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Still Shrinking, Says BLS Index

The Guild's \$100 wage program, which at convention time in June required \$138.40 in terms of comparable current purchasing power, now requires \$139.20 as a result of the continuing rise in living costs. The base goal of \$50 for the lowest adult classification goes to \$69.60.

The increase is indicated by the continuing hike in the BLS consumers' price index which remained at its all-time peak in August, standing at 185.6 in the old series, and 185.5 in the revised report.

Since last January prices, as measured by the index, have gone up 2.2 percent on both indexes. Since June of 1950—the last month before Korea—the two indexes have gone up 9 percent.

The latest index figures show the old index one tenth of 1 percent lower than the peak of 185.8 reached in July, while the revised index remained unchanged. The slight August dip in the old series is the first drop since that index began shooting to successive monthly peaks in February 1950. The new index recorded a similar dip in June, but resumed climbing the next month.

Vail Transcript to Voters—

Guild Wins 1, Loses 1 in Tie Vote In Face of Vicious Smear Tactics

Columbia, S. C.—Following a bold anti-union campaign culminating in the distribution of photostatic copies of a vicious attack made upon the Guild under cover of Congressional immunity by Rep. Richard B. Vail (R., Ill.), the Guild won one election here and lost another by a tie vote.

News and proof room employees of the afternoon Record, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the morning State, voted 13-2 for the Guild; in the same departments of the State itself the vote was 10-10, with one abstention.

Despite the tie vote, the Guild failed to demonstrate that a majority of State employees wanted it to represent them and so lost the election. Under NLRB procedure, no run-off is allowed.

The Guild in all likelihood would have won the State election by one vote had not one of its members quit the paper the week before the election to return to college.

The distribution of copies of Rep. Vail's speech was the climax of an unscrupulous last-minute campaign against the Guild in which executives of the two papers, with the advice of out-of-state counsel:

- Visited individual employees at their homes in an effort to get them to vote against the Guild.
- Distributed slips comparing current salaries with Guild minimums in Greensboro and Jacksonville—slips which carefully omitted any reference to the fact that the local salaries included overtime averaging 10 to 15 hours a week.

- Raised false questions of communism, sex, religion, and, as a last resort, race.

Rep. Vail's speech was made on the floor of the House when he introduced his bill which would require the labeling of all stories written by Guild members. That bill, like an earlier Vail proposal to deny the Guild the facilities of the NLRB, lies buried in committee.

Copies of the speech were accompanied by a personal letter from J. M. Blalock, president of both papers, urging a vote against the Guild and concluding with a reference to the biblical story of

the man who sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

Rep. Vail's speech was introduced with this comment:

"Before you cast your ballot in Wednesday's important election, you owe it to yourself to be as fully informed as possible. With that thought in mind, we have had made the attached photostatic copy of a revealing speech printed in the Congressional Record on August 16, 1951. We give it to you without comment and hope that you will read and consider the paragraphs which have been marked."

And at its end, was this question:

"After you have read this . . . is it really what you want?"

The manner and purpose of Rep. Vail's speech are set forth (Continued on Page Six)

Canadian Press Haled Into Court by Guild

Toronto—The Guild this week filed formal charges of federal labor code violations against the Canadian Press, national wire service. The action was initiated in magistrates court here.

The Guild is charging the CP and its radio subsidiary, Press News, with refusal to bargain. An additional charge against CP only is interference with the Guild through refusal to let Guild members work in the parliamentary press gallery.

Under Canadian law, the Guild had to secure "leave to prosecute" from the Canadian minister of labor before the court action could be filed. This leave was granted Aug. 23.

The proceeding is the climax of the Guild's 17-month battle with the news service for a contract. Negotiations have been carried on ever since the Guild was certified as collective bargaining agent following systematic elections in editorial departments of the two units. Man-

agement consistently refused to bargain in good faith for a contract, and did its best to wreck the Guild.

The CP's bargaining tactics were scored last February by a conciliation board appointed by the labor minister.

The board found that employees were confronted with a "take it or leave it" attitude by CP which put management in the position of being virtually the sole judge of all conditions of employment.

Meanwhile the Canadian Congress of Labor at its convention sharply criticized the CP's "union-busting" tactics, while in Ottawa the Canada Labor Relations Board went through the motions of hearing a group of "senior employees" ask for Guild decertification and insist that management knew nothing of this maneuver.

(Detailed stories on the CCL convention and the Ottawa hearing will be found on page 2.)

L.A. Guild Saves 20 Jobs In New News Firing Wave

Los Angeles — After nearly three weeks of intensive negotiations, the Guild has saved 20 of 53 jobs slated to be abolished on the Los Angeles Daily News.

Guild efforts to pare the dismissal list which will become effective Oct. 1, are continuing. Jobs of 11 circulation men and nine janitors have been saved. Jobs to be dropped in the Guild's jurisdiction are 10 in editorial, 22 in circulation, and one clerk.

Management originally insisted that to stay in business it must slash its expenses by \$225,000 a year, \$175,000 in Guild departments and \$50,000 from the executive payroll. Associate Publisher Robert Smith announced those plans on Sept. 10.

Last year the Daily News dropped three editions and 100 employees, many of them in the Guild's jurisdiction, and in recent months a number of positions in the mechanical departments were abolished with the closing of a branch plant.

The 11 circulation jobs were saved in a compromise whereby the Guild agreed to elimination of guaranteed overtime work on the sixth day for a sizable group

in the department. This sixth-day guarantee had been included in the Guild contract for years. With all jobs going on a five-day basis, the 11 circulation men will operate as swing men with a

representation rights and the men remained at work.

The other 33 employees will receive severance pay, in accordance with contract provisions. Strict departmental seniority was applied in selecting employees for dismissal.

When management first informed the Guild that the reduction in force was planned, the unit passed a resolution expressing its willingness to cooperate on measures necessary to the welfare of the paper. It insisted, however, that a Guild committee be given fully certified financial data.

The local appointed a special conference committee headed by George Meenes, local vice president and News unit shop steward, to meet with management on the problem.

The News, with a circulation of 224,239, has been rumored to be in trouble for several months. Time magazine reported last week that the paper already had lost \$250,000 this year, although Editor & Publisher quoted a management spokesman as saying that the News "very definitely will begin running a deficit if something isn't done."

This spokesman also told the publishers' magazine that the paper is operating with the help of a large loan, and for further financing needed to continue to meet its budget.

The recent \$10 a ton increase in newsprint prices immediately threw the budget off schedule and made some economies necessary. E & P reported.

Time also reported that during the past three years the News had gained 7 percent in advertising, but had dropped 24 percent in circulation.

Both magazines indicated that the other Los Angeles dailies, with the exception of the wealthy Times, were having rough sledding. Editor & Publisher reported that the Examiner also was reducing its staff.

While the special conference committee was dealing with the staff reduction emergency at the News, contract negotiations were in recess. The last contract expired in May, and negotiations for a renewal had been in progress for six months.

Hearst Memorandum Negotiations Will Commence Nov. 13

Negotiations for renewal of the Hearst National Memorandum will start Nov. 13 in New York, according to Ralph B. Novak, secretary-treasurer.

In accordance with convention mandates and past practice, a rank-and-file committee of five Hearst unit members will represent the Guild, along with the ANG officers. This committee, with two each from east and west-coast units, and one from the midwest, is in the process of selection, Novak said.

As has been the case in past negotiations, locals will be free to send additional observers at the local's expense, he added. ANG pays the expenses for the official committee.

The Hearst Memorandum covers provisions for union and job security, grievance procedure, severance pay, sick leave, military service and other general conditions in 11 local contracts with Hearst newspapers. It has been negotiated every two years since 1941.

10c IN L.A.

The 10-cent daily has become a fact in Los Angeles. The Hearst Examiner announced this week that it was going from 7 cents to 10 cents starting Oct. 1.

A similar announcement by the Times followed almost immediately with the Hearst Herald & Express also reported planning to announce the increase shortly. Plans of the News are uncertain, while the Mirror is expected to go from 5 cents to 7 cents. The Times' announcement blamed the latest newsprint price increase for the move.

Similar increases are expected in other west-coast cities where papers currently also sell for 7 cents.

Rumors of west coast publishers' intentions to go to a dime have been current for some time, and were first reported in the Guild Reporter of Aug. 24.

minimum guarantee of \$100 per week and commissions.

The janitors have been retained for the second time. Last spring management announced it was eliminating the department and sub-contracting the work, but an arbitrator held the move a violation of the Guild's

Bigger Profits Kill Newspaper, 65 Lose Jobs

Houston—Another paper which was making money has been folded for greater profit of the chain producing it. The Houston edition of the Triangle Publications Daily Racing Form will close up Oct. 5.

A total of 65 employees will lose their jobs, 12 of them in the editorial department where the Guild has had a contract for several years.

Management's announcement of the closing, which came without warning, declared that it would be "more economical" to fly copies of the Los Angeles and Chicago editions into Houston.

For once management did not blame the closing on the unions.

"You people had nothing to do with this," Houston general manager E. G. Cloud told a Guild committee. "We just think we can operate more economically this way."

Guild spokesmen insisted that as far as the local edition was concerned, it was not a question of losing money but one of making more money since the paper consistently had shown a profit.

While the announcement was made locally, it appeared obvious that the closing was a chain decision, setting off rumors that other smaller editions also may be eliminated. Triangle Publications, which also owns the Philadelphia Inquirer, publishes racing papers in New York, Cincinnati, Toronto, Los Angeles, Miami, Seattle, and Chicago. The Guild has contracts with the first four.

Lens-Shy Family Team Roughs Up Pawtucket Foto

Pawtucket—To M. Earl Dumin, Pawtucket Guildman and Times photographer, father-son foot races were a familiar and pretty tame phenomenon. He'd shot many at summer outings. But recently he ran into one that bowled him over—literally.

Dumin had just snapped the victim of a robbery, when the man objected and started for the photographer. Earl took to his heels, with the man's son joining the chase. Loaded down with camera, bulb and plate bag, the photographer couldn't quite make it. The son caught up with him, grabbed for the camera strap and sent him sprawling. Apparently considering their mission accomplished, father and son disappeared, leaving the camera man—hands and knees cut, new suit ruined and camera broken—to make it back to the office as best he could.

The photographer entered an assault complaint against the pair, but withdrew it when they made satisfactory arrangements to pay medical bills and all damages.

As for the picture which caused the rumpus, the spill hadn't damaged the plates, so it appeared that night on the Times front page.

More Mediators Sought by Gov't

Washington—The staff of mediators to handle wage disputes stemming from rising prices and higher taxes is not large enough to keep industrial production moving, according to Clyde M. Mills, chief assistant to Cyrus S. Ching, head of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

The unprecedented outbreak of serious disputes throughout the country, Mills said, is swamping the service with requests for intervention to the point where strikes may endanger the rearmament program.

Hard-pressed for regional conciliation commissioners to act in critical cases, Ching will seek congressional approval to increase by one-third the present staff of 200 mediators, Mills said.

Launches Personal Service Business

San Francisco—Elinor Montgomery, recording secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild last year, is making a new career for herself.

She was one of 139 Oakland Post-Enquirer Guild members who lost their jobs when the Hearst-owned paper folded last fall.

With her sister, Virginia Johnson, Elinor is opening a "Personal Service" business here. They will run personal errands, do shopping their customers don't have time for, and perform other similar tasks.

They'll even phone the forgetful husband to remind him of that wedding anniversary. And prices, Elinor reports, are geared to accommodate the working person.

PASSING THE HAT

San Francisco—Over a thousand fedoras, worth \$15 each, were passed out free to long lines of delegates and visitors to the AFL convention by officials of the Hatters' union. Objectives: (1) to encourage the wearing of hats and curb the trend toward bare heads, and (2) to publicize the superiority of union-label headgear.



ALL THE NEWS—Jo Ann Swadlund, Antioch student working for Labor Press Associated, passes out copies of the Guildman, Washington Guild monthly publication, to fellow "students" Henry Lowenstein, Bureau of National Affairs; J. Woods Hanson, Star, and Bill Laidlaw, Times-Herald, at local's leadership training institute. All members attending took away a packet of material dealing with the various topics discussed.

Washington Guild Holds Two-Day Leadership Training Conference

Washington—A two-day local leadership training conference, offering a condensed version of the week-long ANG national seminar held in Madison, was conducted by the Washington Guild Sept. 22-23 at the Hotel Willard.

The institute was the first attempt by a local to apply the techniques explored at the national conference to the local level, offering individual members an opportunity to participate in a concentrated course of Guild structure, activities and problems. About 30 Washington members attended.

Guests of honor were four officers and leaders of the Greensboro local, who drove all night in order to attend. They were Martha Johnson, secretary; Bradley Long, treasurer; Robert Register, retiring president, and Robert Smith.

Abe J. Perlman, of the Washington Post, was chairman. Speakers and discussion leaders included William J. Farson, ANG director of organization; Regional Vice President Philip H. Price, of the Washington Star; George T. Guernsey, CIO associate education director; John F. McLeod, local president; Maxwell E. H. Pyle, local

administrative officer, and Ralph Seebold of the Star. Milton Zlatinsky, ANG education director, helped to arrange the program and participated in several of its sessions.

Farson outlined the ANG's organizing program as laid down by the Pittsburgh convention, and emphasized that the local's prime and most productive task should be to sign up the free riders in shops already under contract.

"Building the Guild is a down-to-earth, day-by-day task," Farson warned. "There is no magic wand. It takes work by every individual Guild member."

Guernsey outlined the many ways in which leadership training can be used as an aid in building a stronger union, and described the educational programs of various unions.

Price analyzed the ANG's structure and operations, while Seebold discussed local functions and activities.

A report on the Madison conference was given by Seebold who had been one of the local's delegates to that institute. Reviewing his own experience, he stressed the value of the informal discussions which were a part of the program.



COMPARING NOTES on a round table discussion are four leaders of the Greensboro Guild who drove all night to attend the two-day Washington leadership training conference. Left to right they are Robert Smith, Martha Johnson, secretary; Bradley Long, treasurer, and Robert Register, retiring president. The four were guests of honor at the week-end institute which provided a concentrated short course in Guild operations, functions and problems.

Beat Man Reinstated in Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids—Peter H. Harvey, beat reporter, was back on the job today on the Grand Rapids Herald after having been discharged.

A veteran of 14 years on the paper, Harvey was restored to his position when the publisher reconsidered. Harvey was paid for the two-week period he didn't work.

While the written reason for the dismissal was: "... Because of your record of a long series of inaccuracies, misspellings of names, omissions and errors in fact in your news stories," Harvey was discharged because he used the name of an executor of a will in place of the name of the deceased.

Conceding the specific error, the Guild took the position that the punishment was too severe.

Immediately after the firing, President Casey Clapp called a special meeting of the Guild at which the membership authorized the executive committee "to take all steps necessary" to restore Harvey to his post.

That meeting was followed by a series of grievance committee meetings. The local was in constant touch with other unions on the paper, as well as the labor movement in Grand Rapids, the Detroit Guild and the ANG.

Edwin W. Scott, Detroit executive secretary, assisted the local.

Millis Named to CIO News Post

San Francisco—Bill Millis, veteran member of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild and former local recording secretary, has been named assistant editor of the national CIO News.

Millis plans to sell his home in suburban Mill Valley and drive with his wife and two small children to Washington, D. C., in mid-October to take over his new duties.

He left the copy desk of the San Francisco News in 1949 to become editor of the CIO News California edition, a position which he filled until that edition was suspended last year.

Since then he has been a field representative for the Northern California regional office of CIO, and currently is secretary of the San Francisco CIO Council.

Millis was one of the leaders in west coast CIO circles in freeing the CIO unions from Communist domination.

He will resign from the chairmanship of SFONG's organizing and political action committees. He has been a representative assembly delegate for many years, and at one time edited the Bay Guildman, monthly publication of SFONG.

Massillon Seats New Officers

Massillon—Recently elected officers of the Massillon News-Guild were installed at a meeting held at the Y.M.C.A.

The new officers are Robert Dixon, president; Herb Nott, vice president; Isabelle McCormick, secretary and Mrs. Veronica McKee, treasurer.

Following annual custom, the Guild entertained families and guests, including management, at a picnic late in August, at Meyers Lake Park, near Canton. Although the Guild was host, the publisher of the Massillon Independent brought along the ham for sandwiches.

Wis. Paper Now Hits Radio For Slanting McCarthy News

Madison—The Madison Capital Times, which twice this year has blasted the national wire services for biased treatment of news regarding Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R-Wis.), now has extended the indictment to the radio networks.

In a half-page editorial spread the paper accused the networks of a "spirit of fear, timidity and abject surrender" toward "McCarthyism." Backing up the charges is an account of the treatment accorded a speech by William T. Evjue, its editor and publisher, in a recent NBC forum.

Not only was the four-minute talk cut by one-third, deleting all references to McCarthy's public record in Wisconsin, the editorial declared, but also McCarthy, without any previous announcement, was given time on the same program to reply and felt free to accuse the paper of "Communist leanings."

"The editor's talk was ruthlessly gutted and censored," the editorial declared, "but McCarthy's sacred words were held inviolate."

To illustrate, the editor's talk, as originally tape-recorded, was run verbatim in adjacent columns, with the deleted portions bold-faced in parentheses, along with the full text of McCarthy's rejoinder. The editorial explained that Evjue had been invited "as one of four of the country's distinguished editors" to participate in a forum on present political trends and their effect on the 1952 elections. Entitled "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," the discussion was broadcast over the NBC network on Sept. 5.

The editor was notified of McCarthy's appearance on the program on the day of the broadcast.

"Obviously," had the Capital Times editor known that McCarthy was to be given time on the program, he would have taken the occasion to ask the

senator some pointed questions that McCarthy has been deftly ducking the last two years," the editorial insisted.

In addition to NBC letting McCarthy "bargain in on the proceedings" unannounced and bludgeoning the editor's speech, "Morgan Beatty, an NBC commentator, took up more time in seeking to justify McCarthy's methods and to rationalize his viewpoints," the paper charged.

Portions deleted from Evjue's talk included references to McCarthy's difficulties with the state tax authorities, state supreme court and bar associations, a charge of newspaper silence in the face of the senator's varying and never substantiated charges of large-scale communist infiltration of the state department, and a flat statement that McCarthy's record was such that "even his party leaders in this state agreed before he started his Communist campaign (it) would assure his defeat in '52."

McCarthy's speech contained his familiar blasts at the state department and an attack on Evjue and the paper as following the line of the Daily Worker.

"This incident, we believe, significantly supplements others in showing how the radio network, too, dare not permit a word of criticism of McCarthy on its broadcasts without running to McCarthy to give him the immediate opportunity to blackguard all critics and opponents with his guilt by association technique," the editorial insisted.

"The Huey Long of Wisconsin seems to have bulldozed and terrorized the radio networks into giving him time whenever he says boo."

In support of the contention, McCarthy listed time given McCarthy to reply to Pres. Truman's recent speech attacking character assassination, even though his name was not mentioned, and the failure of press and radio to take issue with

McCarthy's attacks on liberal commentators and newspapers.

"How appalling it is that a mountebank like McCarthy, who is the biggest and most dangerous demagogue to come forward in this country since the days of Huey Long, can snap his fingers and make the American press and American radio come to heel," the editorial concluded.

This was the third blast by the paper at the manner in which national news media handle news about McCarthy. Twice before, this year, the paper charged the AP and UP with slanting stories on the senator "to fit the bias of the powerful and wealthy publishers who control the policies of the agencies."

The paper's most recent attack on this subject was reported in the Aug. 24 issue of the Guild Reporter.

Washington—Despite pressure from the American Society of Newspaper Editors, bolstered by a poll of editors in Editor and Publisher, the standing committee of the press gallery correspondents has voted down demands that it bar all representatives of Russia's Tass news agency from congressional press galleries.

The committee declared that it did not feel it was its function "to move into the field of international diplomacy," and added that the "principles of a free press cannot be upheld by abridging them."

Demands for the suspension of Tass' press gallery privileges originally came from the American Society of Newspaper Editors, which charged that the Russians were Soviet government employees and not bona fide newsmen. The move also was considered a retaliatory measure for the jailing of AP correspondent William Oatis in Czechoslovakia. A recent Editor and Publisher poll showed overwhelming support for the proposal among editors queried.

The correspondents' committee said it traditionally has accepted the credentials of foreign correspondents "regardless of whether or not their news agencies have been controlled, influenced or subsidized by their governments." It said it felt that the admission of foreign newsmen to Congressional press galleries was part of the American concept of free speech and press.

Twin Cities Set For Page 1 Ball

Twin Cities—The season's major social event for Guildmen here will be the Page One Ball, set for October 27 at the Saint Paul Hotel's Continental Room.

Russ Westdal, of the Dispatch Pioneer Press unit, heads the general committee. Proceeds will augment the Caroline Clogston Memorial Fund, devoted to cancer research at the University of Minnesota, and established in memory of the Twin Cities local's former treasurer.

Bob Murphy heads the sub-committee on entertainment, Gordon Mott, decorations; Amy Birdall, publicity; Arleth Haebler, radio publicity; Bernice Casserly and Lucille Cassidy, ticket sales, and Albert Miller, selection of the Page One Queen.



MAYOR'S PRIVILEGE—Greeting visitors sometimes can be among the more pleasant tasks for Guildman Joseph Kelly, who doubles in brass as assistant mayor of Kingston, especially when the guest is a shapely movie star. An early member of the Kingston local, Kelly is assistant city editor of the Daily Freeman. As acting mayor he recently presented the traditional key to Marion Marshall who arrived on a personal appearance tour. He's held the city job for the past two years, and the picture of the ceremony on the front page of the Freeman shouldn't hurt his campaign for re-election on the Republican ticket this fall.

Unique Newsprint Plant Is Operating in Indiana

Gary—After a full year of experimental test runs, the \$2 million plant of Gary Paper Mills, Inc., has begun turning out newsprint at the rate of 26 tons daily. A dozen newspapers in the mid-west are sharing in the output, having put up the original investment to launch the enterprise.

The Gary plant is the only one of its kind. What makes it unique is that it uses a chemical de-inking process—the formula is secret—by which old newspapers, magazines and ends from newsprint rolls, and a percentage of old ledger stock, are used as the raw materials. The product emerges as gray-tinted newsprint, of qualities reportedly equal to the original, but critically scarce, wood pulp product.

Presently, the limit of 26 tons daily makes the cost of production command a price of \$175 per ton, about 50 percent higher than top-grade Canadian newsprint delivered in the mid-west area. The Gary outfit, however, is now being operated at less than capacity speed, and expects soon to increase its output to 40 tons daily.

With expected further improvements in manufacturing know-how, the costs, the makers say, should be reducible to a level of real competition. As it is, participating publishers unable to obtain additional newsprint from normal sources, at any price, are taking the plant's full output.

The building housing the operation, in suburban Ambridge, is large enough to permit installation of machinery twice the capacity of that now in use.

Distinctive from usual newsprint manufacturing operations, and from the so-called "hot water" process of de-inking used in a few other US establishments, is the Gary "hydropulper vat," into which bales of used paper are first placed.

Water and chemicals are added, and the paper is churned

by rotary blades into a liquified mass, with all fibers separated and the ink-removing process begun. The vat will handle a ton of raw material in about 45 minutes, at present plant speeds.

From this point on, except for a passing in a bleaching reservoir, the process is one of removal of moisture, ink and foreign matter.

The partially dried blanket of pulp which emerges from a series of filters and drying rollers is then carried through papermaking processes identical with those to which original wood pulp is subjected.

The cold water chemical process was developed through experimentation by the company's own engineering staff. The plant runs three shifts and has 60 men, most of them members of the AFL papermakers union.

Head of the firm is J. R. Snyder, publisher of the Gary Post-Tribune. That newspaper now gets about 38 percent of its total newsprint from the new plant, "mixes" both kinds in its daily press runs. Twelve pages of a recent 28-page edition were the re-claimed paper product.

Possibility of so improving the process that paper can be used over again indefinitely, by re-treating it, is envisioned by the plant engineers, although admittedly they must first run out many production kinks, including cutting down on the loss of fibers in the drying process.

No Cash for Strikers

A Wisconsin judge has refused to allow a Steelworkers union local to tap a management-labor welfare fund for \$700 for strikers in financial straits. With \$12,000 in the fund, intended for charities and employees in distress, the court ruled that a show-cause order which the union advanced was not the proper legal proceeding. The union has been on strike two months at the National Pressure Cooker Co., in Eau Claire.

Coaxial Cable Is Leg Man At Jap Treaty Conference



San Francisco—Thanks to TV, covering the Japanese peace treaty conference wasn't such a hard job after all.

Many news writers, after the first day, found video a welcome assist to reporting duties, not to speak of the comfort involved.

A TV screen was set up in the main press workroom in the basement of the War Memorial building, in the same block as the Opera House where treaty sessions took place.

During routine speeches, which went on day after day, writers from throughout the world found it easier to sit comfortably in the press workroom.

Sipping coffee, they took careful notes from the telecast, a typewriter and paper within arm's reach when it came time to write their stories.

Although there were some 1,200 reporters, special writers, photographers, newsreel men, television men and what-have-you representing the press at the conference, the number was small.

About 1,000 of this number came from outside San Francisco, including 350 press representatives from countries outside the United States.

The San Francisco Press & Union League club, headed by Guildman Dick Chase of the San Francisco News, went all out to welcome the press corps.

Through the cooperation of the city's citizens committee, the club staged a cocktail party on Thursday for the visiting press, who also were guests for the Friday "Gang Night" dinner.

Too, the Press Club converted its library into a pressroom and made available its swimming pool, gymnasium and other facilities to newsmen.

Sid Mackin was general chairman of the club's peace treaty committee, which also arranged for a Sunday boat trip on San Francisco bay.

Only sad note to crop up among the local press staffs came from some of the San Francisco news photographers who were requested to "please wear ties" during convention week.

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Frank McDonough, Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader, Evening News reporter, married to Mary Jane McCool on Sept. 15. . . . It's a daughter for Thomas Merolla, Wilkes-Barre second vice president. . . .

Leo P. Sylvestre, Woonsocket Call reporter, back in uniform as 1st lieutenant and administrative officer of a U.S. air squadron now in training. His replacement on the Call is Bernard Riley, formerly newscaster for station WWON. . . .

Sylvio Masella, NY Journal-American picture desk, has completed 10 years of evening sessions at College of the City of New York, and became first grad to win new combined advertising and public relations degree. . . .

A girl for Robert Eddy, St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press writer. . . . Jack Weinberg, St. Paul Dispatch capital reporter, home from hospital after a heart ailment. . . .

Gordon Mikkelsen, former Minneapolis Star reporter, has resigned as regional information officer for the office of price

Block Denies Story P-G Is Up For Sale

Pittsburgh—A Newsweek report that the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette is up for sale has been branded as "completely untrue" by Publisher William Block.

His denial was prompted by a story in Newsweek's September 10 issue asserting that Ruth McCormick Miller, niece of Col. Robert R. McCormick, of the Chicago Tribune, and her husband, Garvin Tankersley, were negotiating for the Post-Gazette among other papers.

Mr. Block's telegram to the editor of Newsweek sharply criticized the news weekly for reviving an old rumor "after it had been decently buried many months ago."

"The Post-Gazette is not and has not been for sale," he declared. "As a matter of fact we are well satisfied with our progress and are launching an aggressive program for the fall."

Where To Find The News

"Thanks to the Machinist, weekly publication of the International Assn. of Machinists, I learned how my congressman voted on the Aug. 1 beef price rollback." Thus began a business column by Robert Vanderpoel in the Chicago Sun-Times. Only the labor press carried the information.

stabilization to join education department of Midland Co-operative Wholesale in Minneapolis. . . .

Bill France, veteran San Diego Guildsman and member of the Union Sunday department, recovering from a stroke. . . .

It's a boy for Mrs. William L. Town, former San Diego local secretary. . . . Richard J. Houska, copyreader for the Evening Tribune, has a new daughter. . . .

Funeral services were held in San Diego for John D. Wimberley, son of Charles Chadrow, display advertising for the San Diego Union and Evening Tribune. . . .

Wedding bells for Eve Kinney, PBX operator for the Union and Evening Tribune, and Derby Thomas, San Diego businessman. . . .

Iver Kalnes, retired Madison Guild member and former Capital Times reporter, columnist and farm news editor, will receive Norway's St. Olaf medal and a certificate for outstanding service to Norway at meeting of Scandinavian Society in Milwaukee Oct. 12. . . .

New members of Bakersfield Californian are Barbara Thornton, formerly with the defunct Press, Eddie Griffith, late of Fresno INS staff, and Frank Hubbard. Latter two are replacements for Murray Arnold, moved up to city editor, and Mike McCarthy, who left to accept state department post in Indonesia. . . .

Dolores Waldorf Bryant, San Francisco Call-Bulletin club editor, a grandmother for the third time. . . . Wedding bells scheduled in October for Dorothy Anderson, San Francisco News advertising staffer; she'll marry Larry Quirk, San Francisco, in Portland. . . .

Jack McBride, Lake Superior Guild past president, picket line veteran and copyreader, left the Duluth Herald and News-Tribune after 12 years. . . .

Glenn Abrahamson, advertising solicitor of the Duluth Herald, signed up for a tour of schooling with the Goodyear Rubber Co. at St. Paul. . . .

Jack Kertz, formerly of the Port Arthur (Canada) News-Chronicle, has joined the Duluth News-Tribune, Duluth, Minn., as reporter, while Walter Grannes, former city editor of the Belvidere (Ill.) Daily Republican, is new on the copy desk. . . .

Cedric Parker, former president of Madison Guild, now Capital Times city editor, married to Ethel Max, Sheboygan, school teacher and former newspaper woman. . . .

Washington ROUNDUP

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THE Standing Committee of Correspondents at the Capitol took the right stand, I think, in turning down the American Society of Newspaper Editors' appeal that Tass correspondents be tossed out of the press galleries.

Because the issue won't die here, however, I think reporters everywhere ought to stew over the problem. Herewith some ingredients for a stew.

The editors, or at least the committee set up by ASNE prexy Casey Jones, argued that Tass' three representatives, one Soviet citizen and two American citizens, ought to be tossed out because they represent a foreign government, are registered as foreign agents and that their removal would not "in any way interfere with the free flow of information from this country to Soviet Russia."

The first two statements are true. The third probably is likewise true since Tass could clip the papers. In fact, after starting out to buy the transcript of the MacArthur hearings at 15 cents a page, Tass cancelled when it found the New York Times was providing the service for free. But these are not the only issues, as I see it.

FIRST of all, let's consider the Oatis case. The editors carefully said they weren't raising the Tass issue as a reprisal for the AP correspondent's imprisonment in Czechoslovakia, though Jones did. But nonetheless the reaction abroad—both inside and outside the iron curtain—obviously would be that we were taking reprisal.

Here, I think, was the soundest basis of the correspondents' stand. They said that "... we do not feel it is the function of this committee to move into the field of international diplomacy."

Put less politely, newspapermen ought to be above and outside the clash of governments and not become pawns or whipping boys between nations.

After all, Russia isn't the only country we've been mad at, though currently it's the most important. Some of us are mad with China, Spain and Argentina and some other totalitarians and we were pretty upset about Germany and Japan not so long ago.

This isn't saying, of course, that Uncle Sam ought to sit on his prat and do nothing to get Oatis out of jail—it rightly may put an economic squeeze on the Czechs, yes, even go to war over Oatis. But that's the job of government, not of newspapermen who are trying their hardest, not to become an arm of government. In fact, the beef here is essentially that Tass is a part of the Soviet government.

As a practical matter, tossing Tass' Mikhail Federov out of the press galleries could lead to tossing AP, UP, INS and the New York Times men out of Moscow—or into the local clink. This sort of tit for tat business isn't something the press itself should bring on. And the word is that our boys abroad are concerned over that possibility.

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CIO MURRAY AWARD TO SEN. MURRAY

The annual Philip Murray award for "an outstanding job in the field of health and welfare" will be presented to Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.) Oct. 2 at the 10th anniversary dinner of the National CIO Community Services Committee in Detroit. The two previous awards were given to Gen. Omar Bradley and Sen. Robert F. Wagner.

Sen. Murray was chosen for this year's award, Committee officials announced, "because of his long and outstanding work for all members of the community and the nation in the health and welfare legislation he has worked for." In addition to pushing such legislation, the Montana senator also is a leader in the fight for the Missouri Valley Authority.

The award carries a \$10,000 check and a plaque.

THERE'S been a lot of squawking in this country about the proposed UN convention on the press on the grounds that it would license governments to toss out reporters who write unfriendly stories. The correspondents here are right in holding that "man's right to see his neighbor through his own eyes and to form his own opinions on that neighbor's conduct is basic to our liberties." We want our men to go everywhere possible and that has to be a two-way street, regardless of the nature of governments.

Some will argue, with merit, that the press associations and the Times ought voluntarily to withdraw their men from Moscow, that all the big Russian news is monitored in London from Radio Moscow and hence there would be no loss of legitimate news. I'd like to hear from some ex-Moscow correspondents on that because I'm not so sure the argument holds water.

The correspondents took the position that the Tass trio were bona fide representatives of the press of their country, however reprehensible the country or the press. They pointed out, in answer to ASNE, that in the past the galleries have admitted newsmen who represent agencies controlled, influenced and/or subsidized by their countries. Pre-war Havas of France would be one example. This is sufficient answer to ASNE. I think, for the bulk of foreign news agencies are in some degree under domination or control of their governments.

THE assumption here has been that if the correspondents kicked the Tass trio out, the precedent would be used to close the press conference doors downtown, including the White House, though the rules vary from agency to agency. ASNE argued that the net effect would not interfere with the principle of "free flow of information" as long as Tass were allowed on American soil, to use the radio, cable and mails and to read the free press and clip it.

I don't know what the Tass trio sends home. Doubtless their cable file is used more for Soviet intelligence study than for the public prints. Most important, I'd guess the really important tidbits they pick up reach Moscow via diplomatic pouch. Casey Jones called Federov a spy but if that's true the policing job is up to the FBI, not newspapermen. If he is, of course he should be tossed out—of the country, not just the galleries.

As a practical matter the presence of Tass reporters—or those from the Daily Worker—at some press conferences hampers the free flow of background news. But every reporter worth his salt can edge around that and I feel it's a minor price to pay for the principle involved, to wit, that any newspapermen here from any other nation ought to be allowed to operate here as long as he's gathering news, regardless of what his country's policy is or how controlled his press. If he transgresses, let the government send him home. If he's an American employee of a foreign agency and transgresses, let the government bring him to trial.

New Suit - Same Old Job

Kansas City, Mo.—Except for the uniforms they wear, the army is making little difference in the work of four Guildsmen from various sections of the country. Assigned as deskmen to the newly organized army home town news center here, they spend their days rewriting and editing the army's "local interest" releases.

Corp. Joseph L. Oppenheimer, in civilian life assistant manager of the St. Louis INS bureau, heads the center's 10-man editorial section.

Guildsmen working with him are Corp. Paul Rossi, of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's sports desk; Corp. James Bishop, formerly of the Knoxville UP bureau, and Pfc. Don Roelle of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The men were chosen for work at the center from more than 100 applicants. The organization now channels news and pictures of servicemen in Korea to their home town papers, and is slated to expand.

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