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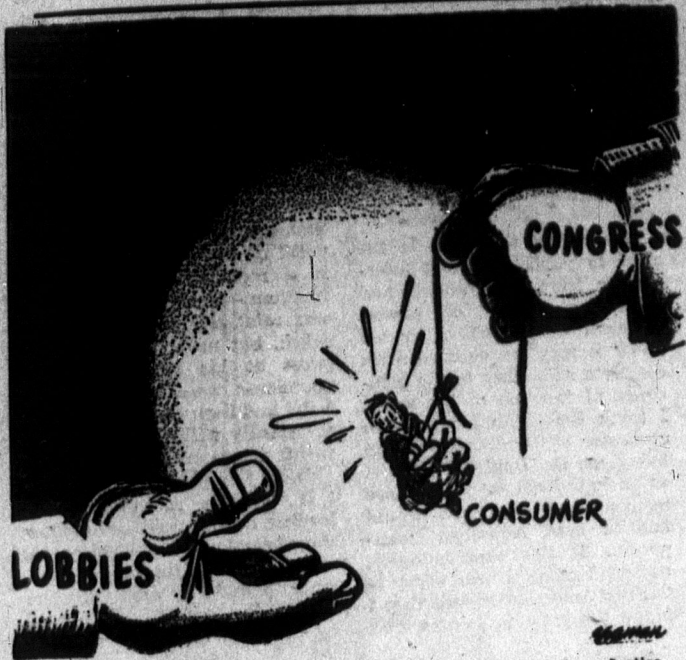
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Cartoon by Bernard Beaman, NY Guild, from Justice

An Editorial

With "the worst bill he ever had to sign" enacted into law, President Truman got from Congress in its amended Defense Production Act a ready-made 1952 issue of which American voters will become painfully aware before actual campaigning starts.

In simplest words, the 1952 issue will be the special interest lobbies vs. the consumers of the US. And a Congressional majority has just cast its vote for the lobbies.

For the special interest lobbies won a smashing victory in the enactment of the controls act, which doesn't control anything but wages, which guarantees high profits to big business at the expense of this country's working people, which contains none of the genuine inflationary curbs asked by the administration, and takes away some of those already in use.

Truman had no choice but to sign. He made that clear in his statement.

But some of the things the President said deserve underlining.

"We cannot," he said, "ask the working people to reduce their standard of living for the higher profits this act provides for business."

But Congress did just that.

"And," said he, "we should never forget that more than half the families in this country had no increases in income during 1950; some of them actually had their incomes reduced last year. To all these people inflation is not a theoretical problem for the future, but a real problem and a terrible deprivation right now."

But that Congress ignored.

Truman added that the full extent of the damage cannot be determined until executive heads can study the intricacies of the act's language.

But a few things are clear.

► Prices will rise to higher levels.

► The dollar in the pay check will shrink further.

► Corporate earnings will continue to amass in figures which already have approached the scandalous.

► And the complicated administrative machinery of so-called price control will make it easy for the chiseler and the racketeer, make it tough for the housewife and the wage earner.

► The elimination of slaughter quotas on beef, tagged by Truman as the worst amendment of the lot, will open doors to black marketing.

In one sweeping move, Congress has guaranteed only two things: profits to big business, and a financial squeeze on the little fellow.

That this was done in the guise of national defense is a measure of its evil.

That it was done largely by Republicans, a few Dixiecrats, and some Democrats who caved in under lobby pressure tactics, makes it a political issue for the coming year that Truman cannot ignore, if he would.

And whether he or another is the presidential candidate, the consumers of this nation will realize where the responsibility rests.

This writer, an independent in a partisan sense, hopes Harry will give 'em hell, all over again.

LABOR BOARD DOES BACK FLIP BUT DOESN'T CLEAR ISSUES

Taft Says There Ought to be a Law

Washington—There is still a cloud on the title of some dozen Guild contracts which contain a Guild Shop clause, despite the fact that for the first time in its history the National Labor Board has reversed itself.

Unless Congress enacts a remedial law—and there is one in the Senate hopper—it will still be necessary for the locals involved to vote again.

The contracts affected are those in which applications were filed for a Guild Shop election, prior to December 22, 1949, the date when the CIO as such complied with Taft-Hartley requirements as to non-communist affidavits.

The board reversal came after that body had issued a ruling, in a Canton, O., case involving the UAW-CIO, which had the effect of invalidating more than 4,700 contracts as to their union shop provisions; some Guild agreements among the number.

The NLRB threw out the Canton contract because at the time it was signed the top leaders of the CIO had not complied with the non-communist provisions.

The case arose when a competing union challenged the bargaining rights of the UAW at the Ford plant in Canton.

The ruling raised a storm of protest. The NLRB itself had not required top CIO officials to sign before it handled cases of locals, the officers of which had signed affidavits. The UAW sought a hearing and its arguments prevailed with the board, to the extent that a reversal was ordered.

The board's new stand is, however, a narrow one, confined to the single issue at stake in the Canton case.

What the board now says is that any contract with a union shop clause, signed during the period before the top CIO officers came into compliance, serves as a bar against a raiding union—the situation in Canton.

What the board did not say is whether such contracts are valid for all other purposes. Until it does so, contracts initiated in that period as to Guild shop clause validation, remain under a cloud of doubt.

"Other problems," says CIO Counsel Arthur J. Goldberg, in a terse understatement, "therefore remain unsettled."

This week saw a curious collaboration between Sens. Robert A. Taft, co-author of the labor relations act, and Hubert Humphrey, outstanding liberal, in an attempt to correct the situation by a new law.

Those two often disagreeing legislators teamed up to draft a bill which would validate all union shop elections initiated during the questioned period, prior to December 22, 1949.

The measure would further, it is reported, wipe out the election requirement altogether, making it possible for unions to negotiate a union shop clause with management, and make it immediately effective.

The election clause in the Taft-Hartley act has been universally condemned, as a time-wasting and unnecessary requirement.

Because of the co-sponsorship, the measure had a good chance of passage, it is said here.

17 Locals Represented At Training Conference

Thirty-two registered delegates from 17 locals will be at Madison, Wis., next week end to take part in the second annual leadership training conference to be conducted by the ANG education department at the University of Wisconsin.

Milton Zatinsky, educational director, will be in charge.

The week's program will include a three-session course on Guild local administration, by Ralph B. Novak, international secretary-treasurer. Problems encountered in setting up democratic and effective operation will be discussed, as well as the functions of local union officers.

Two other courses will be available. International Representative J. William Blatz, of Columbus, will instruct a seminar for collective bargaining. Emphasis will be on negotiating techniques, economics of the newspaper industry and the bases for such Guild contract proposals as the Guild shop, job security and the national wage program.

Zatinsky will conduct a course in shop leadership and grievance procedures. The steward system and its relation to contract enforcement will be outlined.

Both these courses will treat of organization methods in line with the Pittsburgh convention policy actions.

Smaller "workshop" periods will be set up for early afternoons, each group working with

For the Record

New York Times has in its archives a platter recording of its Morse code wire-service from Washington, believed the last remaining manually-operated news line in the US.

COURSE STILL OPEN

Late registrants will be welcome at the Madison conference, according to Education Director Milton Zatinsky.

For registration and room assignments at Madison, late comers should apply at 16 Langdon street.

A check for \$25 to the Phi Gamma Delta House and one for \$10 to the University of Wisconsin will cover both the course and living accommodations.

Formal registration starts Sunday noon, Aug. 19.

A discussion leader and reporting back to the general sessions on the closing two days. The workshops will have as topics such matters as running a union meeting, keeping local financial records, union films and strips, local education methods, and ANG policy as to anti-discrimination, political action and international relations.

Three individual lectures are to be heard.

The American labor movement will be treated by Prof. Selig Perlman, of the university faculty; the history and structure of the American Newspaper Guild will be the topic for Chandler

Forman, ANG vice president, and labor's international outlook will be discussed by Elmer Beck, formerly an information specialist with ECA.

Among motion pictures to be seen will be the full length feature issued by the International garment workers union, "With These Hands."

The \$35 cost to each delegate for board and room and conference tuition fee is being paid through scholarships set up either by locals or district councils.

Midwest, P.O.-I, Calif.-Nevada and Middle Atlantic councils have each allocated scholarship funds, and in most cases locals have arranged for financing travel costs as well.

Provision for the accommodation of wives and children of delegates, and for sports and recreation, have been made.

The Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house, facing Lake Mendota, will be housing headquarters. Swimming, boating, tennis and golf are available. Late afternoons will be free of scheduled events. A party is planned for Monday evening and a picnic will be set up for Wednesday, in cooperation with the Wisconsin State CIO Council.

Ol' Doc Bonanno Prescribes

San Jose—When 20 members of the San Jose Newspaper Guild toured nearby Angnews State Hospital for the insane, former local president Frank Bonanno stole the show.

Midway through the tour, the group visited the occupational therapy ward, where patients

pursue such activities as leather work, sewing, and sculpture.

The guide explained at length the extreme value of such work in rehabilitation.

Bonanno nodded vigorous assent.

"Oh, sure," he said solemnly. "In a place like this you have to give 'em something to do or they'll all go nuts."

TINY WEEKLY GETS STATE DEPARTMENT ACCOLADE

Colorado Publisher "Star" in New Documentary Film

Denver — Publisher Houston Waring and his place as a leader of opinion in the tiny suburb of Littleton (pop. 3,300), are the subject of a new State Department documentary film intended for showing abroad as a story of how democracy works.

The film will be issued in twenty languages, and is to be shown in the US later this month.

Goldman Robert L. Perkin, of the Rocky Mountain News staff, tells the story in The Nation, under the title, "Colorado's Main Street Educator."

For 25 years, except for a leave in 1944-45 when he was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard, Waring has been making an outstanding success of editing and publishing the weekly Littleton Independent. Its circulation is 2,700.

Perkin observes in his story that "Waring happens to be one of those uncommon individuals who bear out the observation that there is no limit to the good

a man can do if he doesn't care who gets the credit."

Perkin quotes Waring: "I've never catalogued myself as a liberal, but I expect I take a liberal position 99 percent of the time. Most people here in Littleton don't have ideologies. They raise a family and try to keep the roof from leaking. The Independent is edited for them. It is a philosophy, it starts with the basic welfare of man in general rather than with Americanism, Protestantism, or any other lam."

One extra-curricular habit of Waring's is to conduct "reside forums" at his home, usually with a well-informed guest and a live topic for discussion. As many as 65 have attended, a cross-section of all walks of life. "It helps everyone," he says, "to let people see how you reason. Finally it dawns on them that you are actually trying to reason about things and not acting on instructions from Moscow."

Waring's advice to country publishers is not to worry too much about making advertisers mad. They come back, in his experience. But a publisher should be wary of, but not servile to, public officials who control legal advertising, an eminently practical matter of economics for a small newspaper.

Waring observes drily that there were "two or three crooked men in office at first—but none lately."

In a 60th anniversary edition he wrote: "The Independent has carved out for itself two purposes beyond the reporting of and commenting on local events. It at-

tempts to represent the unrepresented, and it seeks to reveal those facts which the giants of the communications industry prefer not to mention.

"Its voice is small, but it is unimpaired. In combination with hundreds of other similarly resolved small-town papers, we trust that it is performing a worthy function."

Most weekly editors, he notes, are printers and business men, more concerned with the back shop than with editorial policy. "They need," he says, "some training in journalism and the social sciences."

His belief in that point led him to found the school of journalism at Denver University.

His formula, although he says he has none, for operating his weekly has been so successful that eight times in his own quarter-century of editing he has easily beaten down opposition papers which arose, briefly.

He contributes to the New York Times, and when he wants to "magnify our voice" he sends clipped editorials to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch or the Christian Science Monitor. They're often used.

ALL FOR CHARITY...

Chivalrous Outfield Helps Nurses Tie Score in St. Louis Ball Game

St. Louis—As 2,000 spectators cheered, a softball team of women nurses from St. Louis City Hospital amassed six runs in the last inning to battle newsmen from the St. Louis Newspaper Guild to a 15-15 tie in an exhibition game for charity and exercise.

The game was called at the end of seven innings because of general fatigue and for the purpose of permitting other teams to use the field.

The game, the third annual non-classic affair between the

two teams, had two starts. The first was rained out after two innings with the Guild team ahead 7 to 2. On the second start, three nights later, the women managed the tie.

Unchivalrous Guildsmen had been the victors over the nurses in the two previous contests, but unusual outfield play in this contest, most discreetly described as gentlemanly, enabled the girls to tie.

Observers at the game included the Mayor of St. Louis,

the hospital commissioner, and the director of public welfare. These personalities attempted to pitch, hit at and catch the first ball.

Also present were members of the Kutis girls team, champions in their class in St. Louis, who promptly issued a challenge to the Guild men to meet them on the same field on Sept. 7 for the sake of the same charity.

This—of all things—is the Psychiatric Aid Society of St. Louis.

Dipman Will Lead Panel At DC Meeting

San Diego—Al Dipman, 4th region vice president, will lead a round table discussion on what policies set forth at the ANG convention mean to the California-Nevada district council and its member locals at the quarterly meeting of the council in San Diego next month. The sessions will be held Sept. 1 and 2 in the U.S. Grant Hotel.

The council will draft its program for the new year, Frank McCulloch, of Reno, president, said. Discussion of organizing problems, reports from the leadership training conference at Madison and the CIO training conference at Asilomar also are on the agenda.

The San Diego Guild will entertain delegates at a cocktail party and buffet supper at Tijuana, Mexico.

Arranging the program are Jerry Fitz-Gerald, chairman; Bill Chance, Palmer Chase; Velda Stett, Jerry Brucker; Stan Griffin, Eve Kinney and Jim Montgomery.

Richmond Guild Gives Scholarship

Richmond — The Richmond Newspaper Guild memorial scholarship, in honor of two staff reporters killed during World War II, has been awarded this year to Charles E. Mahon, of Scituate, Mass., a student at the Richmond Professional Institute.

The scholarship is \$150 in cash, and is designed to "further journalistic excellence."

The award honors Deverton Carpenter and Wyatt Stanley Kennen.

New Labor Voice
Station KSJO, at San Jose, now includes a weekly review of labor news in its broadcasts.

FPC Laws at 20

Fair employment practices legislation is now on the books of twenty states.



Two new staffers at the INS bureau in San Francisco are John Anderson, from the U. of Me., and John Bush, Stanford U. It's a son for Worth Seymour, Marin County relief correspondent for the S.F. Examiner. And the stork delivered a girl for Bill Hendricks, regular Marin correspondent for the "Ex."...

Also at the S.F. Examiner, Joyce Norberg, credit dept., has married Stanley Ferreira. Marion Short, former secretary Elizabeth local, home on twenty-four day air trip to England, France, Italy and Switzerland. A boy, the second, for Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beale, Buffalo Evening News unit. Sidney Lee Harris Jr. is a new copy boy for the San Diego Union. A baby girl for Mrs. Frances Colandrea Seave, on leave from her post as dictation clerk at Buffalo Evening News. John Caldwell, former president of the Guild's California-Nevada district council and also former head of the Butte County Guild, now in Flagstaff, Ariz., as an international representative for the CIO Woodworkers Union. ...

POI Council Fixes Dates For Session

Akron — The Pennsylvania-Ohio-Indiana district council will meet at the Mayflower Hotel here on Saturday and Sunday, August 25-26, with Akron local as host.

Extension of Guild organization in the district area, particularly in local points partly organized, will mark the round table discussion on Saturday afternoon. William J. Farson, director of organization, will be the leader.

Job training projects under Guild auspices will also be a topic.

There will be an informal reception Saturday evening.

Frank J. Klein, Lima local president, taking to the highways after the Pittsburgh convention, clocked 4,051 miles. His vacation tour included the Yellowstone National Park and a 50-mile detour around the Kansas floods.

Display at department at the Lima News beautified by three new copy messengers, Carol Shafer, Donna McCoy and Sue Morrison. ... Also at the News, friends report that Michael Hirsch, veteran circulator, is making sure headway over recent serious illness. ...

Bud Bauman, Elizabeth Journal sports writer, stood treat after hitting the daily double at Moonmouth track. The two nags he picked netted him \$294. ...

A boy, the second, for Walt Partymiller, editorial cartoonist for York Gazette and Daily. ...

Several Brockton members touched by wanderlust. Odessa Bladreau, PBX operator, has moved to Seattle, Wash. ... Bob Lawson, circulation department, is off for California, and John Kansas, of the same department, has entered welfare work in nearby Stoughton. ... Dick Fencer and Russell Kahler have left for the armed services. ...

Wedding bells for two Brockton members. Jennie F. Guirra, social writer, is now Mrs. Edward W. Diegoli Jr., and Ray Richard, sports writer, took for his bride Mary-Elinor McKenney. ...

Unusual hobby of Monty Mulford, Buffalo, is collecting toy soldiers. Has some 30 regiments from all countries, accurately painted, and in some cases movable, and ranging in age to half a century. ...

Jim Higby, Tonawanda unit chairman of the Buffalo local, played the crook in "The Front Page," staged at Lake Shore Playhouse last week. Says it was mighty cramped inside that roll top desk. ...

New controller of the Time-Life-Fortune unit, NY Guild, is Katherine Kamill, Fortune writer. ... Her new assistant is Gabrielle Staub, Life reporter, and the unit's new PAC chairman is Sheila O'Brien, of the morgue. ...

Lose Election At Raleigh, New NC Local

Raleigh — The Guild has lost a consent election demanded by the liberal News and Observer a month after the union committee thought the paper had granted it recognition without an election.

The committee requested recognition in the news and editorial departments of the News and Observer, Fair Deal morning daily edited by Democratic National Committeeman Jonathan Daniels, on June 7. The committee left its meeting with General Manager Frank Daniels with the understanding that it had been granted, recognized, and Mr. Daniels and the committee agreed that contract proposals were to be submitted as soon as they could be prepared.

The proposals were submitted to Mr. Daniels two weeks later, just prior to the Pittsburgh convention, and at its post-convention meeting the IEB chartered a Raleigh local.

When it heard nothing from Mr. Daniels, the committee visited him again on July 6 to arrange the start of negotiations. Meanwhile, a movement to supplant the Guild with an "independent" committee had developed in the news room, and Mr. Daniels, instead of setting a date to start bargaining, demanded an election.

At that time, 17 of the 23

SFONG Stands Pat On Military Leave

San Francisco — The SFONG executive committee has notified publishers of the four dailies here it will stand firm on the principle of "man for man" replacements for Guild members on military leave.

Local officers insist the city-wide contract provides that an employee hired as a military

leave replacement must be designated specifically as replacing the individual on military leave.

Several violations of this contract provision have been reported.

Executive Secretary Bob Brown said some 35 SFONG members now are on military leave from their newspaper jobs.

Lippe Takes Cuban Post

Cleveland—Irvin S. Lippe, editor of Trainman News, weekly publication of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and a member of Cleveland Local of the Guild, has taken a leave of absence to become labor attaché in the US embassy at Havana, Cuba.

An Illinois University graduate, Lippe was a staffer on the Indianapolis Times before going into the trade union press field. He became the first editor of the Trainman News when that paper was established in 1947.

Lippe is a vice president of the eastern labor press conference and a director of Labor Press Association, of Washington.

After two months at the State Department foreign office in Washington, Lippe will assume his new post at Havana.

NLRB Rules on SFONG Vote

San Francisco—The NLRB has decided that the proposed Guild Shop election involving 1,200 members covered by the city-wide Guild contract should be held on the basis of one "unit."

The board has turned down a request by publishers that each of the four papers involved vote separately. Four dailies are affected—the Call-Bulletin, Chronicle, Examiner and News.

A Guild petition for such an election already has been filed with the board and plans for holding the election are being pushed, according to Bob Brown, executive-secretary of SFONG.

Denis Gets Cash Instead of Job

Paul Denis, ordered reinstated at the New York Post in a recent arbitration award won by the Guild, has accepted a cash settlement in lieu of reemployment.

The Post management was faced, as a result of the award, with the alternative of rehiring Denis, or dropping the replacement radio comment column written by Rex Lardner. It was the Guild's contention that the contract had been violated by the use of Lardner's copy, since Denis had rehired rights to the Post's radio columnist's job he once held.

At a conference attended by New York local officials and Post management, Denis declared he did not wish reemployment and would accept a cash settlement.

The terms, not disclosed, were said to be in excess of the amount ordered paid under the arbitration settlement.

Buffalo Votes POI Affiliation

Albany—The Buffalo Newspaper Guild has voted to affiliate with the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Indiana district council, and will send five delegates to the quarterly meeting at Akron next month.

The local is publishing a mimeographed periodical, under editorial guidance of Charles Perlik, Jr., and Murray Light.

The annual picnic will be held at suburban Chautauk Ridge, Sunday, Aug. 19. Joseph Korlewski heads the committee, which will furnish ice cream and drinks to augment the home-packed food baskets of members.

COST OF ACCIDENTS
Industrial accidents are costing about \$2,600 million a year.

Hospital at City of Hope Is Ultra-Modern Institution

Duarte, Calif.—When the 18th annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild at Pittsburgh adopted resolutions endorsing the City of Hope, comparatively few of the delegates were familiar with the work of this huge sanatorium and health center.

Facts are that its history goes back half a century to a time when it consisted of a couple of tents, ambitiously labeled the "Los Angeles Sanatorium," located in the back-country desert of southern California.

On that site today is rising what will be one of the largest institutions in the world, for the treatment of long-term illnesses like tuberculosis and cancer.

Already the postwar building program has resulted in medical clinics, hospitals and laboratories, models of their sort; a general library for patients, and a place of worship.

Unique is the policy of admission to all, regardless of financial status, creed, color, or race. It is this factor which has caused organized labor to contribute generously to this cause.

Patients now at the City of Hope include a Los Angeles Guildman and the wife of another member.

Toledo Local Picks Up Tab For Drinks, Coffee That Is

Toledo—"Coffee's free today... it's on the Guild," employees of The Blade and The Times were told when they visited the plant restaurant-lounge one day recently. An estimated 650 cups of java were served "free" in the cafeteria and in all departments visited by the coffee wagon.

The free coffee stunt—it cost less than \$50—is being considered as an annual event to

NLRB Rules Against Union Assessments

One more step in the steady march of the National Labor Relations Board toward hampering organized labor under the Taft-Hartley law has been taken in a ruling which cuts union assessment payments out of union shop requirements, as an element of good standing.

The act provides that under a union shop agreement members must remain in good standing in their union by keeping "periodic

11 Women in Congress
There are now 11 women in Congress, a new high figure. Latest is Mrs. Vera Buchanan, Pennsylvania widow of Rep. Frank Buchanan, a liberal.

Car Allowance Up
Albany—Hereafter state employees using their cars on official business will be allowed 8 cents per mile. The old rate was 7 cents.

A Working Reporter's Philosophy

I left the past to the historians, the future to the statesmen. As a working reporter it was my duty and my good luck to work in the present.

Utopia and Eternity I figured were swell for the Sunday supplement, but it's the spot news stories that sell the paper. My world was the four corners of the front page and my horizons were its headlines.

The foregoing are excerpts from the last letter Damon Runyon wrote to his long-time friend, E. T. Gleason, former managing editor of the Call-Bulletin in San Francisco.



BUILT WITH LABOR'S GIFTS—Here is the new Cancer Hospital building at the City of Hope, labor-supported medical institution in southern California. Long-term patients are admitted here without discrimination as to race, creed or financial status. ANG's Pittsburgh convention adopted resolutions endorsing the project and urging its support.

Buffalo Elects New Treasurer

Buffalo—William F. Thomas, Jr., has been elected treasurer of Buffalo local. He succeeds Leroy Smith, who has been recalled to the Air Force for active duty.

Three issues remaining unsettled after a wage-reopening series of negotiations between the American Newspaper Guild and management of International News Service and International News Photos will be submitted to arbitration.

The existing contracts provide that matters not settled by collective bargaining shall be arbitrated.

ANG has joined with management in asking the American Arbitration Association for appointment of a panel from which the parties may choose a chairman to head the arbitration group of five, two to represent each party.

His return made no change in management's previous stand.

For the Guild were present Dave Teitelbaum, New York INS; Phil Ruvo, New York INP; and Joseph G. Colangelo, ANG director for wire services.

Several non-dictator nations of South and Central America will have spokesmen at the meeting. The Guild adopted resolutions at Pittsburgh backing the proposal for such a federation.

Dr. Rubiera interested many at Pittsburgh with his description of the society he heads in Cuba.

Called the "Colegio Nacional de Periodistas," the Cuban counterpart of the American Newspaper Guild also holds much the same status as does a bar association in this country.

It is expected that Mexico and

Hearst Service Contracts Will Go to Arbitration

The unresolved matters are minimum wages, night and over-time differentials and a general increase.

Negotiations were to have ended July 21, but a continuation was agreed to, to permit Hearst management's chief spokesman, Edward M. Grundy, business manager of King Features Syndicate, to return from vacation.

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Ralph B. Novak, ANG secretary-treasurer, leaves for Havana, Cuba, next week to attend a conference of newspaper union representatives from both North and South America, looking toward establishment of a hemispheric federation of "free journalist" organizations.

The Guild was invited at the Pittsburgh convention to send delegates to the Havana session, by Dr. Guillermo Rubiera, president of the Cuban counterpart of the American Newspaper Guild also holds much the same status as does a bar association in this country.

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Printers Tally Seventeenth Month In Strike Against Ohio Publisher

Lorain—The printers' strike against Publisher Sam Horvitz's Lorain Journal, started seventeen months ago over the management's refusal to negotiate on the matter of teletype jurisdiction, as well as wages and working conditions, is stretching into one of the ITU's longest-duration jobs of picketing.

Of the 15 men who formed the first picket line in February, 1950, eight are still taking their daily turns on the line.

Using teletype machines and scab labor, Horvitz maintains publication, even in a city as strongly unionized as this one.

It was just over two years ago that the printers tried to reach agreement over a new contract. After six months of refusal from Horvitz, they began the march that still continues.

Horvitz has other troubles, however, besides his tilt against organized labor.

He was found guilty last year of violating the anti-trust laws, by refusing to run Lorain merchants' advertising copy if they

also advertised in the Lorain Sunday News or used commercials on the city's radio station. That is under appeal, and slated to be heard by the US Supreme Court this fall.

In that case, the US justice department filed similar charges against Horvitz at his Mansfield, O. News-Journal.

The Guild has voted to approve the terms.

The new minimum is increased in the reporter classification from \$94.25 to \$98.90, reached after five years.

March 2 was the wage-reopening date under the contract.

Dr. Kleinsorge headed a five-man panel. The management members dissented on the retroactivity point, while Guild representatives held out for a higher percentage.

3rd Wage Boost Via Escalator At Lima News

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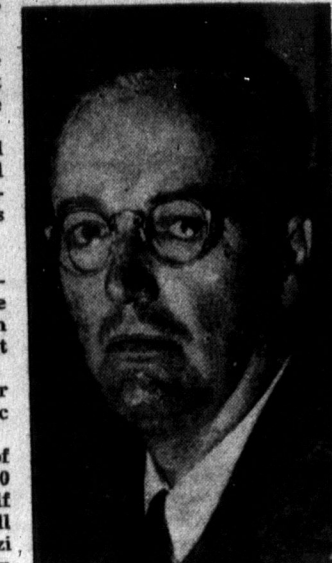
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O.C. "WADE" WERNER
28 years with AP

continue on the AP payroll, despite Wade's retirement.

His son, Cal, now an AP staffer, covers the federal and state beat in San Francisco.

MORE REACH 65 NOW
In 1900 only one person out of 25 in the U.S. was 65 or older; today it is one in 13.

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WHY LABOR DEMANDS EQUAL VOICE

Oregon Senator Discusses Mobilization's Right Arm

By
SENATOR WAYNE L. MORSE
in Liberty Magazine

The cement of our free society is voluntary agreement. We pride ourselves on the fact that the willingness of skilled labor to give its finest, most precise work, does not come from fear of the police, or because loved ones are being held hostages, or because starvation is the prod. Millions of American workers give their best because they have selected their particular job—and may quit it at will—and because they enjoy the benefits of their labors through higher living standards and greater leisure.

Our mobilization program must be based on the proper use of our great system of economic freedom if the fighting men and the country as a whole are to receive the weapons which are needed to defeat Stalin that he has everything to lose by continuing his aggressive threats against the free way of life.

The genius of American production does not rest in the hands of an exclusive circle of managers and directors.

It can be found on the assembly line, in the drafting room, in a union hall—in a shipping clerk as well as the company president.

To mobilize our industry means to mobilize in such a way as to preserve the full values of all of it, and not allow any segment to dominate or suppress the other.

Mobilization must mean a jockeying around for special advantages on the part of either industry or labor.

To accomplish the essential goal of economic mobilization, management and labor must stop dealing with each other at arm's length and must join hands in good faith and understanding of each other's obligations, rights and duties.

The walkout of labor earlier this year from the program and organization of the Wage Stabilization Board cannot be dismissed with the prejudiced statement made by so many that "labor quit because it could not have its way."

A careful examination of the facts in that dispute between labor and government will convince any fair-minded person that labor walked out not because it could not have its way, but because it was denied a fair voice regarding its part in the defense mobilization program.

It asked for a voting voice in the determination not only of wage policies, but those of labor-management generally which were to be applied in national production.

Labor asked for a voting voice for management and the public, too.

It refused to accept the highly political excuse that the officials in charge of the government's program were sufficiently impartial and objective in their points of view to enable them to render decisions without the well-proven three-way system of administration which was developed so effectively and successfully during World War II—a system which included industry, labor and the public.

Labor did not walk out of the program summarily or impulsively. It pleaded with the administration to take stock of the situation and to give heed to the criticism that all top positions in administrative control of the economic mobilization program had gone to industrialists or men without any labor background.

Wayne Morse, Republican Senator from Oregon since 1944, was called into government service from a law professorship at the University of Oregon in 1941. Roosevelt named him chairman of the President's railway emergency board, and a year later Morse became a public member of the War Labor Board, serving three years. He is now in his second term as US Senator.

Not only was precious time lost by this unfortunate conveyance over giving labor voting representation, but unnecessary ill-will was engendered between the leaders of labor, management, and government. The controversy threatened to degenerate into a quarrel over personalities. As so often happens, charges and counter-charges of bad faith filled the newspapers and radio.

Labor took stock of the fact that unless the government's token seizure of the railroads, the Administration had placed in charge of the operation a group of railroad presidents who themselves were involved in the dispute in the first instance. Labor took note of the fact that not a single official of the railroad brotherhood was asked to accept a position in the administration of the railroads by the government.

Furthermore, labor had been uneasy over the fact that some of the men appointed to high administrative positions in the economic mobilization program have proven on more than one occasion that they are unfriendly to many of the legitimate interests and rights of organized labor.

Therefore, it should have been no surprise either to the Administration or the public that labor would not accept such discrimination without protest.

Fortunately, wiser heads within both the administration and industry counseled against the "big stick" method of mobilizing labor for the defense effort. As a result steps were taken which lead to the action of April 17, 1951. The President, once he became aware of all the facts and in keeping with his oft-demonstrated desire to play fair with labor, management and the public in handling emergency labor problems, gave his full backing to the tested formula.

On April 17 the Mobilization Policy Advisory Board recommended to the President that he reconstitute the Wage Stabilization Board. Representatives of industry, labor and the public were appointed to this agency with limited authority over labor disputes arising in defense plants.

This was a significant step toward bringing together the economic forces of this country whose joint teamwork is so essential if we are to produce enough while our boys are buying time in Korea at such ghastly cost to meet the Russian threat.

It is true that the representatives of management opposed this step.

It is also note-worthy that after filing their dissent, the industrialist members have co-operated in good faith to date in trying to perfect the administrative machinery and procedure necessary for implementing the program. Much still remains to be done and many barriers including some political, as well as economic, must be hurdled before industrial relations have been mobilized for the defense effort into a pattern of labor, management and government behavior which fulfills our national requirements.

However, much more needs to be done before all the knicks are eliminated from the economic motor of the country and it starts purring on all cylinders on production for defense.

A greater number of responsible labor spokesmen from the ranks of labor leadership need to be brought into top positions of the economic mobilization program along with comparable industrial spokesmen from American industry. All groups in our country including labor and management must recognize that to resort to economic force, be it strike on the part of labor or various forms of production strikes and slowdowns on the part of industry, must be considered out for the duration of the emergency.

It must be recognized that the resort to economic action by either labor or management constitutes only a relative right and not an absolute right even in time of peace, to say nothing about their non-existence as rights when the security of the nation is threatened as it is now.

The public has the responsibility of seeing to it through its government that fair, just and expeditious procedures are set up at once for the immediate settlement of controversies as they are bound to arise from time to time between labor and management.

They are bound to arise as we discovered in World War I when it became necessary to create the War Labor Board of that war under the able chairmanship of the great ex-President Howard Taft, and again in World War II when we created the second War Labor Board, this time tri-partite in nature, with labor, management and the public having a voting voice on policy and the settlement of disputes.

The War Labor Board of the second war under the chairmanship of William H. Davis and vice chairman George Taylor (now the chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board) made a splendid record which has yet to be equaled. The work of the War Labor Board in World War II was outstanding because of the fact that direct responsibility was placed upon the leaders

Mackinnon, Co-Defendant In Guild's Libel Suit, Dies in California

San Diego—Eugene MacKinnon, general manager of the Salt Lake Tribune and Telegram, died late Wednesday night at the Scripps Hospital in nearby La Jolla, of a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was stricken while at the beach during the afternoon, and did not regain consciousness. He had come here for treatment of a sinus ailment.

With the Salt Lake Tribune Publishing Co., he was a defendant in a libel suit for \$250,000 brought last April by ANG Secretary-Treasurer Ralph B. Novak in behalf of the Guild. The action is still pending in the US district court of Utah.

Early this year editorial and circulation department employees at Salt Lake won a representative election conducted by the NLRB and the Guild was named as bargaining agent.

April 1 a charter presentation dinner was arranged, with Novak as a speaker. City commissioners among other prominent Salt Lake people were invited. MacKinnon sent letters to some of the officials which averred that the Guild is "a commie - controlled organiza-

tion." MacKinnon expressed surprise that the officials would "lend support" to the local movement.

In filing suit, Novak entered a blanket denial that the Guild is either controlled by communists or sympathetic to their cause. Since 1947 all ANG officers have filed and renewed non-communist affidavits under the provisions of the labor law.

MacKinnon was 53 years old, a native of Helena, Montana, where he entered newspaper work as a reporter.

For a number of years prior to 1941 he was chairman of the special standing committee of the American newspaper publishers association, which dealt with labor relations.

Ten years ago he went to Philadelphia to become manager of the city publishers association, and in 1944 was named a special executive with the Philadelphia Bulletin. He has been in Salt Lake City since 1947.

Negotiations for a contract are under way, and were expected to have been resumed early next week on MacKinnon's return from the coast.

War Labor Board type of procedure for handling of disputes during the defense program are engaged in a subterfuge attempt to destroy the Taft-Hartley Act.

Nothing could be farther from the truth, and this is an old bewhiskered argument. The people of America need to face the fact that economic unity so needed for all-out production requires full and equal participation by labor along with management. Let us be realistic—to withhold from 40 million American workers their proper role is to enter mortal combat with our right arm tied behind our back.

The primary reason for the high degree of industrial stability that prevailed throughout World War II which resulted so successfully in providing our men on the fighting fronts with a great superiority of arms over our enemies was the fact that the government provided management and labor with a fair and effective substitute for economic force in the settlement of their differences, namely, a tribunal which in its various departments, both regional and at the Washington level, not only provided management and labor with fair procedures for settling their controversies, but made them active participants in formulating and administering those procedures and decisions which result therefrom.

Must be hurried is the barrier of politics in the United States. Views in Congress are being heard these days arguing in effect that labor has no rights to strike and that it must work for such wages, hours and conditions of employment as industry-minded government officials in the administration dictate.

These politicians, many of them representing economic forces unfriendly to labor and others representing political forces who seem to place the next election above the immediate defense needs of their country, take the position that the only procedure which should be available for labor in the settlement of disputes which may arise in defense plants is the long-drawn-out dilatory procedure of court action.

It is said by these politicians that those of us who are urging a

News Unit Sets \$138 Wage Goal

Proposals for a 15 percent general increase, to be applied to minimum pay in all job categories, have gone from the New York local to the Daily News management.

The contract provides for reopening on wages and general increases tomorrow. The Guild bent the deadline because of vacation plans of the management negotiators, but came to an understanding that although the proposals are submitted now, actual negotiations will begin after Labor Day.

If no agreement is reached by October 11, the parties may resort to arbitration.

The 15 percent proposal is in line with the policy findings of the Pittsburgh convention, in that it would mean a top minimum for newsmen of \$138. The figure is now \$120.

British Press To View US

London—Seventeen executives and employees of British newspapers will arrive in the US next month as a labor-management team to study production methods in the US newspaper industry.

The trip is arranged by the Economic Cooperation Administration, and ECA officials at the US will meet the team and direct its itinerary, which will include large and small newspaper plants throughout the east and mid-west.

The purpose is to pick up techniques which may be adapted for use in the United Kingdom's daily press field, and the plan calls for the team to spend a full day in an American plant and use the following day to draft reports after discussion on the previous day's impressions.

Included among the employee half of the team is a former president of the National Union of Journalists, two other editorial employees, one of them a wire service man, and representatives of all mechanical crafts employed in the British industry.

Greek Meets Greek

Buffalo—Negotiations for a new agreement between the Buffalo Guild and the CIO Council, with which it is affiliated, have been opened, with Ernest Gross and Herbert Crispell as spokesmen for the Guild.

Across the table for management is Tom Rose, former local president, whose promotion to the post of general manager took him out of Guild jurisdiction and membership. He holds an honorable withdrawal card.

A PROFESSOR VIEWS OUR SHRINKING INDUSTRY

Writer Says "Pall of Orthodoxy" Muffles Public Discussion

In America's 25 largest cities, the number of daily newspapers has dropped from 126 to 86 in the last 30 years, while the circulation in the same period has climbed from 14,400,000 to 29,300,000. The population of these cities has risen only from 20,700,000 to 29,300,000 in those three decades.

These statistics are cited by Alfred McClung Lee, of the Brooklyn College faculty, in a study in The Nation, sparking the extinction of the St. Louis Star-Times in June.

Ownership of the dailies in the 25 largest cities rest in the hands of but forty-five corporations, seven less than in 1945, Prof. Lee points out, adding that "upon the judgment of 45 like-minded corporation presidents now depend the major policies of the daily papers purchased by 49.1 percent of American newspaper subscribers."

Prof. Lee sees as the cause of fewer and bigger papers, not the stock excuse of the present inflationary spiral, nor the equally favorite targets of organized labor and the federal government.

It is, he says, part of a general trend, evident since 1910, toward local monopolies in communications, now led by the press-radio-television combinations.

And he says, the trend extends the "pall of orthodoxy" that now muffles much public discussion in the US. "Voices that contradict the ritual of praise and blame . . . become rarer and weaker," he observes. "Radical views are expressed less frequently by politicians. The teacher of controversial ideas comes more frequently under fire. The liberal preacher is in less demand. And the few liberal newspapers left emphasize by their comparative uniqueness the dull uniformity of the average."

The situation prevents a critical examination of what most needs to be critically examined—what "everyone knows," he continues.

"Everyone knew," for example, that Dewey would be elected in 1948, yet Truman won. "An all-pervasive orthodoxy" characterized public discussion during that campaign, says Lee. The improbability that the pollsters could be wrong certified the prejudices of reporters, editorial writers and commentators, and minimized debate.

The public significance in the shrinkage of and uniformity in the daily press is that there is

less and less access to facts that are disturbing to vested authority, the professor declares.

Without access to the facts, on one hand, and an audience on the other, unorthodox voices grow faint and unconvincing. What must be found is accurate news on perversions of public trust and manipulations of public and private power for antisocial ends, Lee declares.

We must find new ways to

learn what is actually happening in the major local, national and international power struggles.

Trade labor union papers, he says, can help, but are handicapped by "pressure to fight for immediate organizational imperatives."

The basis on which a solution can be found, he concludes, is the realization that in the field of mass communications monopoly breeds orthodoxy.

San Diego—William Chance, San Diego Guild board member and vice president of the California-Nevada district council, has been named to the San Diego

area labor-management defense manpower committee by Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin. The committee has seven labor and seven management members.

Chance, a Guild member since the early '30's, has been makeup editor for the Evening Tribune since 1949. He became a Guildman after interviewing Heywood Brown for the Washington Star.

Last spring Chance organized the "watch-dog committee," from various unions at the Union-Tribune Publishing Company following a strike vote by the Guild. The action ultimately won all employees a 10 percent pay raise and numerous fringe benefits.

Chance began newspaper work in 1928 with United Press in Washington. Besides the Star, he has worked on the staffs of the old Washington Herald, the Minneapolis Journal, St. Paul Daily News, Chicago Times and Chicago Herald-American. He helped with the organization program on the Chicago Daily News.

San Mateo Hits \$100 Pay Level

San Francisco—A \$100 top minimum after six years has been negotiated by SPONG for nine editorial workers at the suburban San Mateo Times.

The wage book, retroactive to April 27, raises the top minimum \$4.50, under terms of an interim contract opening. The agreement expires May 15, 1952.

Starting editorial rate was raised to \$43.50. Society editor, after a year's experience, went up to \$53.50, while the top for library workers was increased to \$46.50.

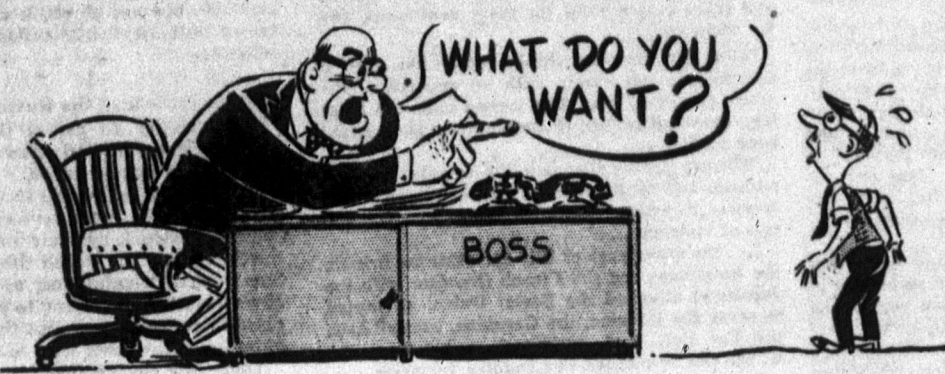
The Guild contract covers only editorial employees.

Buffalo Advises On News Policy

Buffalo—The Buffalo Guild local has gone on record as opposing a closed-door news policy for the Greater Buffalo CIO Council, with which it is affiliated.

The council barred press coverage of its last meeting, when council members were discussing a motion to censure the council president and secretary, Hugh Thompson and James J. Miller.

Thompson and Miller had appeared publicly in Washington with Rep. William Miller. This aroused the ire of members of the UAW local, many of whom had been prosecuted by Rep. Miller following a Bell Aircraft strike at Niagara Falls, when Miller was district attorney there. The local introduced the censure motion.



Your boss may be a swell guy. But he's a busy man and he's got problems.

So it's no wonder that he can't give you much attention, standing there all by yourself, as you want to tackle him about a pay raise, or better hours, or maybe a vacation such as newspaper workers get under a Guild contract.

You can be sure that your boss would pay attention if all the people in your department, and the folks on the next floor, went up to him to talk about pay raises and job security and vacations.

That's where collective bargaining comes in. Collective bargaining consists of all the workers talking to the boss at once through their union.

When all the workers organize and send in a committee to see the boss, he will listen, even though he may not have time to listen to one lone worker.

Collective bargaining is working together to produce results. That's what labor unions are for.



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AS SUCCESSOR to Bill Bade in this corner, your new editor joins with those throughout the Guild who grieve to see him go, while wishing him the best in his new job.

There remains one pleasant chore in connection with his going, which will be tackled forthwith. It consists in overruling Bill on certain editorial prerogatives which he had lately exercised. Perhaps properly enough from his standpoint, he failed to include some items in the record.

But to make that record complete, here they are.

Item One. When the IEB meeting at Pittsburgh received Bade's resignation, a committee was named which drafted resolutions. No phrase of the result seeped into The Guild Reporter. This is what the IEB said:

"The International Executive Board accepts with regret the proffered resignation of Brother Wilbur Bade as editor of The Guild Reporter, to permit him to accept the post of executive secretary to the Twin Cities Local.

"The Board notes formally his record of achievement and devotion to duty during his six and one-half year tenure as editor of The Guild Reporter and acknowledges publicly his unselfish contribution to the progress of the American Newspaper Guild.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the International Executive Board of the American Newspaper Guild commends Brother Bade for his devotion, initiative, industry and accomplishment and sends with him to his new duties the sincere admiration and respect of the IEB for a job well done."

Item Two. Again at Pittsburgh, the ANG staff, marking Bill's resignation and the upcoming departure of Executive Vice President Sam Eubanks, had a dinner session in their honor, with suitable presentations. No story appeared in The Guild Reporter.

Item Three. Bade quashed, strenuously, a proposal that the convention itself adopt a resolution

in appreciation of his services. The only convention comment came in a report from the committee on education and public relations, a single paragraph which expressed thanks for "the capable and efficient manner" in which he served. That one got into print, since full texts are always used on committee reports.

It should be noted here, that although Bade was successful in keeping a resolution concerning himself off the floor, he was personally responsible for seeing that the convention resolution marking Eubank's five terms was drafted and presented, as a special order of business. The Guild Reporter account gave credit to the Twin Cities local, from which Bade was a delegate.

And one last matter, failure to mention which cannot be laid at Bade's door, is that after the July 27 issue of the Guild Reporter had been put to bed, the office staff at ANG headquarters set up refreshments for a party in his honor, again with going-away gifts.

BADE'S DEPARTURE from this sanctum means the disappearance of the standing head which for years marked the top of this column. Bill held an unofficial copyright to the title "Caught on the Run," and the new editor respects the sanctity thereof.

Perhaps not all GR readers know that when Bill left, he also took with him two staff assistants. They are Hemlock Peterson and Sandpit X. Hennessey, wholly mythical creatures of Bade's imagination, although what purported to be a rear-view portrait of the former, in colors, decorated the office walls here.

Peterson was frequently called on for observations on matters of state, Guildwise, and in a shrewdly rustic way put a gnarled finger on many a flaw in many a situation.

Hennessey, who was careful to explain that his middle initial stood for Xenophon and that he was from the north of Ireland, had a wider range of knowledge and views, and a loquacity which demanded stern down-editing.

Both were, beyond cavil, stout trade union characters, and like their creator will be sorely missed hereabouts.

OATIS CASE KEPT ALIVE

Thanks largely to Scripps Howard newspapers, which have taken on the case in a crusading spirit, the issue of the communist imprisonment of AP Correspondent William Oatis in Czechoslovakia has been sustained at a boiling point for

more than a month.

That chain's Washington crew has been leading in a fight to have governmental agencies move for release of the American, jailed for having followed US-approved practices of alert journalism.

Washington ROUNDUP

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WASHINGTON'S toughest guessing game is on again with the publication of the two lengthy Soviet statements to Messrs. Morrison and Truman. Without benefit of a single aide memoire from the State Department, I'd like to toss out my reaction.

What do these several thousands of words mean, words doubtlessly well copy-read by Uncle Joe himself after being drafted by a Politburo editorial conference?

"... there exist in some states forces which are striving to unleash a new world war in which the circles in question see the source of their own enrichment...."

"Why does it (the British Labor government) not ban war propaganda in Britain?"

"... British workers still suffer from exploitation by the capitalists...."

"All these criminals, from the landlords and capitalists down to the terrorist thieves, assassins and subversive agents, are out to restore capitalism in the USSR, to restore the exploitation of man by man and to drench the country in the blood of the workers and farmers. The prisons and labor camps exist for these gentlemen, and for them only...."

"Does Mr. Morrison think that for the sake of a dubitable rigamarole with an opposition, the wheel of history should be turned back and these long deceased parties (Mensheviks et al) brought back to life?..."

"History proves that it is the enemies of communism and all kinds of agents of foreign secret services that practice the method of violence and acts of violence...."

"... the experience of 1919-20, when the British, the Americans and the French (together with the Japanese) attacked the Soviet Union, attempted to sever the Ukraine, the Caucasus, central Asia, the Far East, and Aichangel region from the USSR and tormented our country for years...."

"The Government of the United States of America came forth as the initiator of the establishment of the North Atlantic military union directed, it is clear, against the USSR. It has established a wide network of military bases on foreign territory near the frontiers of the USSR and in infringement of obligations taken upon itself, is putting into effect the remilitarization of Western Germany and is re-establishing Japanese militarism. At the same time there is being implemented in the United States of America a gigantic armament race."

THESE paragraphs are pretty much the guts of the Soviet line. To me, if I may be bold (or brave) enough to admit having a volume of the Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist gospel on my bookshelf, they add up to doctrinaire communism. They say that the men in the Kremlin are going by the book, just as Hitler wrote it all out for us to read, if most of us only would have done so.

They say that Stalin & Co. believe that the first communist state must live in mortal fear of attack from capitalist nations, that the violence is always started by the capitalists, that socialism (despite what a lot of Americans think) is only a form of capitalism, that the capitalist world is at this very minute leaguering together in the North Atlantic Pact to attack Russia.

Now, most of us believe all this is nonsense. We

"Non-Union Dues" Are \$15 Per Week

Washington — The American white collar worker who thinks belonging to a union is "beneath him" is losing \$15 a week through that mistaken notion.

That was implicit in figures given here by Secretary of Labor Tobin in speaking to the AFL retail clerks convention.

Tobin said that the 13 million largely unorganized white collar workers in this country average \$48.95 in weekly earnings. The "socially inferior" factory worker averages \$15 a week more, he added.

"A lot of white collar workers are 'snobbish' about belonging to unions," Tobin declared, in urging that full-scale organization work be carried on among them, for their own good and the good of the country.

Unionism, Tobin added, would make them better Americans "by giving them a democratic voice in their efforts" to im-

know, of course, that the North Atlantic Pact is a "defense" pact in the sense that it is an effort to be forearmed against possible Soviet aggression. And we know that a lot of Americans have been talking loudly about "let's lick 'em now" and why not drop an A-bomb on Moscow.

But we have come to accept the right of such talk as part of democracy and I think most Americans feel deep down inside that it would be morally wrong to drop the first A-bomb in any war with Russia, despite some recent attempts to moralize it the other way.

All our talk, including the MacArthur rumpus and the McCarthy-McCarran goings on, certainly give the Soviet intelligence agents in this country some juicy tidbits to send home. If the Kremlin believes the classical theory about capitalism attacking communism, then the Politburo certainly must be in a "so there" frame of mind as each new item comes in.

It's been fashionable hereabouts lately to say that the Soviets are acting like Russians of the Czarist days more than like classical communists. There is some evidence to support deviations from the line by the Politburo itself. But, to me, that is only evidence of following the line itself. For communism, unlike nazism, permits of zigzags and zags, of ebbs and flows, because, they say, capitalism will inevitably collapse of its own inner rottenness.

MY worst fear of the Russians is that they have no ability to assess the intelligence they gather and the record shows they know how to gather by hook and crook.

I was mixed up during the last war with trying to figure out the Japanese on our behalf and I was constantly struck by their inability to understand the facts about us which they had at hand. The Soviets are Oriental, too, as well as doctrinaire. If we have trouble trying to put ourselves in their place in order to dope out their thinking, it goes quintuplets the other way round.

There is a chance that some day, if McCarthyism eats too deeply into our fabric, a war party could push us into an overt act. But the danger of such an act on the other side, an act conceived in blind belief that the capitalists were about to attack, is, to me, the real worry.

We Americans like things tidy, like a well-kept front lawn. To most of us, consequently, this current untidy state of world affairs is damned disconcerting. We want blacks and whites but mostly we see gray.

The current set of Soviet statements, then, offers nothing in the way of hope for anything but more untidiness, more gray, or, if you will, more cold war.

Some day, when there is historical perspective on these years, I feel sure two things will stand out: that Roosevelt's effort to find a way to live in the same world with the Soviets was an act of great morality no matter how miserably it failed, and that Truman's putting us in the Korean war was the beginning of some sort of collective activity which holds the only hope of eventual world peace.

Meantime, I guess, we've just got to learn to settle down to living in a world of uncertainty, speaking softly but carrying a big stick. The American democracy has had to adjust to a lot of things. If it can make this adjustment and survive, God willing, then there may some day be a light at the end of the long gray corridor.

prove wages and working conditions.

"For a man who thinks that unions are only for factory employees," he said, "the white collar isn't a badge of distinction. It's a yoke."

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Civic Rights Committee

NY City CIO Council has named a permanent committee on human relations. It will deal with problems of discrimination in housing, employment, education and public service.