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AP Arbitration Sets New High Minimums Newsman Top of \$125 Leads Nation; Wire Service Members Being Polled

The highest set of minimum pay rates anywhere in the newspaper industry, along with general wage increases ranging from \$3 to \$5.50, are contained in an arbitration award handed down in the Associated Press contract reopening case.

Terms of the award are subject to acceptance or rejection by either the AP or the American Newspaper Guild. The deadline for exercising this option is noon on Monday, Jan. 28. Guild members in good standing in AP are being polled on whether they want to accept.

The award is significant in several respects. For the first time in history it would put the AP in the role of wage leader

in the industry. Up to now the AP has always followed what others have negotiated or won in arbitration. Now the AP would set the pace.

Proposed minima contained in the award represent a boost of \$3 to \$5 from existing minimum rates. The top minimum of \$125 weekly for newsmen with six years experience in New York, Washington and Chicago would be raised to \$125.

Another significant figure in the proposed new minima rates is the basic \$98.50 rate for any newsman after four years of experience in the industry. This would be raised, from \$95.00 under terms of the award.

Members of the board of ar-

bitration were I. Robert Feinberg of New York, impartial chairman; J. Wes Gallagher and Lorin H. Thomason, representing the AP; and Joseph G. Colangelo, ANG wire services director, and Norman Walker, Washington AP staffer, representing the Guild.

Application of the general increase of \$3 to \$5.50, under the award, would be made as follows: for employees earning under \$60, \$3; those between \$60 and \$80, \$3.50; those between \$80 and \$100, \$4; those between \$100 and \$120, \$5; those between \$120 and \$150.50, \$5.50 weekly.

In addition, employees earning \$150.50 but less than \$175 weekly will get the \$5.50 maximum weekly increase provided they received no general or merit increase of at least \$5.50 since Nov. 4, 1950.

Merit increases granted since Nov. 5, 1951, may be deducted from any general increases under the award.

The effect of the wage provision respecting the employees earning between \$150.50 and under \$175 weekly is to raise the cutoff, now at \$145 weekly to the new \$175 figure, with the exception that merit increases given this category of employees in the past, can serve to cancel the general increase.

Only a handful of the AP's higher paid employees are excluded from the proposed terms. The wage adjustments, if approved, would be retroactive, by terms of the existing two-year contract, to Nov. 5, 1951. This means that AP employees will get at least a dozen weeks of retroactive pay increase.

The proposed new minima are substantially higher throughout the nation than local newspaper minima. It has already been pointed out that the new \$125 top minimum exceeds newspaper rates in New York, Washington and Chicago.

The top minimum in Atlanta would be \$114 weekly, up \$4; in such southern cities as Memphis,

Add Increases to Minimums? Of Course, Says AP Arbitrator

"... it is basic in wage determinations, that general increases should be reflected in increases in minimum rates. ... The disparity ... thus corrected is one caused by the decline in the real value of the minima previously existing. ... Were such ... rates not changed, the employees would be deprived of the full amount of the increments granted by the agreement, and the general increase ... would become merely an advance payment of such increment."

From the AP Arbitration Award, by
Chairman I. Robert Feinberg.

Miami and New Orleans, \$106.50, up \$4; in Detroit, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and San Francisco, \$119, up \$4.

Minima for all non-editorial classifications were likewise boosted in the award. Office boys, for instance, would have a \$35.50 starting rate, instead of \$32.50.

Guild members of the arbitration board dissented from several portions of the award. They said the amount of general increase was insufficient, on the basis of repaying employees what they had lost due to living-cost increases; and that the cutoff, while raised from \$145 to \$175, was unfair and illogical.

On minima, Guild arbitrators

agreed only for the purpose of attaining a board majority. They dissented, though, on this because the minima were not raised the full amount of the general increase; because the award dismisses the Guild demand for elimination of geographical differentials, and because the award does not upgrade any bureaus, as was done in all previous negotiations.

The case went to arbitration, under terms of the contract, after management and the union failed to reach agreement within the specified time allowed for negotiations. Evidence was presented to the arbitration board in December, after which the board met in executive sessions Jan. 7, 11, 14 and 17.

ANG District Councils, A&M Lasker Foundation Seek Contest Entries

Two ANG district councils are receiving entries in regional contests based on journalistic achievement "in the spirit of Heywood Brown."

In both cases entries may be in the form of news stories, features, cartoons or other editorial matter, of work completed between Jan. 1, 1951 and Dec. 31, 1951.

The Middle Atlantic limits entries to individual Guild members employed in the Pennsylvania-New Jersey region, and offers a first prize of \$100, a second prize of \$50 and a Guild citation to the winner of the third prize. First and second prize winners will also receive citations. Deadline for entries is Jan. 31.

The New England council will receive entries from individuals employed in an editorial capacity within the region without regard to Guild affiliation, or from newspaper executives in behalf of their paper. One award will be given, including a Guild citation and \$100 in cash. The deadline is March 1.

The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation also announced the third annual award of \$500 for medical journalism. Entries will be received from individual writers, editors or readers, provided the articles were published in a newspaper or magazine during 1951. The announced deadline is March 15.

Entries for the Middle Atlantic council contest may be submitted to Mrs. Helen R. Calvaresi, chairman, Annual Awards Committee, 1228 W. 9th St., Chester, Pa., or to the local secretary.

For the New England council, send entries to NEDC Award Committee, 37 Province Street, Boston 8, Mass.

Entries for the Lasker award should be mailed to the Nieman Foundation for Journalism, 44 Holyoke House, Cambridge 38, Mass.

San Antonio Guild Corrects 'Error'

San Antonio—Prompt use of grievance machinery by the San Antonio Newspaper Guild boosted the pay of a new copyreader on the San Antonio Light.

The new employee had 15 months' experience but was started by managing editor N. D. Allison at the beginners' copydesk minimum. The copyreader was not a Guildsman before joining the Light and was not told of the Guild wage provisions.

Allison rejected the Guild's request for second-year pay, but it was agreed that an "error" was made, when the grievance was carried to the publisher's office.

As a consequence the new man was reclassified and second-year pay was made retroactive to the day he was hired.

St. Louis Gets \$120.50 Minimum for Reporters In Post-Dispatch Contract

St. Louis — A Post-Dispatch management wage offer ranging from \$2 to \$8 per week, and accompanied by substantial gains in other contract phases, has been accepted by the P-D Guild unit membership.

The increase will be effective as of January 1, and will mean approximately \$171,000 in annual payroll boosts, a management estimate indicated.

The range of the general increase is the most favorable negotiated since the Pittsburgh convention fixed new national wage goals in the light of living cost increases.

The local committee says the negotiated general increase will fall short, by 1.6 percent, of the amount allowable under cost-of-living increases since January 15, 1950; and misses by 3.6 percent reaching the point at which approval of the Wage Stabilization Board would be necessary.

The general increase will apply in the following schedule, as to wage brackets:

Under \$35	.....	\$2.00
\$35 to \$39.99	.....	2.50
\$40 to \$49.99	.....	3.00
\$50 to \$59.99	.....	3.50
\$60 to \$69.99	.....	4.00
\$70 to \$79.99	.....	4.50
\$80 to \$89.99	.....	5.00
\$90 to \$99.99	.....	5.50
\$100 to \$109.99	.....	6.50
\$110 to \$139.99	.....	7.50
\$140 and over	.....	8.00

The general increase will be fully reflected in the contract minimums written into the agreement. Thus the new minimums in the several "key" classifications become:

Reporters, photographers and

IEB to Meet At New York

The Guild's International Executive Board will hold its next quarterly meeting at the Belmont Plaza Hotel, New York, starting Sunday, February 10.

The finance committee will meet several days in advance of the board sessions, for preparation of the fourth quarter budget.

advertising solicitors, \$120.50 after five years experience; telephone operators and voluntary ad takers, \$65.00 after four years experience; outside classified advertising solicitors, \$103.50 after five years experience.

The duration of the agreement is 19 months, to June 30, 1953, with a wage reopening available next January 1.

Among other improvements were:

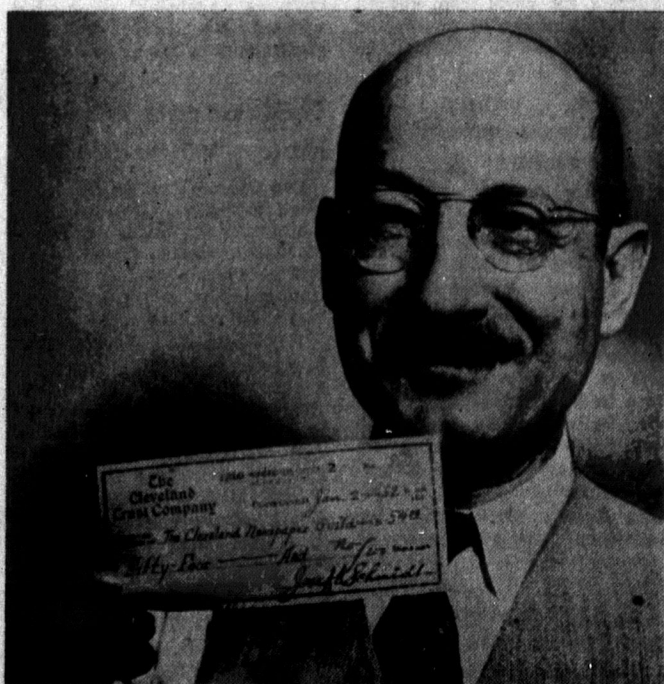
Shortening the period, from 90 days to 60, for a new employee to comply with the Guild Shop clause.

Correction of "overtime problems" at the Washington bureau.

Inclusion of travel time in call-back pay provisions at time and one-half pay rates.

Payment of travel time on out-of-town assignments, clarified as to day-off time.

A clarifying definition of temporary employees.



PAYING WITH A SMILE—Here's a custom which all Guild treasurers would approve. Josef K. Schmidt, state editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, carries on with a practice he started several years back. The check covers his 1952 Guild dues, paid in full in advance. And Schmidt's Guild activities match his financial interest, say Cleveland officers.

NEWS CENSORSHIP TIGHTENS AS WORLD UNREST SPREADS

Press Curbs Complete in Iron Curtain Areas

As international tensions grow and political issues fluctuate, governments of the world are placing more stringent curbs on the free flow of news. This is the conclusion of the New York Times from an Associated Press survey of conditions abroad.

Transmission of news, AP correspondents report, is hampered most in countries where tension is highest. Controls vary from the most rigid censorship behind the Iron Curtain, through intermediate steps in free countries, to the mild-by-comparison—restrictions recently placed by Pres. Truman on news from government civilian agencies.

Freedom of the press has little or no meaning in Russia, but the Soviet Union still permits a few correspondents within its borders. Their activities, however, are severely restricted and their dispatches rigidly censored. Bulgaria and Rumania release news only through official broadcasts, and direct news from Poland is practically nonexistent.

The late of AP correspondent William Otis is one example of how news and newsmen are treated in Czechoslovakia. In Hungary, an AP correspondent—a Hungarian by birth—is permitted to operate on his own responsibility. He is subject to punishment for writing the government may find objectionable.

In Soviet-controlled East Germany, only communists may become foreign correspondents. The news is in the hands of the communist party and a soviet commission.

News from Yugoslavia is still slanted toward communism in

spite of ideological differences with "Mother Russia." Lately, controls have become less rigid, but the people as a whole are hypersensitive to criticism from abroad.

West Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the Scandinavian countries are comparatively free of censorship, within certain limits. In Switzerland, for instance, the federal constitution prohibits information tending to "undermine the neutrality and independence of the country." In Austria, jointly occupied by the Western powers and Russia, attempts to abolish censorship of telephone communications have failed. In control of the central exchange, Russia refused to cooperate.

There is no censorship in the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, although libel laws are stringent. The South African government is engaged in suppressing communism and is investigating at least one newspaper charged with being pro-Rad.

The government of Spain has somewhat relaxed its strict censorship rules since the appointment of a new minister of information. But criticism of the Franco regime, the chief of state (Gen. Franco) and the Roman Catholic church is still out of bounds. The new minister of information is promising a more liberal press law, now supposedly in preparation, but the "principle" of newsmen's responsibility is still in force. Spain's neighbor, Portugal, has no direct censorship, but correspondents are held accountable for what they write.

In the Middle East, Egypt has the strictest news control. Since the country's imbroglio with Great Britain, Egyptian censors have apparently begun "writing in" news in addition to cutting dispatches.

Israel is still enforcing censorship imposed in 1948, but currently limits it to military matters. Other middle-eastern countries have no formal censorship, but many have a correspondent's black-list and some exclude them altogether.

The Central American countries of Cuba, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, Mexico and Panama have no censorship. The Dominican republic is an exception. There, the Inter-American press association reports, the situation "is not propitious to freedom of the press."

In the Far East, the Philippines have no censorship but a recent supreme court ruling made general attacks on administration libelous. "Seditious libel" was made a criminal offense. The Japanese domestic press is not censored, but correspondents' war copy from Tokyo and South Korea (through Tokyo) is subject to military censorship.

South Korea is under martial law, with all dispatches subject to military control. The main source of news from North Korea and communist China is the Peiping radio. The press is rigidly controlled, and only a few correspondents from communist publications in the West are admitted into the country. South-East Asia, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaya have no censorship. In Burma all copy must be examined at the cable office by the government. French Indo-China has military and, at times, political censorship.

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South America there is no censorship in Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay and Uruguay. In Argentina, communication companies are held responsible for "undesirable" news, and local papers are under rigid Peronist control. In Venezuela correspondents' dispatches are censored at the cable office. If the government declares a "situation of stress," dispatches must be handed in for censorship before cabling. In Colombia there are signs the government may soon lift some press restrictions imposed during the state of siege in November, 1949.

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FRENCH, TOO, HAVE WORDS FOR IT—

Preferential Firing, No Severance, Mark Contract With Montreal Daily

Montreal—"Si il devait y avoir réduction du personnel, les non-syndiqués, s'il y en a, seront congédiés les premiers."

There are no Guild contracts written in French, but many a Guild faced with the problem of free riders would welcome a translation of this clause, part of the "Contrat du Travail" between "Le Syndicat des Journalistes de Montréal, Incorporé" and "La Compagnie de Publication de La Presse, Limitée."

(For unilingual readers, that lead translates into: "If it is necessary to reduce staff, non-members of the union, if there are any, shall be dismissed first.")

La Presse is one of the large French daily papers of Montreal, and the Syndicat des Journalistes is part of the Canadian Catholic Confederation of Labor, to which most French-Canadian union members belong. Unlike the Guild, the Syndicat is strictly a "professional" union and its contract covers only

"journalistes," which is to say editors, reporters, copy-readers, photographers, etc. It doesn't include the clerks and office boys and similar adjuncts to the editorial staff.

The contract, which was signed in December after arbitration hearings, replaces one which expired last May, and gives a retroactive raise of \$7.50 to all those covered. Top minimum after five years service is \$82.50. Starting minimum is \$45. Assistant editors, etc., get at least \$10 more.

It contains most of the features common to Guild contracts, with the outstanding exception that it omits reference to any sort of severance pay.

Three weeks holidays are given after one year, and there is a night differential of 15 per cent. Overtime of up to four hours in any week brings \$5 cash, and over that amount \$10. Sunday or holiday work of the same duration brings \$10 or \$15. If the employee prefers time off,

he gets equal time for ordinary overtime and double time for Sunday or holiday work.

Leave of absence without loss of pay is allowed one or two weeks for not more than a week to attend union conventions. The contract calls for a 40 hour, five-day week but indicates that a seven-hour day is the actual practice. The dues check-off is given, and provision for expenses includes 10 cents a mile for use of the employee's car, plus \$30 to pay extra premium for insurance required for commercial use of the vehicle.

Considerable interest in the competition is being shown by non-Guildsmen. In accordance with the rules the contest is open to newspapermen and women in the Guild jurisdiction, not alone to Guild members.

The Broun award—\$500 in cash and a citation—is given to honor the year's outstanding journalistic accomplishment "in the spirit of Heywood Broun." ANG founder and crusading liberal columnist who died in 1938.

Among entries submitted thus far are articles disclosing corruption and vice; others touch on a variety of subjects, from a review of the treatment of Negroes to a survey of US labor reporting. Last year's award was won by Leonard J. Jackson for a series of articles in the Bay City (Mich.) Times on the exploitation of migrant Puerto Rican farm workers.

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Glen R. Dodd, of the Evening Tribune, new San Diego Guild president, and other officers were installed and executive board members elected. The membership unanimously rejected a motion to disaffiliate from the California-Nevada District Council, ANG.

New board members are: Charles D. Wood, retiring president; Carl Weiss, former local president; and Richard J. Houska, all of the Evening Tribune staff; Harry Hache, Etta Mae Wallace and Helen E. Zugelder, of the

Union editorial staff; Stan Griffin, Union and Evening Tribune photo department; Robert Deacon, accounting; and Joe Evans, advertising, both Union and Tribune. Bryant Evans, of the Union staff, was elected unit chairman.

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LYNN, SALEM GUILDS COMBINE FOR NEWSPAPER UNION COUNCIL

Two neighboring Newspaper Guild locals, at Lynn and Salem, Mass., have brought about a closer community of interest by joining in the formation of the Lynn-Salem council of newspaper unions.

The council includes the two ANG locals and three ITU chapels of both cities. In addition to the stated purpose of protecting the employment interests of all newspaper workers, plans include social activities tending to widen good fellowship and acquaintance between Guild members and other news-

paper workers. Pending elections, temporary officers of the council are Fred Bowler, Guild, chairman; Ernest Cass, ITU, vice chairman; Raoul Harpin, Guild, secretary.

Guild delegates who participated in the formation of the new body include Salem Guildsmen Joseph Gallagher, George Memmott, Peter Moore, Chester Twiss and Frank Gormalley. The Lynn Guild was represented by Bowler, Cass, Harpin, Thomas McManus, Donald Flynn, Elmer Widdell, Dudley Mellen and Doris Lattimer.

Training Parleys Set For West Coast Points

The first two weekend institutes to be held under ANG's new, decentralized leadership training program will be held in Los Angeles February 23 and 24 and in Seattle the following weekend, March 1 and 2.

Primary emphasis will be placed on tools and techniques of collective bargaining, with subsidiary discussions and workshops in organizing, membership participation, local leadership training, wage stabilization and specific local problems.

Executive vice-president Ralph B. Novak, William Blatz, director of organization, and Ellis T. Baker, director of research and information, will travel to the Coast for the conferences, and will be joined there by International Representatives Robert Greenock and John Shanksy.

The Los Angeles institute will be held in conjunction with the regular quarterly meeting of the California-Nevada District Council. The tentative agenda calls for council business to be conducted during the morning of Saturday, February 23, leaving Saturday afternoon and Sunday for leadership training.

The Seattle-Tacoma Guild will be host to the Seattle institute, with delegates invited from other locals and wire service units in Washington and Oregon. Both days will be devoted to the institute.

Delegates, or their locals, will pay their expenses, but there will be no fee in the institutes.

The first of its kind, the party will be repeated yearly.

Portland, Maine, Local Is Holiday Party Host

Portland, Maine.—The local Guild entertained 150 from all departments of the Press Herald-Express-Sunday Telegram and Radio Station WGAN at a Christmas Eve cocktail party in the Press Club.

Fred Jones, Express copy deskman, was chairman, and the Guild picked up the check. Printers, stereotypers, engravers and radio people joined others from eight Guild departments in greeting the holidays.

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Salem Page One Ball Draws Capacity Crowd

Salem.—Capacity attendance of 400 guests crowned the efforts of the Salem Newspaper Guild for its twelfth annual Page One ball, at the Hotel Howorthorne. It was rated as one of the city's outstanding social affairs.

Dancing was followed by a floor show featuring Helen Halpin, songstress and comedienne, Jerry Cool, TV and night club favorite, Murielle Halle, concert singer and Lou Ames, with Joe Roberto's orchestra for dancing. The committee was headed by local president Joseph A. Gallagher and included George W.

Memmott, tickets; Kenneth A. Rowe, hall; Fred Abodecay, decorations; Carl W. Reed, music; Joseph S. Robinson, advertising; Frank P. Byrne, publicity; J. O'Neill and Warren Rockwell, entertainment; Peter H. Moore, Jr., and Cyrus J. Newberg, program, and Foster T. Chandler, finance.

A somber note was introduced momentarily when tribute was paid to the late J. Frank Reynolds, who died after an accident several weeks ago. He was one of the Salem Guild founders and helped inaugurate its Page One ball in 1940.

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First vice president Murray Goldblatt made the presentation, referring to Arnott as "a steady hand during a pretty rocky beginning."

Arnott's part in negotiations and in keeping the young-and-bustling group together through initial differences was particularly praised.

"That fine Presbyterian sternness helped a lot," said vesp Goldblatt.

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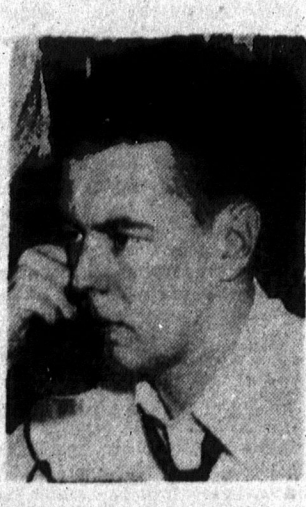
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Young Rochester Guildsman Hears Gunman's 'Last Words'

Rochester—A young Guildsman here with only three years' experience came up with the kind of a beat the other day that newspapermen dream about. His story made the wire services throughout the country, was picked up by correspondents of New York papers and got in the New York state weekly AP report.

At first the story was routine for Bob Beck, 25, police reporter for the Times-Union. It started with an AP dispatch that a young driver, stopped for speeding, had taken a pot shot at a state trooper near Syracuse, then hit for the brush.

Later advice made the story more important. The gun-wielding youth, it seemed, had holed up in a farmhouse near Auburn, on the edge of TU territory. The house was surrounded by a



BOB BECK
Phone Call Pays Off

Eisenhower? Impossible, Wails Headline Writer

By DAN McLAUGHLIN
Elizabeth Guild

It was a black day for copy readers when word came out of Paris that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower could be "had" as a candidate for President.

Entirely aside from its political aspects, the election of General Eisenhower could easily provide the final push into gibbering insanity for those of us who make our living by compressing the news of the day into headline clichés.

Think of it. Eisenhower. Ten letters. Ten and one-half unit counts.

Of course on the tabloids or the standard-size papers that countenance razzle-dazzle head writing it's no problem. They call him Ike and have space to spare.

But for us who labor in the vineyards of formality there's no such easy way out. Some have been able to get away with the Ike treatment while the gentleman was only a five-star general and head man of NATO. But no such frivolity will be tolerated with the President of the United States.

Consider the typographical handicaps in the name Eisenhower. In the first place it just won't fit in one-column 36-point Bodoni, a type face used all too frequently on stories involving the President. The only immediately apparent solution is unvarying reference to him as President.

This will just fit in 36-point but it can get awfully monotonous.

In one-column 30-point, Eisenhower will fit. The trouble is it is too short to stand as a type line by itself and it's too long to carry anything but a two-letter word on the same line.

Accordingly, all the hackneyed headline lines for Presidential heads are ruled out. No Eisenhower says, flays, vows, hits, raps, eyes, etc.

At the risk of bringing down more wrath than did Abel Fox I'll go out on a limb for Senator Taft as the nearly ideal candidate—as far as the copy desk is concerned.

Consider Taft. A name to conjure with. It can be handled easily and quickly in any type of head. Its single syllable allows for a metric play to permit a head with some lift and rhythm. And papers that go in for initial designations—FDR—HST—could have a field day with Robert Alphonso Taft.

If General Eisenhower should be elected he would pose the

posse and the young desperado with holding the housewife, a Mrs. Wadsworth, as hostage.

In his cubby hole at Rochester police headquarters, Bob got an idea—and it worked. His telephone call to the farmhouse was answered first by Mrs. Wadsworth and then by the gunman in person.

Bob's attempts to persuade the youngster to give himself up failed. A second call only produced the clincher reply:

"Well, my time's up, skipper. Take care of yourself. Nice to talk to you, but I'm going out now. You can put it in your paper that I'm a dead man—because that's what I am."

Not long afterward the youth shot himself in the abdomen and tumbled to the ground from a second-story window. He is recovering at an Auburn hospital. From a welter of aliases, his name emerged as Daniel Nickerson, of Portland, Maine.

Bob got his great moment, but he takes it all in stride. "Just dumb luck," he says. But on the paper they know it was more than that.

New York Guild Takes Action on Florida Bombing

The New York Newspaper Guild and the Representative Assembly adopted a joint resolution condemning the December bomb murder of Florida Negro leader Harry T. Moore and his wife as "a heinous act."

The resolution endorsed the sentiments expressed by the NAACP in a letter to Pres. Truman, which declared in part:

"... For the killing of Harry T. Moore is the assassin of the democratic ideal. No man or group of any kind, complexion or size in our nation, may proceed on the business of democratic living if bombs and terror and murder in the night is to be permitted to supplant the Constitution and the laws of free America."

Chicago P-I Ball To Be 'Different'

Chicago—The annual Page One Ball to be held May 10 in the Sheraton Hotel will be "new and different," report co-chairmen Ruth Kowals, Sun-Times, and Roy Fisher, Daily News.

Arrangements for the Guild party are well advanced. "It will be more intimate, more friendly and more fun," the co-chairmen say, "without lessening the prestige won by previous Page One Balls."

Unit Chairmen At N.Y. Guild

Additional returns of unit chairmen elected at the New York Newspaper Guild include: American Weekly, John Sturdevant; Amsterdam News, Carl Lawrence; Bell Syndicate, Teresa Cantanzaro; Billboard, Dennis McDonald; Compass, Hugh Dean; Consumers Union, David Lindsey; Foreign Policy Assn., Felice Novich; Jewish Journal, Sam Rubenstein; Journal-American, Victor Leo; Labor Press, Harry LaBelle.

Also Morning Telegraph, Ed Johnson; Nation, Charles R. Allen, Jr.; Post, Ray Kallmeyer; Reporter, Charlotte Christie; Standard News, Jack Smee; Tide, Elizabeth Spring; Time, Lee, Elizabeth Durning; UP, Al McCullough; Western Publisher, Robert L. Hatch; Daily Worker, Robert Friedman; Radio Station WQXR, Wills Hollingsworth.

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It's a boy, their third child, for Charles A. Perlik, Buffalo local president, and Marion Ford Perlik, editor of the Buffalo Union Leader.

Alfred Kay, back at San Francisco Chronicle after year in Formosa and Philippines on a Reid Foundation Fellowship...

Jack Nevins, formerly on the rim at the Examiner, now editor of the Akron Daily News...

Harold Denham, back at San Francisco UP photo dept., after long illness.

Aldric Revell, political reporter Madison Capital Times, re-elected president of the Dane county CIO council, and Calvin Erickson, Times police reporter, elected trustee.

Nat Kingsley taking over Paris desk at NY Herald Tribune, replacing Buddy Weiss, moved to copy desk...

H-T guest reviewer, named drama critic... Barry Stela, NY Post, won press photographers' award with pic of dejected Ralph Branca after playoff game with Giants...

Murray Ilson, Times and Dorothy Spence Ilson, Life, parents of baby boy... Bob Mann, NY Mirror's night picture editor, tells in February's Popular Photography "How to Make the Front Page."

Stanley Grabowski, latest to join US armed forces from the Elizabeth Journal... Added to circulation staff and Guild.

Harry Isaac, Frank Hoffner, Peter V. Liotta, George J. Flores and Francis DiGiovanni... Local secretary Firman Lores and Mel Shapiro to attend next Middle Atlantic district council in York...

Marguerite McCollum and Frank Williamson named delegates to Union County CIO council.

Charles Randall, circulation district manager, new chairman of the Daily News unit of LANG. Other new officers: Lee Goodrich, named advertising and public relations director of Jackson and Church Co., Saginaw. He has written business news and features for The Bay City Times since 1948.

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'Cross Country Roundup Of New Local Officers

Stockton—Marge Flaherty, a newswoman Guild member for three and a half years, has been chosen to lead Stockton Record Local 100 in 1952, its second year of expanded membership.

Most of last year was spent in ironing out the details which added the advertising and circulation departments to the Guild and boosted the local membership from 28 to 81, including two new in military service.

Mrs. Flaherty, a graduate of the University of California, does features and rewrite for Record. She is the first woman president of the Stockton local since World War II.

Serving with her are Norman Marquis, circulation, as vice-president; John Kruger, circulation, as sergeant-at-arms; Marcia Doty, editorial, as secretary; Russ Glenn, advertising, as treasurer and Jim Morrison and Irv Sprague, both editorial, on the executive committee.

Department committeemen are Elizabeth Chapman for editorial, Jack Shepard for advertising and Al Fostine for circulation.

A negotiating committee is now planning for renewal of the contract, which expires March 31.

Madison—Harold E. Entwistle, Capital Times reporter, was re-elected president of the Madison Newspaper Guild at the union's annual meeting.

Other officers elected were Aldric Revell, first vice president; Charles Hippenmeyer, second vice president; Jean Henriksen, secretary; John Sammis, treasurer, and Herman Lochner and Irvin Kreisman, executive committee members.

Calvin Erickson, Revell, and Kreisman were named Guild delegates to the Dane county CIO council. Entwistle was chosen as delegate to the Midwest district council.

The Guild represents editorial department employees of the Capital Times.

San Antonio—Harry Burkhalter, new editor of The Light, has been elected president of the San Antonio local, succeeding Harold Scherwitz, sports editor.

Other officers are Ed Castillo, reporter; first vice president, J. S. McNeel Jr., business and real estate editor, second vice president; John Dunsmore, assistant credit manager, treasurer, and Betty Scheib, reporter, secretary.

Seattle—Rus Ammer has been elected president of the Seattle-Tacoma Newspaper Guild.

The Post-Intelligencer makeup editor succeeds Don Brazier of the Times. Vice presidents are Georg Meyers, Times; Jim Faber, Tribune; Ed Johnson, AP, and Fred Martin, P-I. Amanda Bartel of the P-I is secretary, and Marjorie Bubb was re-elected treasurer.

Wesley Bubb remains executive secretary.

Howie Clifford is unit chairman of the News Tribune, Frank Meicho of the Times, Russ Holt of the P-I and Clarence Moore of the wire service unit.

Wilkes-Barre—Elected for his twelfth consecutive term as president of Wilkes-Barre Local 120 is Joseph E. Collis, assistant managing editor of the Record, and a vice president at large of the American Newspaper Guild.

Others chosen are: First vice president, Daniel Delaney; second vice president, Thomas Merolla; secretary, Thomas Hart; recording secretary, Martha Had-

sel; treasurer, Arthur Albertson; sergeant-at-arms, William Wasko. Joseph M. Walsh and Albertson were named delegates to the CIO council, and Collis and Merolla will represent the local at the meetings of the Middle Atlantic district council.

Minneapolis—Bernard Cassey, Minneapolis Star reporter, was elected president of Twin Cities Newspaper Guild, succeeding William Hendrickson, St. Paul Dispatch artist, who retires after four terms.

Six board members elected in the contest are William F. Brooks, Jr., Star-Tribune unit; Adolph Johnson, AP unit; Russell Gordon, Warren Mitchell, Mrs. Fatima Russell and Richard Wanek, St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press unit.

Elected without opposition were Marshall Genshaw and Earl Vogt, Dispatch-Pioneer Press unit, vice presidents; Sam Rorer, secretary, and Forrest Powers, treasurer, both of the Star-Tribune unit; and Wilbur E. Bode, executive secretary.

Ottawa—Eric R. I. Cawdron was named president of the Ottawa Newspaper Guild for the 1952 term.

Other local officers include Joseph Pickard, first vice president; Murray Goldblatt, second vice president; Phyllis Wilson, treasurer, and Robert Buchanan, secretary.

Named to the executive board were Claude Hammonston, William Channon, Bud Mayo, Reg Gray, Leola Leduc and Richard Statham.

Utica—Local 129 re-elected John Urbanek president, and Robert A. Delaney secretary.

Neil Bantz was named treasurer, succeeding Philip Spartano who declined renomination after serving two terms.

Reno—R. Bryn Armstrong, Reno Evening Gazette reporter, was named president of the Reno Newspaper Guild in annual elections held last week.

In the only other contest Mrs. Katharine Mergen, Gazette society editor, was named vice president. William Gillis, reporter, and William Friel, sports editor, both of the Gazette, were unopposed for the posts of secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Retiring officers included John Burns, Nevada State Journal reporter, president; William J. Henley, Jr., Gazette reporter, secretary, and Maxwell Jensen, Gazette telegraph editor, treasurer. Armstrong was vice president.

Portland, Maine—Victor A. Schlich, Evening Express reporter, is new president of Portland Newspaper Guild. He's up from secretary.

Other officers: Roger V. Snow, Jr., Press Herald reporter, and Earl Aronson, Associated Press, vice presidents; William Langzett, AP, secretary; and Harold W. Bulger, re-elected for 15th term as treasurer.

Election was held at Jan. 13 annual meeting. Schlich was Pittsburgh convention delegate, Aronson is on AP continuing committee.

Bay City—Edward Dulong, state editor of The Bay City Times and longtime Guildsman, has been installed as president of the Newspaper Guild of Bay City. He succeeds Earl J. Perry.

Taking office with Dulong were the vice-president, William Dougan; secretary, Leonard Jackson; treasurer, Marshall Carter; sergeant-at-arms, Norman Deford; delegates to the Bay County CIO council, Robert

E. Hostetter and Alfred L. Pelouin; and member-at-large of the executive committee, Florence Warner.

Members also voted, 23 to 17, in the local's recent annual election to institute a new dues system. It provides for a 50-cent increase in the dues structure, with a 50-cent rebate to members for each Guild meeting attended.

Scranton—Samuel (Chuck) Feldman, sports editor of the Scranton Times, was named president of the Scranton Newspaper Guild at the annual meeting of the local.

Other officers include Charles Rose, assistant sports editor of the Times, first vice president; Thomas Edwards, sports writer of the Scrantonian Tribune, second vice president; Scrantonian city editor Al Williams, treasurer for his eighth consecutive term, and John Bart, correspondence editor of the Scrantonian Tribune also re-elected as secretary.

Feldman, Rose and Edwards were elected without opposition following the withdrawal of Gomer Evans, Times; Vincent Morgan, Scrantonian Tribune, and William J. Bassett, Times, nominated for the three posts, respectively.

A post-election party took place at the Elks' club following the meeting.

Cleveland—Robert Stafford, Press, was elected president of the local after withdrawal of the only other candidate, Howard Beaufort of the News. Both were nominated at the membership meeting, Jan. 3.

With the exception of James Hartshorne, Plain Dealer, re-elected for his sixth consecutive term, the membership will vote in referendum for other officers—four vice presidents and delegates to the Cleveland industrial union council.

VP nominees include Ben Marino, Press; Mike Hrehock, News; Pat Elliott, Union Leader; Fred Vaughan, Press; Hoyt King, Central Press; Ralph Berens, News; Josef K. Schmidt, Plain Dealer; Jack Rums and Irene Coleman, Press; Doyle Smee, NEA, and James Sibbison, AP.

Eight nominees for four CIUC delegates and alternates will be named in order, by the number of votes received.

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Other improvements in the contract, which is retroactive to last Nov. 30, are:

A third week's vacation after eight years is now granted after five, with a fourth week's vacation after 20 years' service. A non-discrimination clause and a complete clarification of part-

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Negotiators were George A. Harris, of Boston; Thomas J. McManus, local president, and Dario Constantini, H. Thomas Maguire and Donald J. Flynn, of the Lynn Item unit.

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Great Falls Guild Wins Improved Pact

Great Falls—A new contract calling for substantial improvements all along the line, was approved by the Great Falls Newspaper Guild, Jan. 14.

Top minimums in the editorial and display advertising departments reach \$95 after six years. Circulation managers and roadmen have a minimum of \$74, also after six years. Stenographers and telephone operators' minimum is \$56.50 after three years.

The new agreement sets up a \$10 weekly raise in the classification for personnel on the news information desk, an increase in the night differential from 75 cents to \$1 for work after 8 p. m., and a military service clause.

In addition to a general wage increase of \$2.50 and \$3, the Guild gained a three-week vacation clause after 10 years with another gain of two weeks in severance pay, boosted to 28 weeks.

Other benefits include an increase in mileage from 7 to 9 1/2 cents, a hike of \$5 (to \$55) in the outside circulation men's weekly travel allowance, and a raise from \$5 to \$10 in the monthly travel allowance for inside circulation solicitors.

Local president Bill James headed the negotiating committee, which included Ray Fenton, Ron Rice, Warren Johnson and Doyle Molen.

Lynn Telegram-News Contract Shows \$4-6 Wage Increases

Lynn—The Lynn Newspaper Guild won wage increases from \$4 to \$6 weekly as Local 55 reached an agreement with Frederick W. Eowright, publisher of the Telegram-News. The new contract, covering 19 editorial and advertising department employees, also provides for merit boosts and upgrading, the highest individual raise being \$11.50.

New top minimums are \$97 for reporters, up from \$91; \$102.50 for display salesmen, up from \$96.50; \$102.50 for rewrite men, up from \$96.50. Reclassification increases added to general increases brought new rates of \$117 assistant managing editor; \$111.50 for assistant city editors; \$108 for society editor and political editor.

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DOWN IN BLACK AND WHITE—Signatures make it official as the New Kensington unit of the Pittsburgh Guild closed its first contract with the Dispatch. Dwight King, vice president and editor, signs for management, and Joe Oravec, left, unit chairman, and Jack Hollister, Pittsburgh local president, represent the Guild. Standing are Frank Anderson, Helen Minner, secretary of the local, Wanda Hepler, Jan Stachowski, Jessie Trautman and Frank Hansen, of the negotiating committee. The unit went on a brief strike when signing date originally fixed was disregarded by management.

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WHEN CONGRESSMEN returned to Washington after the Christmas recess, they discovered that the house restaurant had boosted the price of a bowl of bean soup—a traditional adornment of the menu at a dime—to twenty-five cents. House members protested, promptly and publicly.

Hearing of the situation, and not being averse to cashing in on a chance at publicity, mid-west farmers sent in a gift shipment of beans, hundreds of pounds of them. But the restaurant manager explained that it wasn't the beans that were expensive, it was the ham hocks that went into the savory trimmings of the concoction.

Thereupon arrived another free shipment, this time of ham hocks from the southwest. But the price of bean soup stayed at a quarter, regardless. The meat donors hadn't sufficiently gauged the collective appetite of our representatives.

Last week, however, some misanthropic character called attention to the fact that congressmen shouldn't complain, for the tabs they pick up don't represent the cost of operating the restaurant, by a good deal. There is, in fact, a subsidy of some \$45,000 a year to keep it going. Subsidies are derived from taxes, a touchy subject so close to both March 15 and a presidential election.

Taxpayers—and voters—might also recall that these congressmen are the same that, only last year, refused to enact any effective legislation to curb the soaring prices of almost everything, including, inevitably, bean soup.

THERE'S A PLAINTIVE piece of writing by the retiring editor of the Guildsman, Los Angeles local publication, in his current, and last, issue.

After noting that his local membership didn't seem to care whether they have a good paper or not, he adds:

"There is a strange and somewhat naive theory . . . that one man sitting in an office on Figueroa street can gain immediate knowledge of what is happening in Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Pedro, Hollywood and Pasadena. The result . . . has been a dearth of actual Guild news and the growing tendency to fill with any type of material . . . just a little germane to Guild activities."

And the retiring president of the Washington Guild sums up a review of his administration with the comment that too few people in the Guild are called on to do too much.

It's a fair assumption that neither the Los Angeles editor

or the Washington ex-president is alone in his views, either as to a Guild publication or the operation of a Guild local. Nor is the Guild as an organization unique in letting willing hands do the work.

This could easily become a dissertation, at this point, on the virtues of the slogan, "Early and often," as applied to copy from Guild locals for the Guild Reporter. Since that would sound a bit like a preacher haranguing the faithful on the subject of non-church-attendance, restraint will be exercised, and "thirty" written here.

BOND STORES, INC., has promised to be good, in its future advertising, and the federal trade commission has dismissed a pending complaint against the big clothing outfit, at the same time reserving the right to crack down again, if need arises.

Specifically, Bond took the pledge as to three practices. Hereafter it won't say that a price is a saving or reduction unless it actually is. It will stop calling a fabric "Cameron" which is not a Scotch import. And it won't say a shoe is "bootmaker hand finished" unless it has been trimmed, scoured, buffed, and dressed by hand, as well as polished or dyed manually.

SFONG Member Wins City Press Oscar

San Francisco — The fourth annual press "Oscar" for wisdom in city government was awarded by the four daily newspaper City Hall reporters to Don Facklerley, member of the county board of supervisors.

Facklerley, now assistant display advertising manager at the San Francisco News, was cited for his economy measures and for having started the successful fight to add a fluoride to city drinking water as a tooth decay deterrent.

The award, a bronze owl sculptured by Benny Bufano, was presented at a board session by Virgil Elliott, Call-Bulletin reporter. The others, all Guild members, who aided in the selection were Raymond Leavitt, Chronicle; Dick Nolan, Examiner; and Dick Chase, News.

Elizabeth Guild

P-1 Book Pays Off

Elizabeth — The first Page One ball of the local has resulted in a profit of \$1,137.40 from publication of the souvenir book. A small number of outstanding accounts is expected to raise the total slightly.

Washington ROUNDUP

By CHALMERS M. ROBERTS
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IN 1932 H. L. MENCKEN put together a volume called "Making-a President" which contained this bit of generalized truth:

"The selection of a President is obviously the concern of every American. Well, two things about it deserve to be noted. One is that it is done by professional politicians, and by professional politicians exclusively, and that at least nine-tenths of them can be bought, if not with downright money, then at all events with jobs. The other is that it is a purely extra-legal proceeding—that there is no mention of the process in the Constitution and that even the laws take little notice of it."

Now the sage of Baltimore (who at the time showed a lack of sagacity by saying that the election of F. D. Roosevelt that year, if it should come about, would "be a kind of miracle") was talking of the nominating conventions. It's worthwhile to consider the present goings-on in re Messrs. Taft, Eisenhower, Warren and Stassen and Messrs. Truman and Kefauver in the light of Mencken's remarks.

TAKE THE REPUBLICAN shenanigans first. A fellow named John D. M. Hamilton recently cracked that Ike's hat-in-the-ring statement really was a "rug-pulling job" on Senator Lodge and the other Ike backers.

This Hamilton is the same gent who back in 1936, and I've checked my memory on it, was shouting that if Roosevelt was elected to a second term he'd make every American wear a dog tag round his neck with a social security number stamped on it. Mr. Hamilton was opposed to the social security idea, it seemed, but the voters weren't.

It probably will be cleared up by the time this appears in print but as of this writing the story is that Lodge has done some rug-pulling himself. Senator Benton has been trying to push an investigation of McCarthy with a view to having him thrown out of the senate and he had the matter before a subcommittee whose GOP members were Senators Margaret Smith and Hendrickson, both on the outs with McCarthy. But, the story goes, Lodge was instrumental in having them replaced with two McCarthyites, Dirksen and Welker. The theory, apparently, was that the Grand Old Party ought to have a bit of harmony.

It makes one wonder just what Lodge & Co. will recommend that Eisenhower do when, if nominated, he has to face the nasty question of whether he accepts or repudiates McCarthyism. Taft, of course, long ago accepted it.

IT IS TRUE that between now and July 17, when the GOP convention opens, a number of states will hold "preferential" presidential primaries at which the voters may declare for Taft or Ike—that is, if the professionals behind the two rivals will let the voters have a choice. Already the Ike men have decided to duck Illinois because they figure Taft plus the Republican state machine would drub them. They believe the Gallup poll, of course, but don't trust the voters to bear it out. An Ike victory in an Illinois referendum would really smash Taft in Taft-land. But the pros won't take a chance.

They'd rather try for New Hampshire. It's got the advantage of being the first primary and the Ike-men figure their boy will look good in that first run. But now comes the Taft machine ganging up with the MacArthurites to challenge Ike and predict a "startling setback" in the New Hampshire vote. Let the voters decide, I say.

In fact, that's the whole trouble with the presidential nominating system, as Mencken noted—the voters don't get to decide except that public

opinion, amorphous in many ways, still hovers cloud-like over the convention delegates' heads. Too many professional politicians get between the people and the candidates.

Between the New Hampshire vote and the convention there will be trial heats of varying sorts in such key states as Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin. Duff in Pennsylvania and Morse in Oregon will try to push those states to Ike while Ohio and Illinois now apparently will go uncontested to Taft (assuming, as I do, that Stassen is no contest for anyone). The point is that the voters aren't getting enough chance to choose before the convention, that in the end—as it looks today from here—Mencken's "professional politicians exclusively" will be the ones to decide at Chicago.

The pros, of course, are in Taft's corner. He's sound and sure—sure for jobs and favors. Ike's an unknown and there's the horrible example of the time the pros were swept off their feet by the Willkie amateurs. My own opinion is that Wendell Willkie's death was the most severe blow the GOP has suffered since the 1932 defeat. He was good for the party and when he died the party back-slid.

Mencken's bought-and-paid-for delegates crack has applied for years especially to Republican delegates from the South. I don't know if Taft backers have been laying out any cash but their man has been playing shuggle-bunny with the Dixiecrats. Taft the other day spoke to the Virginia General Assembly and purred that he agreed "about nine-tenths of the time" with Virginia's senators Byrd and Robertson. Dixiecrats, don't fear me!

CONSIDER THE DEMOCRATS NEXT. Truman still is playing it cozy, naturally enough, for an incumbent president gives up much of his power once he says he won't run again. (Incidentally, the new two-term Constitutional amendment will drive all eight-year Presidents after Truman into a final two years of impotence because the law will force open the field.)

Kefauver's maneuvers I consider smart. A lot of wise boys in Washington won't buy him. But they were the same ones who said his crime investigation wouldn't touch the big Democratic cities. I give them, not Kefauver, two strikes. His call on Truman before formally throwing his hat in the ring was the essence of party regularity—a Truman must. I consider Kefauver a good bet for the nomination if Truman takes himself out—and for the second spot if he stays in. Harry likes party regularity and Kefauver has made it clear he and the President have a lot in common. The story is that Truman and Kefauver talked over these points of agreement on party principles.

Of course Kefauver's big appeal comes as a counter to the scandals and crime in Government. The more the GOP tub thumpers thump away on such themes the more they boost Kefauver's stock.

I WROTE a piece in this space some time ago that Truman's southern enemies were in a position to deny him victory should it be a Taft-Truman race. I still feel that way. Witness Gene Talmadge's latest move. He wants to keep the names of candidates off the ticket in Georgia, leaving the voters to choose between states of unknown electors. If Truman is the Democratic candidate, expect similar efforts to balk the voters' will and throw the election into the House where a GOP-Dixiecrat deal can be made.

There are other frustrations of the democratic process I want to write about but this is a fair dose for today.

CINCY LOCAL AIDS ITS OWN

Cincinnati — Much-needed financial help was given by the Cincinnati Newspaper Guild to three local members removed from their papers' payroll because of long illnesses.

At the last membership meeting a committee reported that the local had raised \$667.50 in contributions, with the amount divided among Eugene Massey and Ruth Napier, both of the newly-suspended Record, and Charles Scherer of the Post, all ill and unemployed.

In addition, Otto Smith, who had been awarded a television set at the meeting, passed it on to Massey, an invalid for months.

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