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A black and white photograph of two men, one wearing glasses and a suit, the other in a jacket, holding a large sign. The sign reads: "YOUR FIGHT! is L.A.N.G.S' FIGHT!"

3 More Elections Are Won by Guild

Last April Guild leaders announced an intention to regain bargaining rights from the district, nothing "society." Leaflets of the opposition group sneeringly referred to Guildsmen as "night riders" because they organized on their own time and outside the office, while the activity of the "society" was carried on in the plant during working hours, a flagrant violation of a management

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Ruckel recommended full rein statement to former positions

At a special meeting Thursday morning strikers rejected Kelly's offer. The Herald-Express battle field now is the testing ground for newspaper workers of America, Murray declared. "If the Hearst empire is predicated on exploitation of workers by su-

—Co-chairmen are Maury Maverick, former Texas congressman, and Daniel G. Marshall, local attorney and chairman of the Catholic Interracial Council. Secretary-treasurer is Albee Slad, former special assistant to the state attorney general.

Strike headquarters are open 24 hours a day at Guild headquarters, and additional space has been rented. Welfare so far has been provided by voluntary contributions from Guild members and locals, and weekly check-

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Negotiations efforts by the Typographical, Pressmen's and Stereotypers unions have been unsuccessful, with management refusing to accept service of proposals by registered mail, and inability to meet with management representatives.

A last-minute effort by Sherman Bowles, general factotum of the papers, to split the union failed, and Bowles stalked out of the meeting. Matters came to a head when Bowles, in a final effort to continue operations in the face of a threat to withhold services of mechanical department workers, offered to negotiate with the pressmen and stereotypers, but

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Phila. Inquirer Contract Talks Near Showdown

Philadelphia—After contending for hours that there should be no wage increases in the new contract, the Philadelphia Inquirer finally has made a wage proposal to the Guild.

The offer, immediately rejected by the Guild committee, was a graduated increase of from \$3 to \$6. Excluded from the proposal are some 150 Guild members, who have been with the Inquirer less than one year and at least 60 persons making more than \$100 a week.

The Inquirer unit, which has 638 members, was to meet Sunday to vote on whether or not the status of negotiations to date would necessitate a work stoppage, effective next Wednesday. The local is seeking the goals of the Guild Wage Program.

The Inquirer management has been particularly adamant in this year's negotiations, bolstering its representatives with two lawyers from rival firms which specialize in labor relations.

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Mystery of the Missing Stories SOS FOR RADIO SHOW MATERIAL — \$1,000 REWARD

Los Angeles—ANG President Milton Murray and ANG radio committee chairman G. K. Williams this week met with the producers of the prospective Guild radio program to seek ways and means of stimulating Guildsmen's interest in submitting stories for the ANG radio show. The show is bogging down for lack of stories.

"It looks like none of the boys want to win \$1,000," Murray said, "although I can't understand it, for \$1,000 is important money in our league."

Murray's remark, and the reason for the meeting with producers Dan Winkler and Robert H. Andrews, were identical. They stem from the fact that fewer than 20 stories have been submitted to the Guildsmen, despite two Guild-wide appeals sent out by Williams.

At least 39 acceptable stories must be in the hands of the committee before sponsorship can be definitely obtained. The 39 stories are a season's budget, and must be submitted to tentative sponsors along with a broadcast plan and complete picture of broadcast costs.

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Capital Guild Asks PAC Void PM Endorsement

Washington—Officers of the CIO-PAC have been called on by the Washington Guild to withdraw reported endorsement of a promotion campaign of the newspaper PM.

The action was taken by a general membership meeting of the local which resolved, by more than two to one vote, to reaffirm "its full support of the constituted objectives of CIO-PAC," but deplored any official support of PM's circulation drive.

The resolution pointed out: "Endorsement of any newspaper is contrary to the traditional policies and to the spirit of the Constitution of the American Newspaper Guild."

It also reiterated denunciation by the local of PM for the tabloid's dismissal of AP's President Milton Murray and two other members of PM's Washington bureau. PAC officers were urged to "consult in the future with the ANG before making any recommendations involving employer relations within the jurisdiction of this union."

PAC endorsement of PM was stamped on copies of a circulation prospectus which was given wide mail distribution in Washington.

Sheboygan Wins Newroom Raises

Sheboygan, Wis.—Wage increases ranging from \$6 to \$12.50 weekly were won in a supplementary agreement covering newroom employees on the Sheboygan Daily Press, after a month of negotiations.

The agreement extended coverage of the existing contract for commercial department employees which expires in February, 1947. Among the gains for the newroom employees were time and a half for overtime and double time for holidays, guaranteed sick-leave, severance pay and maintenance of membership.

Chief negotiators were Vern Fox, local president, ANG Vice President Ralph Novak and ANG International Representative J. Nash McCrea.

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Real Wages Went Down 10% In Year, U.S. Figures Show

By HENRY ZON
Washington Guild

Washington—The somewhat smallish room on the fifth floor of the Department of Labor in which W. Willard Wirtz, chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board, held his press conference on the night of September 11 was crowded to the windows.

Seamen on both coasts had the nation's shipping tied in knots and they seemed firm in their conviction that the knots would remain tied until the government approved wage increases negotiated with shipowners.

AFL President William Green was reported polling his executive council on the possibility of withdrawing AFL representatives from the Wage Stabilization Board while the CIO previously had made known its hostility to the board's position.

The immediate question Wirtz was to answer was whether the board would "rise above principle" and rescind an earlier decision turning down the seamen's wage agreement or reaffirm its earlier stand that increases won by AFL seamen, over and above those earlier granted CIO seamen, were inflationary. The deeper question was the future of the wage stabilization program.

Wirtz answered the immediate question by saying that the board, labor members dissenting, had reaffirmed its earlier decision denying the full wage increase. The other question he left unanswered but it was obvious he wasn't underwriting the board's future too heavily.

A few days later President Truman and John R. Steelman, director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, found a way out of the seamen's strike. Shortly thereafter it was revealed that a subcommittee of the OWMB advisory committee had been appointed to study the entire wage stabilization question and report to Steelman and the president.

The Wage Stabilization Board, under its present policy, will approve wage increases if they are in line with the pattern set in the industry in the six months after V-J Day, or if they are in line with the pattern set in comparable industries, or if they are designed to meet the 33 percent rise in the cost of living that took place between January, 1941, and September, 1945.

THAT'S WHAT THE COMPANY CONTENTS— \$116 a Week for 'Messenger Boys'

Indianapolis—"Messenger boys" on the Indianapolis Star are paid an average of \$116 a week, it developed here in an NLRB hearing on challenged votes of supervisors in a recent election which came out a 32 to 32 tie between the Indianapolis Guild and the Circulation Employees Association for circulation employees.

The Star, aligning itself with the "association" contended in the hearing that the supervisors have no right to hire and fire, cannot discipline, promote, or give orders to any employees, and merely act as "messenger boys" between management and circulation district managers.

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The committee consists of CIO President Philip Murray, Eric Johnston, industry representative, Ann M. Rosenberg, public representative, and Nathan Dyke of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It has taken up its labors, President Truman has announced there will be no change in the wage stabilization policy, and there the matter lies so far as the machinery of government is concerned.

But the real answer to the future of the wage stabilization program is lower down in the Department of Labor than the fifth floor. It is more easily found in the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the second floor.

The answer there is that the wage stabilization program is battling at the seams and the seamen's decision was merely the final incident.

In July 1945, the figures show, the average family of four in all manufacturing industries had a net spendable income—statistical terminology for "take home pay"—of \$43.57 a week. In terms of 1939 prices this amounted to \$33.47.

A year later the same family had a net spendable income of \$42.58, a week which, in 1939 price terms, amounts to \$30.02.

In other words, real wages in the last year have taken a drop of more than 10 percent.

That is the coal on the fire under the Wage Stabilization Board, its officials freely admit, and there seems to be no way in which the fire can be put out. Coming wage negotiations will add more fuel.

20 PERCENT PAY BOOST ON ITALIAN PAPER IN NEW YORK

Wage increases averaging 20 percent accompanied the signing in New York of the first contract covering all editorial department employees of Il Progresso, Italian language daily. The existing city-wide minimum of \$90 for reporters was embodied in the agreement.

In adjusting the inequalities existing under non-Guild conditions, some employees received increases in excess of 30 percent, with one case amounting to 100 percent.

Our Daily Bread...

Maintenance of membership, severance pay, holidays and vacation were among other benefits won.

The negotiating committee was headed by Irving Gilman, research director of the New York Guild.

VETERAN GUILDSMAN DIES IN ELIZABETH

Elizabeth—Harry Van Pelt, Jr., charter member of the Elizabeth local and wounded veteran of World War II, died here after an illness of several weeks during which eleven Guild members gave blood for transfusions.

Charges of sponsoring and favoring the "association" as a company union are pending against the Star.

For 18 months he was a combat photographer in the ETO. While there he made pictures of the war, including one which the NY bureau blew up and hung in its gallery of prize shots.

When he came back, management still refused to recognize that he was a photographer—until the Guild put up a fight for him. After many grievance sessions, he finally was added to the staff.

It emphasizes, and its officials are displeased because they feel the fact has not been sufficiently noted in the daily newspapers, that wage increases which the employer is willing to bear are none of the board's business. Only when the employer seeks to pass on to the public the wage increase in the form of higher prices does the Wage Stabilization Board come into the picture.

The figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate the shortcomings of the board's policy but the board is powerless to go further under the terms of the executive order of Feb. 14, 1946 under which it operates.

Willfulness of employers to pay wage increases without asking for price relief would ease the stabilization board's headache but the foundation for optimism on that score is lacking.

One employer member of the board summed up his feelings privately. "The board gives the union fellows a good excuse for telling their members, 'no.' If the board didn't exist they couldn't do anything except what their member want them to," he said.

A downward trend in prices would also be a happy omen in the harrassed life of the stabilization board but hope in that quarter comes under the heading of wishful thinking.

How soon the blow-off will come few are prepared to predict.

Some contend that steel negotiations starting next February will be the turning point while others place the event nearer. There is general agreement, however, that change in the government's wage policy is a matter of "when and how" and not "if."

RECOUNT FAILS TO WIN BALLOT SPOT

Minneapolis—Emmet Cady, Minneapolis Times circulation, lost his place on the ballot in a recount vote cast for the state legislature in the recent Minnesota primary.

Cady gained a few votes in the recount, but not enough to put him on the November ballot.

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Cash Payment Ends Dispute in Dismissal Case

Jerry Manning, for more than 20 years an analyst for Standard & Poor's, New York financial journal, has been given a sum more than two and a half times the severance pay due him in settlement of his dismissal last December, which was protested by the Guild.

The settlement was arrived at as the Guild was preparing to submit its case to an arbitrator who had already heard management's side.

The amount, in excess of \$6,000, was arrived at by Guild and management representatives by computing the amount Manning would have received under the company's pension plan if he lived out his life expectancy according to actuarial tables.

He was given a letter of recommendation by the management.

CONTRIBUTORS TO LA STRIKE

List of Guild contributions for Herald-Express strikers, as reported by Los Angeles Guild (through Sept. 20):

Chicago Times unit	\$ 10.00
Brooklyn Guild	5.00
Edwards Clarke, former	5.00
Chicago press	5.00
Detroit Guild	5.00
St. Louis Guild	5.00
New York Guild	5.00
Julius Epstein, St. Louis Guild	5.00
Chicago Guild	5.00
George A. Harris, ANG vice pres.	10.00
ANG unit	5.00
Bill Wade (proceeds of liquor rally at St. Louis conference)	151.00
Harry Martin, Memphis Guild	5.00
Dick Rodin, Sacramento Valley Guild	5.00
William W. Rodgers, ANG sec'y-treas.	25.00
Portland, Me. Guild	10.00
Twin Cities Guild	10.00
ANG staff (weekly check off)	25.00
Milwaukee Guild	10.00
Seattle Post-Intelligencer	110.00
Severance	350.00
Post-Dispatch unit, St. Louis	5.00
San Francisco-Oakland Guild	1,000.00
Tri-City Guild	5.00
ITS unit, New York Guild	45.00
Times unit, Chicago Guild	10.00
Portland, Ore. Guild	10.00
Isenheim, Isenheim & Kapelushnik	50.00
ANG attorneys	45.00
Sioux City Guild	15.00
Sheboygan Guild	15.00

Entire Family on the Line



Intent on backing the Herald-Express strikers to the limit, C. B. Allen, shop steward of the Daily News district managers, brings his family to the picket line. With Allen are Mrs. Adeline Allen and their two daughters, Patsy and Claire.

War Veterans Stage Their Own Demonstration



Veterans of World War II staged their own demonstration in the Herald-Express strike during one of the "walk downs" to the downtown plant of the Hearst paper in Los Angeles. Above are some of the veterans around a jeep after one of the special events to bring the story of the Guild fight to the public.

Operation 2 Brings Story Of Herex Strike to Public

Los Angeles—With Operation 1 working with the smoothness of an oiled machine, the Los Angeles Guild this week swung into Operation 2 in its battle with the Herald-Express for decent wages and working conditions.

Objective of Operation 1 was the clam-tight closing of the Herald-Express plant, and keeping it closed to union men. Hastily organized, Operation 1 was successful with 1,500 on the picket line.

Aim of Operation 2 is to mobilize public opinion behind the just demands of the locked out

employees. It is a publicity-selling job through demonstrations, press, radio, and word-of-mouth advertising.

The second phase of the strike battle got off to an impressive start when the main picket lines were shifted from the out of the way Herald Express building on Trenton Street to the branch office of the Hearst paper in the downtown Spring-Arcade building.

Downtown crowds were startled and intrigued as a ladies' day "walk down," headed by a score of California beauties, proceeded along Broadway to picket the downtown branch of the suspended Hearst paper. This was

followed by a parade of locked out men employees, with more than 300 workers carrying banners and distributing literature to give the public the story of the fight for wage increases.

Next day several score servicemen, Herald-Express employees, staged their own demonstration, parading in uniforms.

On the third day the "walk down" was three blocks long, the biggest mass demonstration so far.

As a result of the daily demonstrations, thousands of Los Angeles residents now know of the Guild fight for decent wages and working conditions at the Hearst paper.

Sacramento Pay Boost Offered With Gimmick

Sacramento — A 10 per cent cost-of-living wage increase has been offered in advance of Guild contract negotiations by the Sacramento Bee and Sacramento Union.

However, both papers specified the offer is contingent upon the Guild's renewing present contracts for three years, with wages subject to negotiations annually.

Sentiment of Guild members at both the Bee and Union is overwhelmingly against acceptance of the offer. It would give Union employees 10 per cent for only six weeks ahead of their contract expiration Nov. 15 and Bee employees a premature raise of three months.

Management of both papers is to be notified by Oct. 1 of the Guild's attitude.

Guild leaders here point out the cost of living has increased far more than 10 per cent in the last year. Management's offer also was extended to mechanical departments. Unorganized departments at the Bee are to receive the increase automatically on Oct. 1.

A year ago, management of the two papers used similar strategy. Every union in the two plants accepted a 15 per cent increase except the photo-engravers. They waited until their contract expired and negotiated a 20 per cent boost.

Notified of the offer, President Robert J. Deward of the Sacramento Valley Newspaper Guild immediately telephoned ANG President Milton Murray, chief negotiator at the Herald-Express strike in Los Angeles.

Murray's advice was to stand pat and by no means sign a three-year contract.

Meanwhile, unit contract committees are drafting demands to be presented to the two papers. Raises of far more than 10 per cent will be sought.

Edward Heilmann, Bee rewrite man, and Howard Kennedy, Union city hall reporter, are chairmen of the respective units.

A Gift From Fishermen



Hazel Taylor is pictured inspecting boxes, part of the 350 pounds of fish contributed to the Herald-Express commissary by the fishermen's union, which offered to send over half a ton to help feed pickets.

STRIKE and/or LOCKOUT

Here are the facts in the Los Angeles Herald-Express situation: At midnight, Sept. 3, in the midst of negotiations which had been going on for 40 days, the Guild contract with the Herald-Express expired. Guild representatives asked to continue negotiations.

At 12:35 a. m., Sept. 4, Harvey Kelly, Hearst labor relations chief, broke off negotiations and walked out.

At 2:40 a. m. Kelly notified news services that the Herald-Express had suspended publication. The doors of the Herald-Express building were locked. Printers reporting for work half an hour later were turned away.

At 6 a. m. the Guild unit threw a picket line around the building and declared a strike.

Guild members were locked out when the paper suspended publication. Printers and members of other mechanical trades unions were locked out at the same time although their contract had not expired.

What happened: A lockout by management was followed by a declared strike in order to protect jobs by picketing.

Schwollenbach Lauds Guild For Its Bargaining Program

Washington—Secretary of Labor Lewis H. Schwollenbach lauded the American Newspaper Guild as "praiseworthy" and said it had set the collective bargaining course for "hundreds of thousands of white collar and professional workers in this country."

Schwollenbach spoke to a general membership meeting of the Washington Guild for an hour and a half in an off-the-record background discussion of labor problems and policy, but permitted direct quotation of his comments on the Guild itself.

Scoring publishers' arguments that the Guild membership "would inevitably result in the slanting of the news toward the attitude and viewpoint of union members," Schwollenbach said: "During my time in the senate, while I was back in Washington on the bench, and particularly on my present job, I have seen no evidence of such a result."

The labor secretary said the labor movement owed the Guild "a very real debt" for its severance pay contract precedents. He lauded the Guild for its democratic program of full participation of all its members who will share the task.

Preparing to Feed Hungry Crew of Pickets



An important feature of Los Angeles strike headquarters is the kitchen, where coffee and sandwiches are on tap 24 hours a day, with a full meal at noontime. Part of the KP force is shown here, left to right: Nora Barrigan, Lloyd White, Florence Kramer, Andy Troutwine, Eva Abbott, Winnie McKay and Mary Liberto. Members of the local auxiliary are in charge of the commissary.

Strike Commissary Going Full Blast 24 Hours a Day

Los Angeles—One of the vital cogs in the Herald-Express strike machinery is the canteen, where strikers and pickets are fed, with coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts on tap around the clock, in addition to regular meals.

And it's no small task to feed 500 strikers—often augmented by a hundred or more additional pickets from other unions.

By the time a picket line had been thrown around the Herald-Express plant at 6 a. m., Sept. 4 (after employees had been locked out), the kitchen was in operation. Pickets trooping into head-

quarters after a tour of duty were greeted with hot coffee and doughnuts—achieved despite a struggle with pipe connections for the stove.

In charge of the commissary are members of the women's auxiliary, headed by Nora Barrigan. Assisting are Guild members and their wives.

Friends of the Guild and merchants have contributed food and supplies. The district attorney contributed a six-burner stove. A manufacturer sent over a \$500 coffee urn. The chef of the Biltmore hotel is schooling Guild

cooks. Neighboring restaurants store meat and perishables, and help with the cooking.

The canteen serves daily 2,355 cups of coffee, 50 dozen doughnuts, 50 loaves of bread, 100 pounds of meat, 20 cans of milk, 20 pounds of sugar, sacks of potatoes, crates of vegetables, cartons of spaghetti, and steaming containers of food brought in by donors.

KP details have been organized around the clock, and there's a special detail for washing out dish towels.

Strike Goes On As LA Parleys Are Broken Off

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from the ANG defense fund. While wage conference delegates recommended immediate levying of assessments for Los Angeles, the IEB planned assessment levies only if voluntary contributions proved insufficient.

To date more than \$5,000 had been sent to the strikers by Guild members, with more on the way as local after local put into action plans for weekly collections.

President Hutchinson, himself a striker, said, "We are getting the whole-hearted backing of Guild locals all over the country. Our unit is united and determined to achieve a real victory."

Chief negotiators in addition to Murray and the ANG committee included William Brodie, local administrative officer, and Philip M. Connelly, CIO executive. Of the 42 issues which had been in dispute, in addition to wages, 33 were won by the Guild or settled satisfactorily, six were withdrawn, and three were transferred to the wage issue. Gains won included the checkoff, and three weeks vacation after five years.

As support for the embattled strikers gained momentum across the nation, the New York Guild called an emergency meeting Oct. 3 of the 1,000 Hearst employees covered by Guild contracts to consider direct action to support Los Angeles.

The meeting was called by a committee of Hearst unit officers representing the following NY units: Mirror, Journal-American, American Weekly, International News Service, and International News Photos. The committee

issued the following statement:

"The Herald-Express unit is the first to fight for a contract under the new wage program of the American Newspaper Guild convention.

"All other Guild units in the Hearst chain will find their 1947 contracts directly affected by the outcome of the Herald-Express strike-lockout. Hearst arrayed its big guns against this lone unit realizing that if it can isolate this fight it may be able to browbeat the units of the entire chain into line.

"There can be no isolated strike on a chain paper, especially on the issue of wages in a period when prices are spiraling and weekly paychecks have come to mean nothing.

"The most effective answer to Hearst strategy is decisive action by the combined Hearst units."

The Herald-Express strike is the Guild's first strike since the successful strike against the Chester, Pa. Times which started in 1941.

Support Arrives From SFONG



Representatives of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild are pictured being greeted by Los Angeles President George Hutchinson. Left to right: Al Dipman, chairman of the Hearst Chain Council and former SFONG president; Robert Brown, SFONG executive secretary; and Hutchinson. The San Francisco-Oakland Guild started its strike assistance with a check for \$1,000.

Support From the East Coast



Ruth Orneck, above, member of the New York Guild, took time out from her west coast vacation to join Herald-Express pickets. Meanwhile, locals from coast to coast were collecting funds to aid Los Angeles pickets.

Locals Boost Assistance for Los Angeles Hearst Strikers

As membership meetings were scheduled in Guilds across the nation, financial aid for Los Angeles strikers got under way. With more than \$6,000 already sent to aid Guildsmen on Hearst's Herald-Express, more assistance was forthcoming as voluntary assessment collections got rolling.

Reported in the last issue were \$3,900 in contributions: Brooklyn \$50; Chicago \$100; New York \$1,000; San Francisco-Oakland \$1,000, and St. Louis \$750.

At press time a number of locals had membership meetings scheduled shortly at which Los Angeles aid was the number one order of business.

Tri-City sent \$100 and the membership voted special assessments of \$1, 50¢ and 25¢, based on salary. Boston Record-American unit voted a similar schedule of weekly assessments. Dayton opened up with \$25, and launched a drive for regular individual contributions. Denver voted \$100 and stated voluntary contributions.

Cleveland tapped its defense fund for the first time and sent \$500, with the membership setting a goal of \$400 weekly. New York sent an additional \$1,000 and set a goal of \$1,000 a week.

Twin Cities forwarded \$100 from the local defense fund, and members voted two assessments for October. Portland, Ore., forwarded \$100 and began local collections for more. Milwaukee contributed \$154, with a local committee collecting individual

contributions. Pittsburgh sent \$500, and Portland, Ore., forwarded \$100.

Sacramento voted \$1 per capita contribution and forwarded \$85, as a committee started regular collections. San Diego voted a \$1 per capita contribution and took pledges ranging from \$1 to \$5 per week, sending in \$77.25. Hugh Knox, Union chairman, gave \$50. Scranton sent \$50 from the treasury, and is collecting voluntary \$1 per week contributions.

Sheboygan sent \$15 and Sioux City forwarded \$42, at the rate of \$1 per member. The Northern California District Council appropriated \$100. Washington members voted \$1,000 from the treasury, and set up a unit system for voluntary contributions.

Columbus Wins New Minimums

Columbus—Raises in minimums ranging from \$2 to \$6.50, the five-day week, and other improvements have been negotiated by the Columbus Guild in a renewal contract with the Columbus Dispatch covering circulation employees.

The five-day week was extended to all employees who previously were on a six-day schedule, except roadmen.

Severance pay was raised from 24 to 26 weeks, and the schedule of accrual cut from one week per seven months to one week per six months.

Caught ON THE RUN

BANKERS ...

Without mentioning the fact the five-day week has been won by organized labor, the Iowa Bankers Association "with full appreciation of a growing tendency in some sections of the nation for a five-day week" suggests there ought to be law.

The bankers propose a state law allowing banks to close one day each week.

Incidentally, bank clerks in New York who work the night shift get a night differential of 50 percent.

BACKFIRE ...

Niggardliness sometimes is its own reward.

At the INP bureau in NY Irene Briller, a researcher, was a victim in a recent wave of economy firings—but it backfired. After she was gone management discovered her services were badly needed and tried to rehire her at a \$10 cut in pay.

The unit seethed that one, and she finally was asked to return at the old salary. Meantime, she had found a better job.

REST ...

Members of the NY Mirror unit think it's high time the plant had some minor improvements.

For instance: a member of the night-side city desk staff collapsed at work. But there wasn't a place for him to lie down to recover—not even a cot. He had to flop on a window sill until he could resume work.

EXEMPT ...

Publishers have drag with the lawmakers in Brazil.

Under the new constitution there is no import tax on newspaper and there will be no censorship. Journalists, too, get a break, being exempt from income taxes.

and if buying a home, exempt from transfer taxes. No other profession got these breaks.

The drive to make journalism a preferred occupation was led by Dr. Herbert Moses, head of the Brazilian Press Association, who also is director and treasurer of the Rio de Janeiro newspaper O Globo.

BROADCAST ...

For the first time in history, a union meeting was broadcast when station WOR in New York aired floor discussion by striking members of the Teamsters' Union.

Using two recording units, WOR covered railroad yards, piers, warehouses and a stormy strike meeting of local 807. Two hours of argument and debate were edited down to five minutes of the actual broadcast.

Observed Dave Driscoll, WOR special features chief, "the teamsters gave a real demonstration of the American town meeting spirit in action."

Now if someone will broadcast a meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers, or the American Newspaper Publishers' Association ...

CENSUS ...

Looks like a big election year.

The census bureau reports that as of July 1, 1946, there were 91,500,000 persons old enough to vote, nearly 2,500,000 over the 1944 figure.

In 1944, the last presidential election year, slightly under 48,000,000 voted out of 89,000,000 eligible people over 21.

HEADS RUBBER WORKERS

San Francisco (FP)—R. L. Buckmaster unanimously was re-elected president of the United Rubber Workers (CIO) at the annual convention here.

New York to Pick Miss Page One

Beauties in newspaper plants in New York are getting the once over from fellow workers, but it's all for the forthcoming contest to select Miss Page One for 1946, who will be queen of the New York Guild's annual Page One Ball on Jan. 8, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Nominees selected by units will match charms at the Blue Angel on Nov. 8. Jack Shelby, Post unit head, is chairman of the contest.

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Strikes Aren't News When Staged by Big Business

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Washington—I don't hear any newsboys shouting wuxtry (if that's the way they ever pronounced it), but the USA is now in the throes of a nationwide strike wave. It is approaching the proportions of a general sit-down and is molesting the lives of millions of inhabitants. Yet there is a studied, subdued calm in the editorial offices and you are cautioned to keep on what Civilian Production Administrator Small laughingly calls your shirt.

There are no pickets in this strike; no noisy demonstrations, no uncouth fellows in overalls shadowing the landscape. It is a production strike. It also may be a political strike. Although virtually every reputable official in town concedes that it is woefully serious business, there isn't the slightest hint that anybody plans to call out the militia or denounce the opulent agitators responsible for the stoppage.

In fact there is great hush-hush. The subject is not mentioned at polite dinner parties, and John W. Snyder, who may yet make Alexander Hamilton look like a radical secretary of the treasury, denies everything.

But the inescapable fact is that livestock producers are on strike and the meat packers are engaged in a sympathy sitdown, and that is only part of the picture. Throughout the country inventories are being hoarded, scarce materials bottled up.

Some of this hoarding is by manufacturers who—like the livestock boys and the meat packers—are trying to hasten the crack-up of OPA. Some of it, in the judgment of responsible officials, is deliberate political hijacking to make the administration look bad in an election autumn.

These are bad words and the attribution of such evil motives may be viewed as insolent mind-reading. As far the meat situation is concerned, however, there is certainly nothing exclusive about this news.

The Meat Institute and the farm spokesmen served notice in advance that continuance of controls would lead to a strike. They simply called the strike by a happier name—shortages. Maybe the animals just won't procreate for a Democratic president.

With respect to the hoarding of critical materials, the facts are generally accepted; and no satisfactory alternative explanation has been offered by the men who run industry. Walter Reuther says "organized scarcity is being used as a powerful political weapon" to elect a congress hostile to the administration.

Reuther's knowledge of the methods and madness of the business community frequently has gotten him into trouble; he knows too many trade secrets.

His charge will be greeted with anguished yelps by those altruistic fellows who write handouts for the corporations and he again will be accused of imperiling their American ways of life.

It would still be nice if one of the poets of mass-production revealed why the recognized geniuses of American industry are flunking the reconversion test. What are they waiting for—wholesale collapse of price controls and the election of a Congress they can dominate even more fully than its predecessors?

There is, of course, no law against strikes, as a few of us have attempted to point out when working men got fed up and walked off their jobs. If the cur-

rent strike-wave were being adequately covered in the nation's journals, I would feel free to devote this essay to some more charming and whimsical topic.

But most of what I read gives little indication that the fat boys are resorting to that dread anarchist weapon.

Meanwhile, a Pittsburgh judge is sending a union leader to jail for a year for defying an injunction and trying to turn the city's lights out. There are eight-column headlines in the local gazettes and there will be much dinner table discussion of the matter.

When they pass the main fish course, few of those present will observe that we might be eating a decent meal if those damn packers and livestock operators would stop striking. You do not say such things in pleasant company; you just swallow an unsatisfactory mouthful and murmur "G— D— Roosevelt."

And to augment the growing picture of national confusion, the citizen who damns price control for all his digestive woes may rejoice in the knowledge that John L. Lewis agrees with him. At a strategic moment in the recent conflict over restoration of controls on dairy products, Brother Lewis proclaimed that OPA was the major menace to the nation's future.

Mr. Truman may seem a little baffled as he presides over this corner of the planet, but you can hardly blame him for wondering what goes on here.

Mr. Roosevelt learned about production strikes early in the war when powerful corporations let it be known that they would not turn out war goods unless they got their own contract terms. They were for beating Hitler, but not at any price. They had their way.

That strike never made any headlines either.

New Timetable on Referendum

The timetable for the referendum on the paid presidency has been set up by the IEB committee supervising the balloting, and provides for tabulation of returns and announcement of the voting at ANG headquarters on Dec. 20.

The committee supervising the referendum includes Sam Eubanks, executive vice president; William W. Rodgers, secretary-treasurer; and John T. McManus, president of the New York local and regional vice president.

The proposal to be submitted to the members as explained by the IEB states:

"The effect of the amendments submitted in this referendum would be to substitute a full-time salaried president and a full-time salaried secretary-treasurer for the present unpaid president, full-time salaried executive vice president and full-time salaried secretary-treasurer."

If approved, the change would be effective Nov. 1, 1947.

Good standing for eligibility to vote in the referendum is as of Sept. 1, which means to be eligible to vote members must have paid August dues and assessment by Sept. 1, which must have been sent to ANG headquarters postmarked not later than Aug. 15.

The timetable calls for sending the original list of voters to locals by Oct. 16. Local officers then

have until Nov. 15 to seek corrections. Such requests must be postmarked not later than Nov. 15, the committee held.

On Nov. 27 the committee will meet to make final corrections in the lists of voters, and to transmit the lists and ballots to locals. Locals must conduct balloting within 10 days of receipt of ballots.

Deadline for receiving returns in the ANG office is Dec. 19. The committee will meet Dec. 20 to tabulate returns. Results will be published in the Dec. 27 Guild Reporter.

Ballots will be mailed direct to members in the armed forces as soon as available, and not later than Oct. 16. These ballots will be tabulated at ANG headquarters.

RULES UNION CONTRACTS SUPERSEDE STATE LAW

Sacramento—The attorney general's office has ruled collective bargaining agreements of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen supersede civil service laws and regulations for state employees. The ruling was given to clarify legal steps in the recent discharge of a switchman on the state-owned Belt Line railroad in San Francisco.

San Diego Signs in a Big Way



Members of the San Diego Guild brought out the big pen to symbolize the gains won in the new contract with the Journal. Seated are Ed Rucker, president, and Clinton D. McKinnon, publisher. Members of the negotiating committee are, left to right: Bryant Evans, Carl Lyngholm, Frank L. Graham, committee chairman, and Harry Layton.