pre-convention conference on June 15 of district councils, to discuss organization projects and

a program for the year. Members also will exchange ideas, and analyze successful operations in the various councils.

The IEB will meet the week prior to the convention to write its annual report to delegates.

Meanwhile, finishing touches were being put on the convention program, which includes entertainment in addition to a round of working sessions.

Entertainment plans are being held in the tentative stage because of the possibility of night sessions, according to Donald McCrea, chairman of the entertainment committee. "While no night meetings are listed in the program, in the past overtime sessions have been the rule," he said.

PARTY FOR WOMEN

A party for women only is scheduled for women delegates, and also planned are a roller coaster party at an amusement park, and a mardi gras.

A total of 168 delegates already have been elected by 45 locals, with delegates elections scheduled in the next 10 days in another score of locals, indicating a capacity convention of almost 250.

On Sunday, prior to the opening of the convention, registration of delegates will start, and the

Scranton Times management will be host at the traditional welcoming cocktail party. Management of the Tribune-Scrantonian will be host at the farewell cocktail party on Friday.

WELCOMING TALKS

Delegates will continue registration Monday, and the convention will open at 10 a. m. with

Meet the Delegates

Biographical sketches of delegates are on pages 4 and 5.

welcoming talks by Pat McGlynn, chairman of the convention committee, Mayor James T. Hanlon, Gov. Edward Martin of Pennsylvania, and Frank Parry, Scranton Guild president.

Following the talks, the opening address and call to order will be made by ANG President Mil-

ton M. Murray. The rules, finance, constitution and resolutions committee will be selected.

The rules committee will report at the Monday afternoon session, and Sam Eubanks, executive vice president, will report on the state of the union. William W. Rodgers, secretary-treasurer, will report on Guild finances.

The annual banquet will be Monday evening.

COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

The sessions Tuesday will find the convention constituted as a committee of the whole and in executive session with respect to the public, the press and non-Guild members. The annual report of the IEB will be discussed at the morning meeting. In the discussion on organization, Morris Isserman, ANG counsel, will go into operations of the National (Continued on Page Twelve)

NLRB Examiner Finds For Guild in Des Moines Firing to Defeat Union

Washington—In an intermediate report directed at the Des Moines Register & Tribune, the National Labor Relations Board's trial examiner has upheld the contention of the American Newspaper Guild that the discharge last Dec. 1 of Lee Simon, head of a Guild organizing campaign among his fellow editorial employees, was in violation of the National Labor Relations Act.

The Register & Tribune is owned by the Cowles interests, which also publish the Star Journal, Tribune and Times in Minneapolis, and Look magazine, in addition to operating a number of radio stations.

The report, signed by Sidney Lindner, trial examiner, recommends:

1 That the Register & Tribune management cease and desist from discouraging membership in the Guild and from interfering with, restraining or coercing its employees in the exercise of the right to join the Guild and bargain collectively;

2 That Simon be offered his former job without prejudice to his seniority or other rights and privileges, and that he be "made whole" for any loss of pay he has sustained;

3 That the Register & Tribune post in its editorial rooms a notice embodying the preceding statement of policy and re-instatement.

The trial examiner dismissed the Guild's contention that the demotion of Miss Ann Lipovac, secretary of the Guild organization committee at the Register & Tribune, was in violation of the Wagner act; and also dismissed the Guild's charge that unusually large pay increases to editorial employees only were for the purpose of discouraging Guild membership and activity.

ANTI-GUILD ADMISSIONS

The report stems from hearings held before Lindner at Des Moines late in March, and is studied with comments in which the examiner discredits the defensive testimony of supervisory employees concerning anti-Guild conversations with staff members.

The examiner found "no merit" in the management's defense for its discharge of Simon, which alleged unsatisfactory work, tardiness, "an agreement" that Simon was going to quit, anyhow, and the alleged return of a veteran to Simon's copydesk spot.

Lindner wrote: "It is clear (Continued on Page Ten)

Los Angeles City News Service Closed By Strike; Guild Gives Free Coverage

Los Angeles—After 15 months of futile attempts at negotiation with management, members of the City News Service unit of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild, struck the firm at 6 a. m. May 14 and temporarily have established a substitute Metropolitan News Service, offering free news coverage to local newspapers and radio stations.

William H. Brodie, Guild administrative officer, announced the strike was called as management refused either to recognize the Guild, which unanimously was chosen by the employees as their bargaining agent, or to enter into negotiations for an equitable union contract.

THREE-YEAR DISPUTE

"For more than three years the Guild has attempted to enforce its contract in the courts or negotiate a new one," Brodie added. "Telford Work, operator of the news service, has defied an order of the NLRB to recognize a previous contract with the Guild. He now faces contempt proceedings for this refusal.

"Work has paid wages from 30 to 50 percent less than newspapers in the area, worked employees long hours without overtime," Brodie concluded.

Employees of the news wire, which serves four radio stations and 40 community newspapers with local news coverage, took a strike vote in mid-April, and formed picket lines at the entrance to the plant. The striking unit since has been supported on the picket lines by other newspaper units, and CIO affiliates.

WON'T NEGOTIATE

The City News Service unit has been in existence for more than six years and has been a Guild shop the entire time. After the present operator took over 15 months ago, he refused to negotiate or recognize a contract already in existence.

As the strike was progressing smoothly, striking members established their substitute news service and are rendering free news coverage to scores of daily

and weekly newspapers and radio stations.

Housed temporarily at the Los Angeles Guild headquarters, the staff is headed by veteran newspaperman, Robert A. Voigt, CNS city editor, assisted by a rewrite man and two office workers, and puts out its free service. The same beatmen are covering their respective beats as prior to the strike, and at the same time are maintaining a picket line around the City News Service offices.

URGES BLACKLIST

Meantime, Work sent letters to publishers of Southern California newspapers and publications blacklisting all staff members who walked out on strike.

Excerpts from one of Work's letters follow: "I was surprised to find a line of pickets picketing (Continued on Page Two)

Plant Guards Vote Guild 39-0

Plant guards of the New York Daily News voted 39 to 0 for the New York Guild as their bargaining agent in an NLRB election. There are 47 in the unit. Recognition was sought last September, but management opposed the guards being represented by the Guild. The group had dissolved its independent association and then joined the New York local.

Union Security Formula Won in Time Dispute After Unit Votes for Strike

The anticipated duel between the Luce magazine empire and the Newspaper Guild of New York came to a fadeout at the negotiators' round table when, for the first time in Time, Inc. history, management felt compelled to concede terms it hitherto unbendingly opposed.

Time, Inc., agreed to a union security clause formula, guaranteeing arbitration of security disputes and providing for a voluntary dues checkoff.

The security clause compromise came after the editorial employees of Time, Life, Fortune, Architect-

tural Forum and March of Time voted to strike. It will replace the maintenance of membership clause which expired last year.

The new formula provides for an arbiter who will rule on questions raised by the Guild as threats to its security, and also will decide penalties.

The clause outlines management's responsibilities to the employees, and under it the New York Guild may challenge any act on part of management if it is felt the Guild security is threatened. Also won was an admission, emphatically denied in the past, that "greater union security" is

needed at the Luce publications.

"While the new clause is not maintenance of membership, achieving it without a strike is more of a victory than gaining maintenance of membership after a bitter struggle," said John F. Ryan, NY executive vice president.

Management's campaign to crack the Guild backfired; more than 120 new employees joined up—over 60 since the strike vote.

The unit approved the new security formula, opening the way for negotiations on 21 points still in dispute.

Murray to Represent ANG at World Congress of Journalists

ANG President Milton Murray will fly to Copenhagen, Denmark, on May 29 to attend the World Congress of Journalists, called to form an international federation of journalists, to consider a constitution, to elect officers, and to air methods of assuring freedom of the press.

Delegates from national journalist bodies founded on trade union principles of 20 free or Allied nations will assemble in Copenhagen to lay the groundwork for a new world organization, and also to wind up affairs of the Federation Internationale des Journalistes, with which the Guild had been affiliated, and which ceased functioning during the war.

Murray is scheduled to fly back to the United States in time for the pre-convention IEB meeting, and also will report to the convention on the Copenhagen congress, which meets June 3-9.

When war disrupted the FIJ (the pre-war body), the British National Union of Journalists

convened the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), the old pre-war group in battle dress, "holding in trust the spirit and work of the FIJ." The group also pledged "its fundamental principle is to safeguard and support the freedom of the press."

Journalists of the axis nations were not allowed to affiliate with either FIJ or IFJ because of the freedom of the press stand.

Now, with the war over, steps have been taken to revive a worldwide working press federation, calling on national groups working along trade union lines.

Delegates will start from scratch in planning and setting up the new federation. Each nation will have one vote. Goal is to achieve a "stronger, universal" federation.

The St. Paul convention unanimously adopted a resolution pledging "to safeguard the principle of free and full information in the press of the United States, and to seek fraternal relations with organizations of newspaper (Continued on Page Twelve)

Guild Wins \$55,000 Raises in Contract At Indianapolis News

Indianapolis—Only a month after winning an election in the Indianapolis News circulation department, the Indianapolis Newspaper Guild has concluded negotiations for an initial contract providing for a full Guild shop, salary increases averaging \$550 per year for each of the 82 employees covered, and minimums and conditions equaling or exceeding those in most Guild contracts.

The agreement sets up flat rates of \$70 for city and country division managers. City and country district managers start at \$40 a top minimum of \$60 after three years. Stenographers and telephone clerks start at \$30 and go to a top minimum of \$45 after three years. Minimums for secretaries start at \$35 and go to \$50.

Indianapolis News Contract Minimums

City & Country District Managers	
Start	\$40.00
After 1 year	\$50.00
After 2 years	\$55.00
After 3 years	\$60.00
Stenographers, Phone Clerks, Mail Subscription Clerk	
Start	\$30.00
After 1 year	\$35.00
After 2 years	\$40.00
After 3 years	\$45.00
City & Country Division Managers	
Flat	\$70.00
(Country managers also get 140 weekly car allowance, City Managers \$20 per week for first 400 miles, 6 cents per mile thereafter.)	
Clerks	
Start	\$30.00
After 1 year	\$35.00
After 2 years	\$37.50
After 3 years	\$40.00

Strike Closes News Service

(Continued from Page One)

In front of our building, and my entire staff of 15 is "out on strike." The argument revolves around the Guild's attempt to force me into a union agreement by threats of suit over an old labor contract signed in 1941 by the then owner of City News corporation.

"I called in the committee of employees and told them that I did not desire to continue discussions under the continued shadow of such threats, and therefore, that our conference would cease until such time as the Guild would make good its verbal promises with acceptable guarantees that the old contract actually was 'just, dead and forgotten,' and that I, as an employer, could bargain as freely as they, as employees.

"That's where I stand and shall continue to stand for each period of time as the Guild may continue its strike, and I know that my newspapers will back me 100 percent." Work concluded in his letters to the publishers.

While Work wrote his newspaper asking for support, copies of letters were coming into the Guild office from CNS clients advising him to negotiate with the Guild.

One letter from Ned Redding, publisher of the Firestone Park News, one of CNS clients, said in part: "As a subscriber to the News Service, the Guild has called upon us to use our influence to get you into conference with their organization. I believe, personally, that labor-management problems should be settled over the conference table and I recommend that procedure."

VOTE STRIKE AID

Milwaukee—Members of the Milwaukee Newspaper Guild voted a \$25 contribution to the state CIO strike fund.

Milwaukee Wins 9% Wage Boost On Arbitration

Milwaukee—Sentinel employees covered by the Guild contract have been awarded a 9 percent cost of living bonus.

Payment of the bonus, which was retroactive to Feb. 15 for all contract-covered employees on the payroll as of April 1, climaxed four months' work by the bargaining committee and was ordered by a board of arbitration headed by C. Stanley Perry, assistant corporation counsel of Milwaukee county.

REJECT 2 OFFERS

The Guild's demand went into arbitration after two offers by management had been rejected. The first would have given a \$2.50 a week increase to everyone.

The second was a \$4 a week increase for everyone, or 10 percent of new employees not on the payroll as of April 1, with the stipulation that merit raises granted some employees last December would be deducted from their bonus.

SIX HOLIDAYS

All employees will receive six national holidays annually, with minimum of eight hours' pay at the rate of time and one-half for holiday work. Country managers, who work a six-day week, receive a minimum of seven hours' pay at the overtime rate.

All employees with two years' service will receive three weeks' vacation annually, effective Jan. 1, 1947. One week's vacation after six months and two weeks after one year also are provided.

In addition to the Guild shop, the agreement calls for preferential hiring and dues check-off. A job security clause guarantees no dismissal except for just and sufficient cause, two weeks' advance dismissal notice to the employee and the Guild, and no discrimination against employees for Guild membership or activity.

All employees except country district, division, and relief managers, are to work a five-day, 40-hour week with time and one-half cash for overtime, and double time pay for all Sunday work. Employees called to work on their day off get credit for the minimum of eight hours at the overtime rate.

NIGHT DIFFERENTIAL

Those required to work at any time during the week between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m. receive a night differential of 10 percent of their weekly salary extra.

Employees on military leave will have the time they spent in service added to their severance pay rating. The contract also contains a struck work clause, and a provision prohibiting discrimination against Guild members in the distribution of voluntary bonuses by the publisher.

The agreement is retroactive to Feb. 8, the date the Guild filed notice for recognition, and retroactive to the date of the expiration date.

Estimated cost of the increases is \$55,000 for the year. Individual raises range from \$7.50 to \$30 per week.

Negotiators were William Blatz, ANG international representative and executive secretary of the Ohio Valley District Council; Myron McGeehan, local president; Joe Shepard, Indianapolis Star unit chairman; Bob Lingenfelder and Charles Stevens of the News unit, and Powers Haygood, regional CIO director.

Petitions Seeking Teachers' Pay Boost

Sacramento (FP)—Petitions are being circulated in California for "affirmative" amendment which would increase salaries pay for teachers from \$1,800 to \$2,400 a year.

Boston Guild Wins Unit Election 21 to 1

Boston—The Boston Newspaper Guild was chosen the collective bargaining agent by maintenance employees of the Record-American in an NLRB election.

Employees voted for the Guild 21 to 1 over the AFL Building Service International Union. The Record-American commercial departments already are under Guild contract. John Ullman, ANG international representative assigned to the New England district council, directed the drive.

Contract proposals already have been presented to management, and Joseph Moffet has been named shop steward.

Guild Shop Negotiated on St. Louis Post-Dispatch

St. Louis—Agreement on a modified Guild shop at the Post-Dispatch was reached last week after more than two months of negotiations on a contract renewal. The old contract expired April 11.

Under the agreement, present Guild members must continue in good standing as a condition of employment, and at least 90 percent of new employees must join within 90 days after being hired. If the management desires to employ a person who objects to membership, over and above the 10 percent non-member quota, the matter will be submitted to a joint management-Guild committee. If this committee fails to agree, an outside arbitrator would be called in.

It was agreed also that a maximum of five positions can be added annually to the group of employees now exempt from Guild membership, by approval of the joint committee. Here also, in event of disagreement, an outside arbitrator could be called in. A voluntary dues checkoff was another new clause agreed on.

With the Guild shop controversy out of the way, an early agreement on remaining terms of the contract is expected.

FIRST UNION CONTRACT WITH GENERAL CABLE

The United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) has won a national agreement with the General Cable Corp., granting an 18 1/2-cent wage increase.

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Birth of a Paper After the War on Okinawa

By WALTER D. ENGELS
New York Guild

Of on Okinawa some publisher is worrying about type that is wearing down, the scarcity of paper, a printing press that is ready to collapse, and the shortage of ink. He has a staff, circulation, and there is a clamor for his paper, Uruma Shingo.

But behind that paper and the plant, whipped together with ingenuity and patience, is a story.

Publishing a weekly newspaper on Okinawa, following the pulverization of that one-time cultural capital of the Ryuku islands, was a fascinating and a challenging operation. It is very doubtful that the current publisher is any better off, from a material standpoint, than I was because when I left, there was no indication that supplies would be forthcoming and every indication was that things would get more snafu.

FILE OF RUBBLE

To begin with, probably the only thing readers remember about Okinawa at this late date, is that we beat the hell out of it. Those pictures of Naha, formerly the largest city on the island, which showed nothing but a pile of rubble, did not exaggerate the situation.

Okinawa had, and still has, almost 400,000 inhabitants, and when we finally gave up making a great staging area for the Japanese assault out of it, following V-J day, there was but a handful of permanent buildings left.

The rest either had been destroyed during the assault or had disappeared under the bulldozer blades and the dynamite charges of the construction troops to make way for the airports and the campsites from which we intended to spring on Japan.

And buried underneath all the rubble were the only printing facilities on the island.

The cozy Japanese had the foresight to cache much of their printing equipment in caves before the bombings had got too bad. But the souvenir hunting GIs, from generals to privates, had discovered most of the caches and gone off with handfuls of type before any organized salvage was attempted.

HOW IT STARTED

A Navy combat intelligence officer, Lt. Wayne Suttles, USNR, an anthropologist by trade but with a side interest in newspapers, had begun the job of re-establishing a newspaper before anyone at headquarters ever thought about it. He had been through the intensive Navy Japanese language school at Boulder, Colo., before coming to the Pacific and while he had been attached to military government on Okinawa, he never had been given a definite assignment.

Walter D. Engels, who wrote this story on the birth of a newspaper on Okinawa after U.S. troops overran the island, is a Lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve, now on inactive duty.

He is a photographer for the New York Daily News.

Engels was attached to the Tenth Army for military government operations during the Okinawa campaign. He studied Japanese before going overseas. Several months after the surrender of Japanese forces, Engels became public relations officer for U.S. Naval military government on Okinawa.

One of his responsibilities in that job was the publication which he describes in the accompanying article.

Engels was an ANG vice president for the eastern region from 1941 to 1945.



Here is Kiyoshi Shima, editor of the Uruma Shingo and former Japanese Socialist who spent some time in jail because of his outspoken liberal views. On Okinawa he was a competent editor.

From that point on, things moved with remarkable rapidity. Someone remembered a cave where much newsprint was stored. Someone else took off for the hills and came back with ink. One party went down to Shuri for more type but could not resist stopping off at another cave where most of the output of the Shuri sake industry was secreted and they rolled back to the newspaper office feeling fine, but minus type.

In a short time Shima announced that "Uruma Shingo," Okinawa newspaper, was ready to meet its readers.

Shortly thereafter, the plant was producing and distributing over 10,000 copies weekly and reaching over 100,000 Okinawans with world and local news, the first they had had in almost six months.

In these early stages, the whole operation was informal with military government being almost unaware of the existence of the paper. That situation changed abruptly when one of the reporters quoted a high ranking MG officer, from a speech made on V-J day to the native advisory council, in which the officer said that perhaps military government would soon let the natives run Okinawa.

SOME FIREWORKS

When the officer was told what he had said was printed, he landed on the native newspaper like a ton of bricks, wanted to shut it up, but compromised by forbidding it to print any local news.

He feared that someone back in Washington might get hold of a translation and discover that military government which, fantastically enough is supposed to operate in a political vacuum, was discussing politics.

Shortly after this incident, the paper was brought under the direct control of the headquarters public relations office and made the official organ of military government on the island.

One type face and size requires a minimum of about 2,000 characters, all of which have to be handset individually. Many of the sets they did find were missing handfuls of important characters which rendered them useless.

They gathered seven hand presses from the caves of Nago, Shuri and Naha before they got enough parts to make one press, which worked.

They tore the rubber off what was once a rotary press, in the ruins of Naha, and melted it down to make rubber for their rollers.

They requisitioned the only two-story building left in Ishikawa, and put up a sign, NEWSPAPER, and by that simple device attracted every former reporter, editor, pressman, typesetter and copy boy to Ishikawa within a week. As there was no housing, there soon were 60 people living in what was to become the newspaper plant.

From here on, the little paper began to have all the problems of a much more pretentious enterprise. The editor, Shima, as an ex-liberal, was very proud of his previous independent status and despite his agreement with almost all of the aims of military government, he did not want to have the stigma of being just a stooge for the Americans attached to his name.

BELIEVER IN DEMOCRACY

The fact was that it was never necessary to interfere with his choice of news, its play in the paper or in other matters of editorial discretion.

He was an ardent believer in democracy and has been an admirer of the United States for a long time. He used to print stories of reforms in Japan proper, which, under General



Here is the composite press—assembly from seven different presses arranged from various caves in Naha, Shuri, and Nago on Okinawa. One side was printed, and after type was distributed and reset, the next page was printed each week. The press was operated by footpower.

MacArthur were accomplished through the diet in full, and he constantly was bragging that these were the very reforms which the Socialists had wanted years before they were disbanded as a party and driven underground.

The only trouble we ever had with what appeared in the paper was in the matter of stories given out by headquarters about plans that were in prospect to revive the battered Okinawa economy. Every time Uruma Shingo explained some new plan to its readers, the plans were changed the next day. So he gave up using stories about planning.

The paper was allowed to return to local coverage and that meant the appointing of correspondents in the various districts. They served both as circulation men and as news gatherers and, since most of them were friends of Shima's from old Socialist circles, they were a fascinating group.

They used to come in to the main office about once a week for a party. Okinawans never lack an excuse or a reason for having a party and Uruma Shingo became the island headquarters for the liberal group's social gatherings.

Shima applied for and got permission to build a warehouse, a frame structure with a tarpaulin roof, presumably for the storage of paper. We had collected quite a bit from the caves and from the Okinawa plant of Yank, where we made a weekly collection of

the partly used rolls. It soon became apparent that we did not have nearly enough paper to fill the warehouse. So it was changed into a banquet hall.

THE PRINTERS

The printers, of whom about 15 were employed in the composing room, had the same gripes that you would hear in any composing room here. The foreman had been head of what passed for a union on the Naha paper and would spend hours explaining that what Japan needed for her salvation was a strong labor movement.

But his main problem was the type. We had a very small amount and since the paper was printed on a flat bed press directly, he would shake his head sadly each week and predict that this edition would be the last that would be legible. The type really was wearing out.

After page 2 was finished, we had to break up the page to get enough type to print page 1. Many visiting newspapermen looking over the plant, would ask how we sorted the type, what with 2,000 different Kanji and Katakana characters to file.

ANOTHER PROBLEM

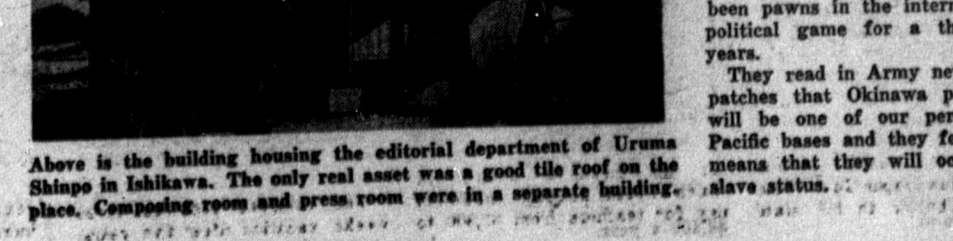
The radio men who took the Kyodo dispatches were another constant source of anxiety. They had been Japanese weather station men at Naha and, as such, were officially supposed to be classified as POWs. Without them we could not have put out the paper and since they had been on Okinawa for a number of years and since their families were with them, they did not want to go back to Japan as POWs and we certainly did not want them to go.

Every time the CIC's detachments came through the village looking for more POWs who were living there, we had to hide them or, on the one or two occasions when they were found, we had to go and plead that they be allowed to stay.

WORRY ABOUT FUTURE

The Uruma Shingo staff, like everyone else on Okinawa, was concerned intensely with the future of their island. Shima's last request was that some publicity be given in the United States to the Okinawan people, who have been pawns in the international political game for a thousand years.

They read in Army news dispatches that Okinawa probably will be one of our permanent Pacific bases and they feel that means that they will occupy a slave status.



Above is the building housing the editorial department of Uruma Shingo in Ishikawa. The only real asset was a good tile roof on the place. Composing room and press room were in a separate building.

Meet the ANG Convention Delegates

Akron
Harold Taylor is the treasurer of the local, and also served two terms as president.

Bridgeport
Nancy Hendrick is treasurer of the Bridgeport Guild and is on the editorial staff of the Sunday Herald.

Buffalo
Virginia Crump is president of the local. She is on the AP staff in Buffalo, and formerly was a reporter on the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle. Maggie Weil is serving her second term as secretary, and is a reporter on the News. She formerly was president of the Dayton Guild.

Cleveland
The delegation from Local No. 1 will be led by a Guild pioneer, Bill Davy, executive secretary, and the ANG's first organizer. He assisted in setting up local Guild organization months before there was a national organization. Gene Kelly is serving his second term as president, and is schools editor at the News. James D. Hartshorne, treasurer, is aviation editor for the Plain Dealer and is a former local president. Milton J. Lapine, a former ANG vice president and local treasurer, is on the sports staff of the Press. He is second vice president.

William Duwode is former News unit chairman. William Ware is unit chairman of the Plain Dealer. William Cunningham is a member of the executive board.

Columbus
Leon Kottger is serving his second term as local president, and is former chairman of the Dispatch unit where he is in the circulation department. Earl MacBaine, chairman of the Dispatch unit, and Don Smith of the Citizen unit and a local vice president, are returned servicemen.

Detroit
Paul W. Weber is executive secretary of the local and has negotiated a major role in contract negotiations. His first office was Times unit chairman. On leave of absence as assistant city editor of the Times, works for the local and edits the Wage Earner, publication of the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists. Donald F. Schram is serving his second term as president. He is state editor of the Free Press. Schram led a drive in his own unit which resulted in 100 percent membership in the editorial department.

The Scranton Guild is Young as Such But It Is 44 Years Old as a Union

Scranton—With many other firsts to its credit, Scranton also claims the distinction of being the first city in the country to have a newswriters' union.

While the Guild is a comparatively newcomer to the city—the ANG charter was granted in 1943—Scranton newspaper men and women have operated under a union contract for 44 years, the last 29 continuously.

Back in 1902 during an American Federation of Labor convention in Scranton a Boston delegate interested Scranton newswriters in the plan to organize a union.

E. J. Lynett, late editor of the Times and revered in Pennsylvania as one of labor's foremost champions, and the late Dick Little, father of Richard Little, present co-publisher of the Scrantonian-Tribune, were signers of the first agreement. (In 1943 Mr. Lynett's son, E. J., Jr., now editor and with his sister, Elizabeth, co-publisher of the Times, and Mr. Little, signed the first Guild contract.)

Ralph Novak is an ANG vice president. He has been local president, secretary and treasurer, and is actively engaged in assisting the Michigan District Council. Novak is chief circulation accountant for the Times. John Murray is chairman of the Free Press unit, and is city hall reporter. He has been a journalism instructor at University of Detroit.

Thedore H. Peck is a member of the executive board and a delegate to the Michigan council. He is a former chairman of the Detroit AP unit. Peck is a rewrite-man for the Times. Frances Pflendt is in her third term as local treasurer. She is a reporter for the Times.

Elizabeth
Douglas Bailey is first vice president of the local and Margaret McCollum is second vice president. Both are members of the local collective bargaining committee, and are on the editorial staff of the Elizabeth Daily Journal. Doris Hunt is treasurer of the New Brunswick unit, and a reporter for the Home News. Miss McCollum also is secretary of the Union County CIO Industrial Union Council.

Fort Worth
Amy Ho Long is president of the local. She is church editor of the Fort Worth Press, and is a noted Texas poet.

Hammond
Ernest Bayton, who has held every office in the local, now is serving his fourth term as president. He also is president of the Midwest District Council. Bayton is an advertising salesman for the Hammond Times.

Harrisburg
Sidney Barson is president of the local and of the Pennsylvania District Council. He is court reporter for the Evening News. Homer E. Lustringer, a member of the negotiating committee, is a rewrite-man for the Evening News. He served in the Navy. Harry W. Marklin is a member of the York unit, and is a rewrite and desk man on the York Gazette & Daily.

Kansas City
Robert A. Warner is manager of the INS bureau, and recently was elected president of the local. He formerly was chairman of the St. Louis wire service unit.

Kinston
Henry P. Elghemy is president of the local, and also heads the

Empire State District Council. He is on the staff of the Daily Freeman, and is active too in civic affairs. Elghemy also is business agent for a bus employees union, serving as part-time bus operator.

Lehigh Valley
Max Levine is treasurer of the local. He is a reporter on the Morning Call. Robert O. A. Wolfe is a reporter on the Evening Chronicle. Alternate is Karl Weher, ANG international representative and executive secretary of the Pennsylvania District Council.

Lima
Deleate is Frank Klein, corresponding secretary of the local, and chairman of the negotiating committee. He is also active in local labor circles, and is a past president of the CIO council.

Los Angeles
Heading the 14-member delegation is George Hutchinson, president of the local, and the first to be re-elected to that post. He also is an ANG vice president. Hutchinson is a circulation district manager for the Herald-Express. William Brodie is administrative officer. He was first president of the San Diego Guild, and served as wage technician for two years for the United Auto Workers (CIO) in Los Angeles. G. K. Williams is serving his third term as treasurer. Formerly with the News, he now is editor of the CIO's Labor Herald.

Andrew Harrison is vice president and had three terms as News unit chairman. He is in the News circulation department. Barrigan has attended every CIO convention in the state. Harva Sprager is secretary, serving a second term. Formerly on court beats for the News, she now is in the drama department. Philip M. Connolly is vice president of the California State CIO Council, and secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles CIO Council. He was the second president of the local.

William E. Oliver, a past president and former unit chairman, is in the drama department of the Herald-Express. Alma Govey is one of the charter members, and is in the Herald-Express display advertising department. Merrill Davis, a newspaper veteran, covers county and state governments and courts for the Herald-Express. He once owned and edited a paper at El Centro.

Eddie Phillips is a delegate to the representative assembly, and is a charter member. He is a photographer for the Herald-Express.

Several of the men who during the past 20 years were active in the ITU are still carrying on as Guildsmen including Neil L. Whitney, convention workman, and Tom R. Bralin, the latter recently elevated to associate editor of the Times.

Express. Howard McClay is a former shop steward and is in the library at the News. R. Collins Bradley is secretary of the wire service unit. He is a photographer for Acme Newspictures, and formerly was with International News Photos.

Madison
James Roy Miller, a former serviceman, is a photographer on the Capital Times. He is also a delegate to the Midwest District Council.

Memphis
Allan L. (Pete) Swin is serving his second term as president of the local, is president of the Memphis CIO Council, and vice president of the Tennessee State CIO Council. He is assistant city editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar.

W. A. Copeland is a former Memphis Guild president and treasurer, and now is Memphis CIO director. He is on the executive board of the Memphis CIO Council, and president of the Tennessee State CIO Council. He is an ANG vice president for the southern region.

Harry Martin was the first president of the local, and is a former ANG vice president, and a Navy veteran. He is a delegate to the Memphis CIO council, and is amusements editor for the Commercial Appeal. Carl Morrison is treasurer of the Memphis Guild, and is a bookkeeper for the Memphis Publishing Co.

Milwaukee
Floyd J. Gonyea is president of the local, having served two terms earlier. A reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel, he doubles as police judge in Cudahy, Milwaukee suburb. He was overseas as field director for the American Red Cross. Gonyea is active in the American Legion, Kiwanis and St. Frederick's Church Holy Name Society.

Sherborn Strebel has served two terms as local president, and is a circulation branch manager for the Sentinel. He is president of the Associated Business Co-operative.

Gene Kanis is street sales district manager for the Sentinel. A vice president of the local, he has

served on grievance and bargaining committees.

Muskegon
James F. Henderson is president of the local, and is a delegate to the St. Paul convention.

Newark
Kenneth Piester is president of the local, and is labor reporter for the Sunday Call. John Robinson is chairman of the Newark Afro American unit.

New Orleans
Warren Rogers is president of the local, and is a copyreader on the Item. He served with the Marine Corps.

New York
Heading the delegation of 30 from New York is John T. McManus, local president, and regional ANG vice president. He is movie critic for PM. Jack Ryan is executive vice president of the local, serving eight years as general organizer. He has been a key negotiator in the recent city-wide contract.

Thomas Murphy is secretary-treasurer of the local, having held other local posts previously. Formerly he was a circulation employee of the New York Times. Irving Gilman is research director, and former advertising man and unit chairman of the Times. Stephen W. Horton, first vice president of the local, is chairman of the finance committee. He is serving his fifth term as chairman of the Standard and Poor's unit, where he is an associate editor. James Whitaker, second vice president, is a rewrite-man on the Mirror. He has been on the executive committee for many terms.

Gladys Bentley was local treasurer for six years, also serving on the executive committee. She is classified telephone room supervisor at the Brooklyn Eagle. Thomas Brennan is chairman of the Bronx Home News unit.

William R. Burgess has served on a number of local and unit committees, and is on the staff of the News. Constance Curtis is chairman of the Amsterdam News unit, and a member of the executive committee.

William Dralasar is vice chairman of the Jewish Voice unit, and is former vice chairman of executive committee since 1944. Lenore Garrett is serving her second term as chairman of the Newweek unit, and a member of the representative assembly.

Paul Ross is chairman of the Billboard unit and is a former member of the PM unit executive committee.

Our Daily Bread . . .



He's going to the Scranton convention.

They Will Set Policies at Scranton

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delegate to the representative assembly for the sixth year. She has led a number of unit posts and is on the executive committee. Charles Roland is on the executive committee and has been chairman of a number of committees. He is rewrite-man for the Journal American, and heads the CIO-PAC committee in that unit. Jack Shelby is chairman of the Post unit for his second term and chairman of the house committee for the New York Guild Club. A delegate to the representative assembly for five years, Shelby is assistant head librarian at the Post.

Jerre Smoot is a member of the executive committee, and chairman of the Times unit where he is on the classified censorship desk. Ruth Zion is serving her third term as chairman of the World-Telegram unit and her fourth term on the executive committee.

Edward C. Schneider is a charter member and has served many terms on the executive committee, and is in unit posts. He is on the editorial staff of the Herald Tribune, and served in the U.S. Navy.

Doris Tann is serving her third term as chairman of the Nation unit, and has been on the representative assembly for many years. Wilmer Cressman is a local vice president. He is city editor of the Norristown Times Herald. Cressman is a delegate to the Montgomery-Chester Counties CIO Industrial Union Council.

Portland, Ore.
Paul Hauser is a political writer on the Oregonian and is president of the local. John McKenna is past president, and is a circulation supervisor on the Journal. He has been president and secretary of the Portland CIO Industrial Union Council.

J. Lynn Wyckoff, also a past president, is assistant news editor of the Oregonian.

Rochester
Jean Walrath is a charter member of the local, and a former secretary-treasurer and vice president. She is delegate to the Monroe County-Rochester CIO Industrial Union Council. She is a reporter on the Democrat & Chronicle.

Rockford
John S. Kaseber is state editor of the Morning Star, and served over three years in the Army. He has been a unit collector and a member of the negotiating committee. Robert S. Gross is a reporter on the Register-Republic.

Philadelphia-Camden
Heading the 11-member delegation is Andrew Khinoy, local president. He formerly was Philadelphia Inquirer unit chairman, where he is a desk assistant. Gervase N. Love is an ANG vice president and former local controller. He has held a number of local posts, and is delegate to the Philadelphia CIO Industrial Union Council. A former labor member of the regional WLB, he now is on the Wage Stabilization Board.

Arthur Riordan is secretary of the local, also having served five terms as president. He is a delegate to the Philadelphia CIO Industrial Union Council and the Pennsylvania District Council. Riordan also has held a number of local offices, and is an active negotiator. Riordan has attended six previous conventions.

Mary E. Smith is the local's administrative officer, formerly working in the Philadelphia Inquirer business office. She has held unit posts, and served as local treasurer and office manager.

Leland M. Ross, a charter member of the Newark local, is chairman of the Inquirer unit and is a former local president. He is on the Inquirer copydesk. Allen

P. Karr is chairman of the Philadelphia Record unit. He was one of the first members in the advertising department where he is a display ad solicitor.

Sabine Neches
Delegate is Ed Reichelt, veteran reporter and news editor for the Beaumont, Tex., Enterprise.

Sacramento
Bert W. Eustis has been president, vice president and treasurer of the local. He is a copyreader on the Sacramento Bee.

Saginaw Valley
Paul Jablonski is serving his third term as local president. He has served on all negotiating committees in the local and is a former treasurer. Jablonski is telegraph editor on the Bay City, Mich., Times.

Ray J. Kuhn has served three terms as local president, and has been chairman of the bargaining committee since 1938. He is president of the Michigan District Council. He is on the editorial staff of the Bay City Times.

San Antonio
J. S. McNeil, Jr., is serving his second term as local president. He has been active in the local and also is president of the Texas District Council. McNeil is court-house reporter for the San Antonio Light.

San Diego
Edmund Rucker, president of the local, covers the labor beat for the San Diego Union. He has worked on a number of papers from Philadelphia to Honolulu, and published the Daily Truth in Elkhart, Ind., for six years.

Jeff Boehm covers the labor beat for the Journal, and started newspaper work on the Camden, N. J., Courier in 1931. A gunner on a B-26, he was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner of war for 15 months.

John D'Alfonso, secretary of the local, covers city hall for the Journal. He served four years in the Navy.

Scranton
Neil L. Whitney is convention treasurer, and served three terms as president of the Scranton Newswriters Guild. He is a member of the ITU. He also has been president of the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents' association. A newspaper veteran, he has covered most of the outstanding stories in the region. He is political writer for the Times.

All Williams is treasurer of the local, and has served on three contract negotiating committees.

Scranton Language Guide

BONNET, SCOOP, SQUEEZE HAVE OTHER MEANINGS

By GEORGE CLARK
Scranton Guild

Scranton—It all depends on how you say it.

For the protection of delegates and guests who'll be with us next month we suggest commitment to memory of a few simple anthracite terms. A bit of study will show you what we mean when we say a lot of misdeeds standing might easily result in an emergency hospital case . . . and they still make miners husky!

As an example we don't suggest you get red in the face should you and the little woman overhear something like this: "That's the best breast I've worked on in weeks." Matter of fact is that the speaker is simply expounding about his working conditions. Where you come from it may mean something else, in Scranton breast is a place where coal is mined.

That brings up "bonnet." Here (everything happens in Scranton) the word refers to a hinged metal cover on the cage (elevator for you) which serves as a roof for the protection of riders.

A blown-out shot doesn't, as you might suspect, mean the bartender has slipped you an Anthracite version of the well known Mickey Finn. All it is is an explosive charge which has blown out the tamping but has not broken or brought down the coal. (Later, we'll tell you about a miner's highball . . . neat little thing comprised of a "shot and a beer.")

(In some sections this is termed a holtermaher and helper—E.J.)

For the benefit of pool sharks we'll pass along the information that "rusion shooting" has nothing to do with billiards. To a coal digger it is his way of telling you that prior to exploding a charge of dynamite he provided space permitting air to circulate around the stick of powder so as to permit some expansion of the explosive's gases prior to their exerting force on the coal. (Take your cue from there and stand back when you visit a coal mine.)

Es-sailors won't like this one. In the hard coal fields a gob is nothing more than a wad used

to describe waste material around a colliery.

Speaking of shots, a "hung shot" in these parts is a charge in a blast hole which has failed to explode immediately on detonation.

There are two types of "rips" around this section. When the roof and floor of a coal seam come close together pinching the coal between them, and that which you rush for the morning after the night before.

"Squeeze," or, if you will, "thrust" is generally accepted around here to denote a squeezing action of ground and roof caused by excessive weight on the roof, hardness of the floor, and inadequate pillars. (A pillar, as you know, is a solid, upright block of coal, left in the mine temporarily or permanently to help support the roof.)

And last but not least in that famous word "scoop." A scoop isn't what you think it is. In Scranton it refers to a coal miner's shovel.

Tri-City
James D. White is serving his second term as local president. He is a former ANG international representative and is on the copydesk of the Albany Knickerbocker News. J. Albert Deyo has served two terms as Knickerbocker News unit chairman, and he also is on the copydesk.

Twin Cities
Heading the Twin Cities delegation is William Hendrickson, serving his second term as local president. He is an artist on the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press. John J. Hiddison, local executive secretary since 1938, is a charter member of Twin Cities and a past president. He has attended seven ANG conventions.

Kenneth Crouse is a former ANG vice president, and a former local president. He is labor editor for the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press. Eugene Newhall is a reporter on the Minneapolis Star Journal and former news editor of station KTCM in Minneapolis. He served four years in the Army.

Harold Chucker is a copyreader on the Minneapolis Star Journal. He served five years in the Army, entering as a private and emerging as a captain.

Wilkes-Barre
Joseph H. Collis is serving his sixth term as local president, and he is an ANG vice president. Collis is a veteran of two strikes in Wilkes-Barre, one of which gained the Guild its first city-wide and plant-wide Gold shop contract. He is assistant managing editor of the Record.

Arthur Rice is first vice president, and a delegate to the Pennsylvania District Council. He is a copyreader for the Times-Leader Evening News.

Howard Davis is sports editor of the Sunday Independent. He served several terms as unit chairman and executive board member.

Worcester
Robert Crocker is serving his second term as president of the local. He is on the city staff of the Evening Gazette. John Ullman was provisional president of the local, and a former secretary of the New England District Council. Formerly on the rewrite staff of the Worcester Telegram, Ullman is an ANG international representative, assigned to the New England council.

Wire Service Gains Reported by Denver

Denver—Under the chairmanship of Harley Murray of the Denver INS bureau, the wire service unit of the Newspaper Guild of Denver now is organized virtually 100 per cent. The INS bureau's five staffers are signed up solid. Five of the UPA's seven eligibles and 10 of the AP's 14 eligibles have enrolled.

The older members say the big gains in the new system-wide ANG contracts were largely responsible for the spurt in memberships. "The benefits of the Guild were made so obvious by the contracts," said one, "that they just feel they ought to be helping themselves by helping the whole organization. They don't want to be free riders."

Retail, Wholesale Union Changes Name

Akron (UP)—Adopting a new name—the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU)—and re-electing Samuel Wolchok president, the union does its fourth convention here. The delegates voted Wolchok a raise from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year.

Guild shop means union security—protection for you.

Massillon Gets First Contract After 3 Years

Massillon, Ohio—More than two years after beginning negotiations for a contract with the Massillon Evening Independent, the Massillon Newspaper Guild has signed its first contract covering editorial, advertising, business office, circulation, and maintenance employees.

The agreement provides for a top minimum of \$50 after three years for reporters and advertising solicitors, with a starting minimum of \$30. Clerks start at \$22 and go to a top minimum of \$33 after four years.

Effective March 1, the agreement includes standard hours, overtime and vacation provisions; six holidays off per year, with double time pay extra for holiday and Sunday work; a struck work clause, and a severance pay ceiling of 12 weeks according to the rate for two weeks per 10 months for the first 50 months, and four weeks per 10 months thereafter to 40 months.

The contract also provides individual increases for the 16 employees involved, and all those still on the step-ups, who would be entitled to an experience progression increase during the term of the contract, received that increase as of the effective date of the contract.

The Massillon Guild began contract negotiations in February, 1944. Just as agreement was near, the paper was sold to the present management, Earl J. Jones Enterprises, Inc., and the new publisher refused to continue negotiations. In November of that year negotiations were resumed after an appeal to the War Labor Board by the Guild. Agreement was reached on all but three issues, including severance pay, and these were then submitted to the Newspaper Commission where they ran the gamut of commission action and publisher appeals to the WLB. The latter did not turn down the last appeal until November, 1945, and since that time the Guild had been trying to get management to sign a contract.

WITH A NEW PUBLISHER—

Big Change in Denver Post—Editorial Page Finally Is Added

Denver—The Denver Post inaugurated an editorial page on May 19, the first such page it has published since its earliest days. This change is one of many introduced by Palmer Hoyt, formerly of the Portland Oregonian, since he became publisher in February.

For the initial presentation, the new department offered editorials, a Paul Gregg cartoon, four syndicated columns, an editorial by Gov. John C. Vivian of Colorado, a quarter column of excerpts from Colorado newspapers and the That's That column, long written by Bruce Gustin and now carrying his by-line. On the opposite page, there were four articles, four columns of letters from readers under the heading Open Forum, and a book review column by Frances Wayne.

Hoyt has introduced as regular feature columns by Jules Marquis Childs, Leonard Lyons, David Lawrence, DeWitt McKenzie, Paul Mallon and is continuing Walter Kieran, Stimpson and Hugo Hart.

Among general improvements (including improved employee-management relationships), he is expanding the Sunday magazine, long edited by Karl Lee. Elton Howe, recently returned from Navy duty, has been assigned as

Denver Makes Merry at Spring Frolic



There was mirth, talk and song at the Denver Guild's spring frolic. Above, left to right are Bert Hanna, Jr., local president; William Doudna, former president of the Madison Guild; Mrs. Victor Weberg, local treasurer; Jane Nes, treasurer of the Post unit; Lillian Lombardi (on piano), former News unit member; and Sam Lusk, wife of the sports editor of the Rocky Mountain News. Party was at the Albany hotel from 9 p. m. to 3 a. m. with Ainslee D. Embree, hotel manager, and L. D. Louis, maître d'hôtel, in charge of arrangements for the festivities.

CINCINNATI POST UNIT FIGHTS CHISELING ON FUNERAL TIME

Cincinnati—Management of the Cincinnati Post was warned by a Guild resolution the unit would tolerate no chiseling on employees who take time off for deaths in the family.

At the same time, veterans protested against a company policy denying them regular three-week vacations, guaranteed other employees by the Guild contract, unless they have been out of service for a year.

Both points had been threshed out with management representatives, who remained adamant in their refusal.

The Post's past practice had been to allow reasonable time off for deaths in the family, and the contract provides that no benefits shall be withdrawn, according to Roy Wilkerson, unit chairman. Management recently has sought to curtail time off for funerals in the family, and sought to have employees make up time by working on the next week.

The unit was informed that in one instance an employee of long standing was granted only two hours off for the death and funeral of his mother, and he was required to make up his day off the next week.

Members declared they were ready to walk a picket line before allowing management to chisel on the members in time of grief.

LOS ANGELES GUILD SECRETARY IS WED

Los Angeles—Harva Sprager, Los Angeles Guild secretary, is Mrs. Nathaniel Holtzman now. Mrs. Holtzman met her husband, a tax attorney, last fall while she was covering courts.

TAKES NEW POST WITH MICHIGAN CATHOLIC

Grand Rapids—Edward A. McDonnell, a Guild member and since 1924 a member of the editorial staff of the Grand Rapids Press, has left to become editor of the Michigan Catholic at Detroit.

Treks 4,200 Miles for Ad Course And Scores Highest Average Ever

Wilkes-Barre—A Wilkes-Barre Guild member, June McCloskey of the Times-Leader, Evening News advertising department, scored the highest average in the 19-year history of the Philadelphia Club for Advertising Women's training course.

She scored 238 1/2 points of a possible 250 in the course sponsored by the Advertising Federation of America and merited a

Pathfinder Unit Hearing Is Held

Washington—An NLRB hearing has been held here on the Guild's petition for certification as collective bargaining agent for employees of the Pathfinder, which is owned by Farm Publications, Inc., which in turn is owned by Joseph Pew, Sun Oil tycoon and power behind the Republican party throne in Pennsylvania.

In dispute are seven senior editors which management would exclude. Similar positions are included in the Time and Newsweek units. There are 35 in the unit, including the seven.

Participating in the hearing were Morris Iserman, ANG counsel; Mrs. Mary Fox Herling, Guild administrative officer; and John Conly, unit chairman.

Sioux City Seeking Convention for '47

Sioux City—Delegates Neil Miller, president, and Richard Sullivan, vice president, of the Sioux City Guild of the News unit, are in the city seeking to bring the 1947 convention to Sioux City, following up the bid tendered at the St. Paul convention.

BOSTON GUILD MEMBERS HAVE ANNUAL EVENING AT THE POPS

Boston—Guild members flocked to Symphony Hall for the annual Guild night at the Pops.

The annual event started as a convention feature in 1943, when delegates listened to selections of the Boston Symphony, and the Pops have been continued since by the Boston Guild.

The program was highlighted by Cynthia Brown's rendition of the first movement of Rubinstein's Fourth Piano Concerto. Miss Brown is a daughter of the late Osborne E. Brown, promotion man of the Hearst papers here, and a Guildman.

Proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Esplanade Concerts Fund. Last year's Guild contribution to the fund, \$250, assisted in keeping the Esplanade concerts from operating at a deficit.

Chairman of the Pops committee was Frank M. O'Donnell, as-

Denver Member, Fired While Ill, Is Reinstated

Denver—The Post unit of the Denver Guild won an important grievance case after P. W. Bonfils, business manager, had declared Maxine Blakesmith, classified as taker, out of a job.

After she became ill during her vacation at her parents' home in Chariton, Iowa, Miss Blakesmith telegraphed management that she was too ill to return to work on schedule.

Charles Maloney, department supervisor, telegraphed back that management "assumed" she was resigning and need not come back. Miss Blakesmith wired him that his "assumption was wrong" and she would come back. When she appeared for work May 16, however, Maloney told her she had no job.

She reported to the Guild. A grievance committee, headed by Bert Hanna Jr., Guild president, and Jane Nes, Post unit chairman, with Harley Murray of INS, and William Beardshear and Oscar Liden of the Post as members, immediately took up the case with Palmer Hoyt, new publisher of the Post.

Hoyt assured the committee if the facts were as presented by the Guild, the case would receive thorough consideration and advised the committee to take it up with Bonfils for ruling, then return to him if results were not satisfactory.

Bonfils said he himself had instructed Maloney to send the telegram, because he thought illness had been feigned.

Bonfils then agreed to reinstate Miss Blakesmith provided the Guild affirmed in writing its belief that she was ill. The letter was written, Hoyt approved the settlement and Miss Blakesmith returned to work next day.

CHICAGO AGAIN HAS COURSES FOR COPY BOYS

Chicago—Approximately 40 copy boys and girls are attending the annual Chicago Guild newspaper school. A series of eight weekly meetings cover such topics as how to cover a beat, editing copy, sports, pictures, make-up and foreign news.

In charge of the school is Patricia McHugh of the Sun unit. Speakers include John L. Bowen, Jack Mabley, Sal Pane, Harry Sheer, Joseph Rein and Baker March of the News unit; Henry Murdoch and Justin McCarthy, local president, of the Sun unit; and Maury Falstein of the Times unit.



isted by James Glennon, Edna Allen, Alice Magley, Barbara Jellibeth, Alta Maloney, Elmer DeLew, Elizabeth Schoppe, Leo McElwain, Earl Banner, Gertrude Crowley, Arthur Hill, Trivia Frisora, Grace Nihan, Doris Cookin, Israel Spierstein, Charles Levine, John Mason, Potter, and Thayer Taylor.

Chicago Fotogs Will Seek Prizes In Guild Contest

Chicago—All news cameramen in Chicago have been invited to submit photos for the local's forthcoming "Inside Page One," the annual booklet which tells the story of Chicago newspapers and newspapermen.

Artists and photographers on the five dailies or any of the community newspapers are eligible to participate in the contest. First prize for the best photo dealing with some phase of the newspaper industry is a \$100 U.S. savings bond.

Other prizes are cash awards of \$50, \$25 and \$10 each.

Judges are Tom Howard, Times chief photographer; Al Mosse of the Sun staff and president of the Press Photographers Association; Vern Whaley, Herald-American picture editor, and Gilbert Galaher, newspaper editor of the Daily News. Deadline is Aug. 31.

The news photo contest is in addition to another in which 100 leading Midwest artists are submitting watercolors and drawings for the book. Their work will be exhibited at the Art Institute and also will be published in connection with the Chicago local's annual Page One ball.

The book also will include special articles, profile pieces and anecdotes from Chicago's newspaper history, written by many of the "name" newsmen who helped to make Chicago famous.

Wade Franklin of the Times copydesk is editor of the booklet. Associate editors are Edna Doherty, Sun; Sydney J. Harris, Daily News; Jacob Burck, Times; W. W. Chance, Jr., Journal of Commerce; Richard Durham, Chicago Defender; Helen Hand, community press; Edward Marciniak, labor press; Edmund R. D'noch, Associated Press; Claire Cox, United Press; Gerald Healy, INS; Julian Urban, INP; Harvey Johnson, Acme; Peter Winter, City Press, and Don Morris, Time-Life.

Arbitration Hearings In 3 PM Firings Open in Washington May 27

Washington—Arbitration hearings in the case of the Newspaper Guild vs. the newspaper PM, involving projected "economy" dismissals of ANG President Milton Murray and two other members of the tabloid's Washington staff, open here May 27.

Dean Edmund Morris Morgan, Jr., of the Harvard law school, named arbiter by the U. S. Conciliation Service, set sessions for the Raleigh hotel for Washington witnesses. Hearings then will be moved to New York for management's side in the case.

Dean Morgan first scheduled all of the arbitration proceedings for New York, as requested by management, but fixed the split schedule after ANG Secretary-Treasurer William W. Rodgers and Phillip Austensen, president of the intervening Washington Guild, wired the arbiter that several key Guild witnesses would be unable to leave the capital.

A. J. Iserman, counsel for the New York Guild, is in direct charge of the Guild's arbitration fight against firings of Murray, Elizabeth Dornbush, member of the Washington local's executive committee, and John T. Moutoux, PM labor reporter and former president of the Washington and Knoxville Guilds. Morris Iserman, ANG counsel, is assisting in the case.

Barnett Blderser, chairman of the PM unit in New York, participated in preliminary arbitration conferences here with the Iserman brothers and members of the paper's Washington bureau and planned, with other

Pay Increases Needn't Push Up Prices—Bowles

Washington (FP)—Senator Robert A. Taft's (R, Ohio) pet theory that employers should grab themselves a price increase every time they're forced to hand out a raise in pay is all wet, Economic Stabilization Director Chester Bowles said in a letter to the Senate Banking and Currency committee.

The letter was in support of Bowles' testimony on extension of price control in which he took issue with Taft's insistence that prices must rise in the same proportion as labor's hourly earnings in manufacturing industries. Bowles made the following points:

• Wages are only one of the elements of total production costs. From 1933 to 1940, for example, before price and wage controls, average hourly earnings in manufacturing rose 50 percent while consumer prices increased only 8 percent and wholesale prices only 16 percent. Profits before taxes in manufacturing increased 565 percent.

• Wage increases are in many instances offset by reduction in other costs—such as the decline in overhead costs as a result of increased output.

• Price and volume increases in the period from 1939 to 1945 more than covered increases in hourly earnings.

If Taft's theory were carried out and prices increased enough to equal proportionately the increase in average hourly earnings, Bowles explained, total cor-

What People Think

Denver (FP)—Fifty-six out of every 100 people in the U.S. believe that big industries could raise wages without increasing prices, according to a recent nationwide survey of the National Opinion Research Center.

Corporate profits of non-agricultural business "would amount to the fabulous figure of about \$32 billion before taxes and about \$20 billion after taxes."

Everyone agrees business should earn good profits, but "if for one," said Bowles, "would not welcome the task of defending before the people of this country a decision to depreciate their incomes and savings by a 10 or 20 percent price rise for the purpose of boosting profits to these levels."

Paper's Expose Freezes Rents

Scranton—A crusade by the Scranton Tribune and reporter Gordon Williams resulted in an OPA order freezing rents as of March 1. The order followed a two-listed drive by the Tribune, with Williams' stories tackling the housing shortage and the practice of owners of boosting rents sharply.

The campaign was met with determined resistance by real estate operators and owners who opposed a rent freeze. At last the OPA authorized a rent control survey, and the order followed.

Williams, a war veteran, later felt the ire of real estate operators. His wife at last found a home, and as he was about to sign the lease, Williams was asked by the owner: "Aren't you Williams of the Tribune who wrote the rent stories?"

The deal was canceled, and the hunt for a home started anew.

CO-OPS TO MEET

Chicago—The national congress of the three major national co-operative federations will be held in Columbus, September 9, through 11.

Scranton Shows Off Anthracite



The Scranton convention committee sent along this anthracite monument at the gateway to Scranton in connection with ANG convention publicity. The girl? She's Joan Jones of the Chamber of Commerce. Her job calls for posing for pictures with the monument as there isn't much glamor to a big lump of coal.

Detroit Firings Bring Ultimatum

Detroit—The Newspaper Guild of Detroit presented a virtual ultimatum to the Detroit Times management, demanding an end to so-called "economy discharges."

A meeting May 16 in the Times conference room was attended by more than 40 observers. Others were turned away for lack of room.

Earlier, a union meeting had formulated a program and had recessed subject to call of the officers, pending a settlement. The unit also empowered the officers to take a strike vote if the meeting is reconvened.

The Times has discharged seven Guildmen to make room for returning veterans, although none of the seven was designated at the time of hiring as a wartime replacement.

Executive Secretary Paul Weber of the Detroit Guild contended that natural severance would provide room on the staff for the veterans. He said that experience since the Times' firing wave began two months ago showed this to be true.

General Manager William Mills of the Times promised an early reply on two of the Guild's proposals. They were:

1. Termination of enforced firings to make room for veterans.

2. That if a natural severance occurs and no veteran is at hand to fill the post, that one of the seven already discharged be called back to work.

Mills agreed with three other Guild proposals:

1. That five natural severances,

including two cases where Guildmen had indicated their willingness to be discharged with severance pay, will offset the return of six veterans since Feb. 15.

2. To reinstate an artist discharged without notice to the Guild, pending further discussion of the case to its merits.

3. That Mills confer with Weber and the local INS bureau manager in the case of an INS employee discharged to make room for a second executive in a five-employee bureau. Mills agreed to "transmit" all information to INS top management.

The unit voted to make the INS discharge a part of the Times case because INS offices are in the Times building and both are Hearst enterprises.

"We can't close the INS with a picket line without also closing the Times," Weber told Mills. Mills said he anticipated the return of five more veterans in the next five weeks. Weber said the Guild expected the Times to await natural severances to offset their return.

Michigan CIO Has Option on Camp Site

Port Huron, Mich. (FP)—A 210-acre lakeshore camp with five dormitories and 40 cottages a few miles north of Port Huron is the new location of the Michigan CIO Council's summer school which will train up to 1,000 union members from 200 CIO locals in the middle west this year. The camp has been leased for the summer with an option to buy.

QUOTES RECORD ON CALIFORNIA POLITICS

SACRAMENTO.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

As one who covered the California State Federation of Labor political conference here March 23 in which Earl Warren was endorsed for governor of California by a vote of 105 to 37, I think I speak with as much authority as Brother Sidney Burke of Los Angeles who challenges the accuracy of my recent GR story stating the AFL is back of Warren.

Brother Burke has a tremendous task ahead if he should undertake to write the editors of the AFL press, the CIO press and the daily press whose papers are saying repeatedly, as the GR said, that labor is split on the political front in California, the AFL being for Warren and the CIO for his Democratic rival, Robert W. Kennedy.

True enough, there are affiliated unions of the AFL who are supporting Kennedy. And there may be a CIO union or two, though I know of none, backing Warren. I have heard that the rank and file delegates of the AFL may reverse that March 23 endorsement at the annual convention in June. More power to them if they do.

But the record stands now that the official state AFL endorsement is in the Warren camp. Anyone who questions that statement on the slim technicality Brother Burke resorts to is a hypocrite.

DICK RODDA,

Sacramento correspondent,

The Guild Reporter.

ASKS BALANCE SHEET ON ORGANIZING

NEW YORK.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

Spring has rolled around and another ANG convention is blooming. With this convention come thoughts of organizing and assessments.

It might seem rather strange to many members for an ANG convention not to pass assessments for one purpose or another. I have been told that assessments in the past year or two have been for organizing purposes, to bring new members into the Guild—a most worthy cause and a necessary expenditure, if we are doing this job.

However, being a member of a financial publication, I have always had the tendency to add up gains and subtract losses. It is easy for me to understand that when the ANG organizes new members and gets an additional

Bowles Is Guilty of Wage-Hour Law Violations—But He Doesn't Show in Court for Sentencing

CHAPTER FIVE

Springfield, Mass.—Sherman Hoar Bowles, elusive newspaper baron, was found guilty by a jury in federal district court in Boston on a charge of willfully failing to keep proper records in accordance with provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

When time came for sentencing, Bowles did not appear and the case was set over for a week. Neither was he in court when the jury brought in its verdict. Bowles, despite a letter bearing his name and read at the trial that he "was guilty as hell" was acquitted on other counts of specific violations of the wage-hour law and failing to pay overtime to various employees.

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The substance seems to be that Brother Baldinger does not wish the members of the ANG to have this news, and as the official GR correspondent here he assumes to act as a censor rather than as a reporter of the facts.

To Guildsmen, who have a right to know about this strange incident, his position is fantastic. They well may ask, "do we have to stand for censorship, by any faction, of the news that goes to the GR?"

Yet, knowing that Baldinger is Baldinger, and in Murray's campaign manager in the delegate election here, one can understand his wish to save his man embarrassment, even though his zeal has led him to arbitrary means to achieve it.

Now that Murray, after stalling so long, has accepted the debate challenge, it is curious to note that Baldinger refused to join in issuing a news release late this month.

DILLARD STOKES.

Editor, GUILD REPORTER:

I think the Guild would be in a much healthier pre-convention temper if some of its international officers and locals would channel some of their indignation over the paid presidency issue into the issue of whether PM can fire ANG President Milton Murray and get away with it.

If the dismissal of our president by a supposedly labor-conservative newspaper isn't cause for postwar alarm, I don't know what is. Publishers unquestionably are watching reaction of ANG components to this phony firing case as an indication of what they themselves can do in the way of "economy." The chief reaction they find, at least in the pages of the Guild Reporter, is a wave of anti-Murray hysteria, a stop-Murray drive on the paid presidency question.

It is my conviction that if the ANG can afford 12 organizers, the biggest staff in Guild history, it can afford the full-time services of a president, in line with operations of nearly all other CIO unions. It is my conviction that Murray's services would be worth the salary of at least a couple of the organizers who used to be identified, when I too was an ANG picard, as the gin-rummy shift at ANG headquarters.

The immediate point is that the Guild ought to be out swinging hard in this PM case. Top national CIO leaders and liberals have filed personal boycott protests to PM. But many ANG officers and locals, gleefully aided and abetted by the GR editor, have been so intent on preserving the "working-newspaperman" status of the ANG president that they are saying and doing nothing to prevent Murray from becoming a non-working newspaperman.

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Major function of the conference is to expand organization work in their areas. Of nine functioning councils, seven have been assigned ANG international representatives as executive secretaries. Presidents of the groups, all of whom are expected to participate in the conference together with other members of affiliated locals, are pictured above.

With the recent assignment of J. Nash McCree to the Midwest District Council, plans have been formulated to complete organization on papers with only one department under contract, and also to move in on unorganized plants. McCree was council president and treasurer of the Milwaukee local, and was succeeded by Ernest Bayton, also president of the Hammond Guild.

The Empire State District Council was fully organized last February, and John Blawie, ANG international representative has been assigned to it. Henry P. Tighmer, Kingston president, also is president of the council. Headquarters are at 35 Main street E., Rochester, N. Y. Preliminary projects before the council include extension of Guild organization into partially organized units, and expansion into unorganized plants.

The Michigan District Council was formed late in 1945, and the first year's work consisted mainly of consolidating gains, and intra-council assistance on handling of grievances and contract negotiations. With the assignment of Steve Ripley to the council as executive secretary last February, a long range program has been mapped to expand organization in the area. Ray Kuhn of the Saginaw Valley Guild heads the council. Council headquarters are with the Detroit Guild.

The New England District Council was the first to whom an ANG international representative was assigned, Larry MacLean having started directing expansion in 1944. He was succeeded by John Ullman. Recent organization projects were successful NLRB elections in the editorial department of the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, and the Boston Record-American maintenance department. Work continues on unorganized papers in Boston and other cities. George Harris, ANG vice president, heads the council, with offices in Boston.

The Northern California District Council is one of the two groups to which no ANG staff man is assigned. Richard Rodda of the Sacramento Guild is president. The group functions as a round table for the exchange of ideas and information. Recent achievements include a unit at the Sacramento Bee, organization of other departments on the San Jose papers, and a unit on the Vallejo paper.

The other council, without an ANG international representative is Northern Ohio. Council assistance,

sparkled by Cleveland members, helped organize the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Massillon Independent. Plans are under way to expand council functions. Dolor Remley, Massillon Guild president, heads the council. The Ohio Valley District Council recently has organized the Racing Record in Cincinnati, and the circulation department of the Indianapolis News. J. William Blatz has been assigned recently to the council, which has its headquarters with the Columbus Guild. Myron McGeehan, Indianapolis Guild president, heads the council. The Terre Haute Guild recently affiliated.

After operating on a volunteer basis, the Pennsylvania District Council now has the services of Karl Weber of the Lehigh Valley Guild, and former council head. After a survey, an organization program for the area was drafted. Projects completed include units at York and Phoenixville, and in each case the contract included the Guild shop. Sidney Barson, head of the Harrisburg Guild, is council president. Offices are with the Harrisburg Guild.

The Texas District Council started to function last January with the arrival of Ward Melody as ANG international representative assigned to the council. The Racing Form in Houston has been organized, and a drive is well under way at the Houston Chronicle, where NLRB charges have been filed over a firing. Guild interest has been developed on a half dozen other papers. J. S. McNeel, Jr., head of the San Antonio Guild, leads the council.

Guild Is Upheld In Des Moines

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"Finding, however, that Simon would not call off the Guild campaign, but as a matter of fact continued his activities and helped in intensifying Guild activities generally, the respondent took advantage of the occasion when a veteran was returning to the cockpit and carried out its expressed and planned intention, using this as a pretext for discharging Simon."

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE
The examiner, in dismissing the Guild complaint over the transfer of Miss Lipovane from the Sunday feature department to the library, pointed out that she had suffered no loss in pay as a result of the change, and credited management's reasons for the shift as being unrelated to her Guild activities.

The examiner gave weight to management's testimony that most of the increases came about as a natural result of the lifting of wage restrictions after V-J day. The Guild showed that a preponderance of the increases lay in the editorial department, where Guild activity had centered.

Public Workers Union Is Formed
Atlantic City—The newly-formed United Public Workers (CIO) ended its convention here on a note of unity, following the merger of two unions—the State, County, and Municipal Workers, and the United Federal Workers. The new union represents nearly 75,000 workers.

Cleveland Member Lauded for Crusade To Clean Up Mental Hospitals in Ohio

Cleveland—Walter Lerch, character member of the Cleveland Guild, and chairman of the Cleveland Press unit, was cited by Life magazine for his crusading efforts to improve conditions in Ohio State mental institutions in his capacity as science writer for the Cleveland Press.

"Given the facts and given leaders of the caliber of Lerch, the people of any state will rally as he has the common people of Ohio, to put an end to concentration camps that masquerade as hospitals and to make cure rather than incarceration the goal of their mental institutions," Life said of Lerch.

Beginning late in 1945, Lerch started his campaign which has set the groundwork for what is developing into a wholesale re-vamping of the entire state mental hygiene program.

The major movement is headed by Dr. D. R. Sharpe, hard-bitten executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist association, president of the Ohio Mental Hygiene association and former head of the Cuyahoga county grand jury.

SPEARHEAD DRIVE
Lerch and Sharpe spearheaded the campaign to institute changes in the mental institutions by constant investigation and publicity. Citing case after case of gross neglect, callousness and brutality in the local mental institutions, Lerch and Sharpe forced the resignation of Dr. Hans P. Lee, superintendent of the Cleveland State hospital.

Major source of information on Cleveland State hospital conditions, after the first three stories, was a group of conscientious objectors ousted by Superintendent Lee.

REPORT HIT
Preliminary accounts of beating of patients, overcrowding, poor food and inadequate personnel, were widely reported.

nel due to low salaries were described by Herbert R. Mooney, then state welfare director under Gov. John W. Bricker, as "exaggerated."

However, subsequent investigations by the grand jury, under dynamic Dr. Sharpe proved that the Mooney report was based only on a quick survey of hospital affairs from the front business office only and not by questioning hospital personnel who knew the facts.

Shortly after the Mooney report a number of attendants in the hospital were convicted of assault and battery and served terms in the county jail.

PROBE HOSPITAL
Governor Bricker immediately initiated an investigation of the Cleveland State hospital as part of a previously planned study for improvement of the entire state mental hospital system.

Recommendations by this committee led to the appointment of Dr. Frank F. Tallman, a member of the local's executive board.

Columbus (FP)—Ohio trails every industrial state in the nation in its care of the mentally ill. The Dept. of Mental Hygiene revealed here. The buckeye state stands 35th in the country and leads only the 13 states south of the Mason-Dixon line.

CIO spokesmen claimed that blame for the record rests with the "Republican-dominated legislature" and not with the department, which has "performed an excellent job with the tools at hand."

of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, as Ohio commissioner of mental disease, and also brought recommendations for a \$35,000,000 building program.

"Yet," said Life, "Lerch, Sharpe and Tallman were hardly satisfied, for recommendations are not appropriations. The proposed 'brick and mortar' building program, while desperately needed, did nothing to raise employee standards or solve personnel shortages."

Council to Send Two to Scranton

San Francisco—The Northern California District Council will send its president, Richard Rodda, and its secretary, Robert Brown, to the Scranton convention as observers. Both will participate in the pre-convention conference of district councils.

The council also will submit a new council financing plan. Delegates also voted to take no action on the paid presidency, or on the financing plan for delegates.

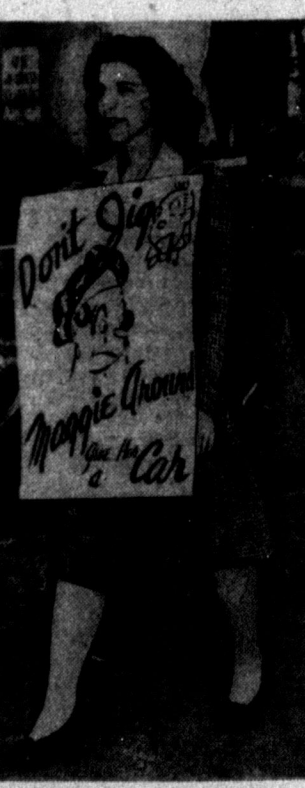
By unanimous vote it was decided to support the San Francisco-Oakland bid for the ANG convention in 1948.

Wants a Car
Lerch came to the Press in July, 1942, after working as labor editor on the News and then as a field examiner for the National Labor Relations Board in St. Louis. He formerly was an assistant city editor of the Press.

In addition to being chairman of the Press unit, Lerch is also a member of the local's executive board.

Parley Is Held On Organizing
Detroit—A program for extension of organization in commercial departments on newspapers in the Detroit, Northern Ohio and Midwest council area was adopted at a conference here called by ANG Vice President Ralph Novak at the suggestion of Sam Eubanks, ANG executive vice president.

Recommendations to carry out the drive were adopted. Attending the conference were ANG Vice President Chandler Porman of Chicago; J. Nash McCree, executive secretary of the Midwest District Council; Steve Ripley, executive secretary of the Michigan District Council; Eleanor Conkey, Toledo president; Donor F. Schuen, Detroit president; and Gerald Holland and Doyle Smith of the Detroit Guild.



When Maggie Weil, secretary of the Buffalo Guild, was unable to get a car after many, many promises from a dealer, she hit the picket line. Above she is parading in front of the car dealer with a cartoon sign calling attention to her plight. At press time, however, she had (a) more promises, and (b) no car.

Writer Exposes Vets' Raw Deal In Auto Wrecks

Cleveland—Work done by Joseph Collier, of the Cleveland Press unit, in exposing a deception perpetrated by the War Assets Administration on war veterans wanting to buy surplus government vehicles, was recognized in an issue of Newsweek.

The magazine picked up Collier's story and reproduced the Press' front-page layout, including pictures of some of the veterans at the wrecking yards.

Collier discovered that \$3 trucks, cars and station wagons, classified as junk by the Army Ordnance Depot at Ravenna, Ohio, where they were stored, were advertised by WAA for purchase by veterans at prices up to \$600.

Misled by the advertising, veterans were induced to make long, expensive trips to see the vehicles. Collier also found a former WAA auto inspector with 25 years of experience in the automotive trade, who had priced station wagons at \$60 each and then was transferred to another job by WAA which demanded \$500 to \$600 for the wrecks.

Ordered to erase his reports on what was wrong with the vehicles and how much repairs would cost, the inspector quit in protest against "this raw deal for veterans."

Hammond Opposes Paid Presidency

Hammond—The Hammond Newspaper Guild will oppose proposals to pay a salary to the national president of the ANG. The local has voted unanimously in favor of a resolution adopted by the Memphis Guild in which objections are voiced against a paid president.

E. G. Bayton, president of the local, will be the delegate, marking the fourth consecutive year that he has been elected delegate.

Paid President Debate Is Held

Washington—ANG President Milton Murray and Dorothy Rockwell, ANG vice president, sharply debated the union's paid presidency issue at a meeting sponsored by a "working press" ticket in a Washington Guild contest for Scranton convention delegates.

Murray, candidate for delegate on a "progressive" slate, argued that his present ANG post should be a full-time office. Miss Rockwell, manager of the "working press" campaign, urged continuation of the unpaid presidency.

Murray said "If the president of the organization is going to take responsibility—or the blame—then certainly he should be on the floor to know what's going on." He also declared he and the IEB did not know what is going on because of remote contact with day to day work of the ANG.

Miss Rockwell declared the paid presidency would open the way for perpetuation in office, and also might result in the Guild's hiring some professional from outside the union. She also argued that while organizing and collective bargaining were prime needs, the hiring of another paid officer would not accomplish these ends, and would cost as much as two, and perhaps three, sorely needed "organizers" in addition to the present staff of 12.

Murray brushed away the charge that he is after the paid presi-

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The CIO-PAC examines those records and chooses from among available candidates those whose policies most nearly meet its standards. It then works with whatever groups are trying to elect these candidates. It puts on an all-out drive to register all its members, educate them on the issues in the campaign, and turn out the vote.

The CIO believes that labor's interests are identical with those of the community. Neither labor, the community, nor the nation, can prosper without a well-fed, well-educated citizenry. The CIO wishes to help elect to office men and women whose actions on specific issues will carry out these necessary aims.

CIO-PAC is not a political party. It operates within the framework of the existing party system. It endorses individuals who it believes will carry out a forward looking program, without regard to their party affiliation.

Endorsements of candidates are made by state and local political action committees composed of members of CIO unions within those states or communities. Candidates for U. S. Senator, for instance, are endorsed by state PACs, since the election is statewide. City and county PACs, where organized, endorse candidates for city and county positions.

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Caught ON THE RUN

Pete Swim, president of the Memphis Guild, drew high praise from his editor when he left his assistant city editor post on a leave of absence to become public relations director for the CIO drive to organize the south.

"We'll miss Pete Swim," said Edward J. Meeman, editor of the Memphis Press-Scimitar. In a signed column Editor Meeman declared Swim's leaving "is a great loss to the Press-Scimitar and I think it is a great loss to Memphis."

"For Swim is a citizen and citizens are rare. A person who happens to be born here, or takes the oath in Judge Boyd's court is technically a citizen."

"But a person in truth becomes a citizen only when he becomes a person who studies the problems of the organizations, the business and the community of which he is a part, takes an open stand fairly and fearlessly for what he believes to be right."

"Under that definition Swim is one of the best citizens I know."

Commenting on Swim's union work, Meeman wrote: "A Newspaper Guild was organized among the editorial staff. I thought then, and I think now that newspapermen should have an organization for their own protection..."

He added, "Swim was fair and conscientious. Never did we find him slanting the news in any way. Never did we get a complaint that he had not been fair, in any news story he handled, to the employer, or to the rival union, the AFL..."

Meeman also wrote: "Swim will have a tough job. But America and the south will be the safer because he is in there doing it. The south was certain to be organized. The only question was who would do it and how it would be done... I expect Swim to work hard to improve the conditions of the southern working man, white and Negro... I have confidence in A. L. Swim, citizen."

There's a big chunk of the US which is Texas.

El Paso nestles at the western boundary of the Lone Star state, and Houston, headquarters of the Texas District Council is a long way off. In fact, Chicago is closer to Texas than El Paso to Houston.

El Paso has been active in the council, but has been unable to

have delegates spend a couple days trekking to and from council sessions in Houston.

So next meeting of the council will meet El Paso half way—at San Antonio.

Another organizing leaflet has been issued by the ANG. This one is based on the piece Ed Lahey, Chicago News Washington correspondent, wrote for the Chicago Guild's "Inside Page One."

Lahey's piece, "Thanks to the Guild," is about the reporter who returned from the Army, and wrote, "Thanks to the Guild, the pay is \$90."

Dorothy Rockwell is chairman of the IEB committee preparing the leaflets, which can be secured from the ANG office.

One of our trained operatives, Hemlock Peterson, who has been checking on things in Pennsylvania, where liquor and such is rationed to natives only, reports that this matter is under control as far as Scranton is concerned. The Scranton Guild has made the necessary arrangements.

The Ku Klux Klan is riding again garbed in white sheets or white nightshirts. Maybe that helps account for the white shirt shortage.

Editor Retires With Pension

Wilkes-Barre—The second member of the Wilkes-Barre Guild to retire on pension is G. Raymond Goodwin, charter member and a newspaperman here for 37 years.

He worked on various Wilkes-Barre newspapers, but most of the time on the Wilkes-Barre Record as night editor.

He plans to spend his leisure time hunting and fishing at his Lake Silkworth home. For many years he was noted as a crack rifle shot and bested Annie Oakley twice in competitions.

Members of the Record news staff presented him a reel during a breakfast — starting at 2:30 a. m.—in a Wilkes-Barre hotel.

Political Action means you protect yourself at polls.

Pegler Is Having Tough Time As Ball Players Join Union

By JAMES A. WECHSLER
Washington Guild

Washington—A careful reader of Westbrook Pegler's essays inevitably must conclude that he gets little fun out of life. Since his tribute to "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," I cannot recall any phase of the human comedy which has intrigued or inspired him; in recent months his favorite sport has been jumping up and down on the grave of Franklin D. Roosevelt, which seems a morbid diversion.

But I always have had the suspicion that Pegler periodically escaped from the mischief and melancholy of modern times by sneaking off to the local baseball

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park. There he could bathe in nostalgic reminiscences of the time when he was a sportswriter, inhabiting that gay other-worldly atmosphere of base hits, balks and batting averages. There he could forget the new deal, Sidney Hillman and trade unionism.

Admittedly there might be occasional rule-changes (such as the scoring of a sacrifice fly as a time at bat) that would offend his devotion to the status quo. But such changes are infrequent. The club-owners are conservative fellows—at least, in their own business—and Pegler could feel that theirs was a piece of American landscape that had not been marred by the heavy hand of the Roosevelt era.

Now that refuge has been blasted.

A move to organize baseball players is under way and Pegler has risen in plaintive protest. There is a tone of futility in his sermon, as if he already sees the handwriting on the outfield wall, as if all this happened before. He concedes that the club-owners "will have some of themselves to blame" for this dire happening because they have sometimes been "mean in money matters" and ruthless in exploiting young men. But whatever the cause, the outcome will be disastrous.

If unionism captures baseball, he warns, it will mean "the slow-down and sabotage in the throwing of games according to the now familiar custom of boss-baiting under unionism."

"Of course unionism will destroy the artistry, efficiency and enthusiasm of the players and impair the spectacle for the customers," he laments, "the unionism of the last 10 years has had these effects in most industries."

Soon he will be calling it the great un-American pastime.

Pegler's nightmare is plausible. No longer can he regard the Yankee Stadium as a place to get away from it all. When Hal Newhouser takes the mound for the Tigers he becomes more than a sterling moundsman, as the sportswriters say; he is a lefty, with all the connotations of the word, and Pegler probably will want to find out where he was born.

If Ted Williams loafs after a fly ball (as he frequently has been accused of doing), his lazy demeanor ceases to be just the idiosyncrasy of a spectacular ball-player. It is a slowdown, a tactic borrowed by the Baseball Guild from older trade unions, and Williams is known widely as a contributor to the Civil Liberties Union anyway.

And if Joe Gordon lets a little roller trickle through his legs in a tight moment of a vital game, a man with Pegler's union lore must deduce that Gordon is punishing his own pitcher for failing to show the proper union spirit at a meeting the night before.

So baseball ceases to be sport; it becomes just another grim sector of that unhappy world in which—as Pegler sees it—men who band together in trade unions threaten the well-being, security and happiness of their fellow-citizens.

The cry "take dat bum out!" assumes new meaning if aimed at an unorganized pitcher who has been belted all over the lot. It is union terrorism.

Some customers may complain that this column deals with an unusual trivial topic at a time when the world is in flames and labor controversy grips our own country. But this argument over unionism in baseball seems to me a salutary one, with implications that go way beyond home plate, as Walter Lippmann might observe.

For many decades a lot of newspapers and other organs of opinion have tried to identify trade unionism with the image of a dark, dirty fellow who carries explosives. In Westbrook Pegler's world the union is a surly mob led by gangsters and/or subversives, seeking to destroy the American way of life and Pegler's peace of mind.

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Labor Relations act, and NLRB procedure and decisions.

At noon delegates will be transported by special buses to the Scranton Country Club for a luncheon by the International Correspondence Schools.

At the afternoon session, discussion will continue on the IEB report. Under collective bargaining a discussion will be led by M. H. Goldstein, counsel for the Philadelphia-Camden Guild and the Pennsylvania District Council.

MURRAY INVITED

At the general sessions Wednesday, in addition to routine work and debates, Llewellyn White, assistant director of the Commission on the Freedom of the Press, will make an address. President Murray also will report on the World Congress of Journalists at Copenhagen.

CIO President Philip Murray has been invited to address delegates on Thursday. The resolutions and finance committees are scheduled to submit reports at the afternoon meeting, and up for action also will be reports emanating from the committee-of-the-whole session on Tuesday.

The constitution committee reports Friday, and the 1947 convention city will be selected. The IEB will meet on Saturday following adjournment of the convention.

Following are delegates elected since the last report:

Pueblo — Delegate is Joseph Neary.

Richmond—Delegates are Scott Copeland, president, and Allen Matthews. Alternate is Richard W. Payne, Jr.

San Antonio—J. S. McNeel, Jr., president, as delegate is instructed to oppose a paid presidency for the ANG, and also to work for further organization expansion.

Fort Worth—Amy Jo Long, local president, is the local's delegate.

Sabine Neches—Ed Reichelt, Beaumont Enterprise reporter and news editor, is delegate. Guy Matheny and Wayne Phillips are alternates.

Detroit—Six delegates and two alternates were elected. Delegates include Paul W. Weber, executive secretary; Donald F. Schram, president; Ralph Novak, ANG vice president; John Murray, Theodore Peck, and Frances

Unionization of baseball may do more than get a better break for underpaid utility infielders whose professional life-span is tragically short and whose ultimate destiny is the Three-Eye league. It may change all the stereotypes of thousands of our countrymen.

That man wearing the Red Sox is no reckless agitator; he just happens to work for Joe Cronin and Tom Yawkey. That man with the bat is no club-swinging gangster; he earns an honest living with the weapon.

The thing has limitless possibilities. I see no special reason why the shadow of economic insecurity should produce better-played baseball, as Pegler contends.

Given a union contract and some assurance that the mortgage can be paid, even the Phillies might be able to devote their full hearts and minds to the business at hand.

Despite Pegler's pessimism this correspondent is convinced that the country is fundamentally sound. The World Series will be played in October and any interruptions of work will be due to rain.

D'Hondt, treasurer. Alternates are Warren Stromberg and Elmer W. Gaede.

Cleveland—Delegates are Gene Kelly, president; Bill Davy, executive secretary; James Hartshorne, treasurer; and Milton J. Lapine, William Dinwoodie, William Ware and William Cunningham. Alternates are Jack Sheridan, Gene Whitney, and Robert Kehoe.

Sacramento—Delegate is Bert Eustis, past president of the local. The Sacramento Guild instructed its delegate to oppose the paid presidency, and the proposed mandatory dues schedule.

Scranton—Delegates are Neil L. Whitney, convention treasurer, and Al Williams, local treasurer.

Akron — Harold Taylor was named delegate. The local went on record against the mandatory dues schedule, and left the delegate uninstructed on the paid presidency.

Seattle — Four delegates have been named, Hack Miller, president; James Farmer, executive secretary, and Marjorie Smyth and William Holloman.

Boston—Delegates include John Wright, president; George Harris, ANG vice president; Joseph Donahue, James Glennon, Arthur Hill, Frank O'Donnell, Lawrence Weiss, and John Mason Potter. Delegates were declared elected when others withdrew and there was no need for a contest.

Murray Will Attend Copenhagen Session

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workers throughout the United Nations, with a view to fuller understanding of the functioning of the press and the aspirations of its workers everywhere."

Among the nations to be represented at the conference are:

Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States, and Yugoslavia. Representatives of other nations also are expected.

Murray has a plane reservation to leave Copenhagen June 9, but is seeking one a day earlier. Decision to have a representative at the congress followed a poll of the IEB.

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