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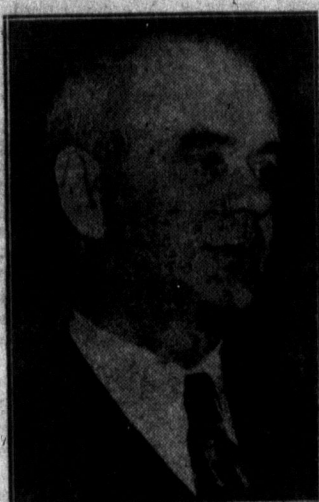
TWO WAGE GROUPS MERGED IN MOVE TOWARD NATIONAL PARITY GOAL

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PHILIP MURRAY

Executive Board Voices Its Tribute to Phil Murray, Humanitarian CIO Leader

News of the sudden death at San Francisco of CIO President Philip Murray reached New York while the Guild's International Executive Board was in quarterly session at the Abbey Hotel.

The board drafted a resolution to be sent to Mrs. Murray and their son Joseph, expressing its sorrow at the news.

As of Monday, ANG President Harry Martin was requested to attend the funeral at Pittsburgh and to serve as a bearer for the late CIO chief. He replied by wire.

The text of the IEB resolution:

"The International Executive Board of the American Newspaper Guild, while today in session, has received the news that Philip Murray is dead.

"There has been taken from us a great leader, of labor and of the people. His wisdom and courage is lost at a time when it could not more be needed.

"The best tribute to our lost leader is to close our ranks and press on toward the goals of human love and decency that were, and are, his and ours."

In Martin's telegram accepting the honor of serving at the funeral, he said:

"Philip Murray was a kind, wise and courageous man, and his loss at this critical time is incalculable. 25,000 Guild members join me in sending deepest condolences to you both."

Murray, 66 years old, died in his sleep at a San Francisco hotel, after addressing a west coast conference of members of his Steelworkers union.

In June, 1951, when he addressed the Pittsburgh Guild Convention banquet session in typically inspiring fashion, he came almost directly from a hospital where he had been treated for a serious abdominal ailment. Seemingly he recovered fully from the effects of that illness, and his death, from a heart attack, was wholly unexpected.

The IEB had designated its president, executive vice president, secretary-treasurer, Vice President Al Dipman, of SFONG and Arthur Atwell, Los Angeles local president, as the Guild's five CIO Los Angeles convention delegates.

Before adjournment last Monday, the IEB was informed of the change of place and date in meetings of the CIO vice presidents and its executive committee.

Because of the funeral held Thursday at Murray's home city, Pittsburgh, the vice presidents held their session there on Wednesday, and recommended deferring the full convention dates to the first week in December, and changing the site from Los Angeles to Atlantic City, where the Chelsea Hotel was found available.

A \$110 national minimum for five-year newsmen and a \$131 six-year top for eight bureaus highlight the new Associated Press Guild contract—best in wire service history.

About half of all AP newsmen and photographers are covered by the new \$131 top. Many of the other half are guaranteed minimums of \$115 or \$120 depending on location of their assignments. No experienced staffer will get less than \$110 weekly.

Office boys—a large classification with AP—will start at \$37.50 and progress to \$42.50 after one year and to \$45 after two years in the eight larger offices.

The agreement was reached on Nov. 4, the expiration date of the old contract. There had been five weeks of negotiations.

It embodies substantial progress toward a long-time goal—elimination of differentials among various bureaus over the country. One of the five classes of bureaus was wiped out by the merging of the second class into the top level. The nationwide floor was lifted to \$110 by addition of a year of experience progression for the bottom class, which includes 66 bureaus.

The agreement includes general raises of \$2 to \$4, fully incorporated in the minimums.

The \$131 six-year top applies to New York, Washington and Chicago, previously \$125, and Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Detroit and Philadelphia, previously \$119. This group includes half of all AP newsmen. New York district reporters, previously divided into two groups, at \$119 and \$106.50, allowed to go to \$125.

The old third class, composed of Atlanta, Kansas City, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, goes from \$114 to \$120.

The fourth class goes from \$106.50 after five years to \$115 after six. It includes, Baltimore, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Grand Rapids, Harrisburg, Indianapolis, Lansing, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Newark, New Orleans, Portland, Ore., Sacramento, San Diego and Seattle.

The \$110 five-year minimum applies to all 98 bureaus. For those not listed in the six-year classes it represents an advance from the previous \$98.50 after four years.

The step-up levels are \$101.50

after four years, \$89 after three, \$75.50 after two, \$65.50 after one and \$55 to start.

The general raise includes \$4 for salaries of \$120 and above, \$3.50 for those in the \$100 to \$120 bracket, \$3 between \$80 and \$100, \$2.50 between \$60 and \$80, and \$2 under \$60.

The contract is for two years, with a reopening after one year for wages and some other clauses.

Night and early differentials are increased 20 percent, to \$6 and \$9 respectively. Four-week

vacations apply after 15 years instead of 20. The dismissal indemnity maximum is raised from 36 to 46 weeks, with the rate of accrual unchanged.

Improvement was recorded in other clauses. The negotiators and the AP National Committee have submitted the agreement to the membership, with a unanimous recommendation for acceptance.

AP management was represented by Harry T. Montgomery, traffic executive; Wes Gallagher, (Continued on Page Two)

POT BOILS OVER—

Erie Guildsmen Strike At Dispatch Over Long String of Grievances

Erie, Pa.—More than 80 members of the Erie Newspaper Guild, comprising the Erie Dispatch unit, went on strike late Wednesday night for the second time in four months. This time, the members vow, they stay out until thoroughly assured that management's harassment tactics against the Guild are stopped and forestalled by ironclad language written into their Guild contract.

Last August, Erie Guildsmen set up a picket line in protest against the new-broom tactics of W. Howard Parsons, just installed as assistant to the publisher, Edward Lamb, Toledo attorney.

That resulted in a quick settlement after Lamb flew into town and met personally with Guild leaders. The unit members felt the lesson had been learned, and they would have no more trouble. But the announced shake-up in managerial control didn't materialize, in the form of attempts to live peacefully with the Guild.

Guild officers have lost accurate count, but at least fifteen grievances have arisen within the four months' interval, calling for repeated protests and meetings with Dispatch management.

A new editor, James Blissell, has proved particularly obdurate in meetings which called for him to represent management. On one occasion he is quoted as say-

ing, "Why don't you hit the bricks if you don't like the treatment?"

Blissell fired one man for a first offense as an alcoholic, an employee who voluntarily sought AA assistance in overcoming his ailment. He transferred another to a night shift and unfamiliar work, in an obvious build-up for an inefficiency dismissal.

As many as four meetings in a single week have been held, in an attempt to iron out continuing grievances, most of them falling under the heading of threats to job and union security, and some being flagrant violations of past policy on sick leave.

Wednesday at 10:30 PM the strike call was issued, and pickets went on duty at midnight. Yesterday morning, the editorial, advertising, business and circulation offices were vacant, although craft unions went through the lines set up by Guildsmen, with one notable exception.

The Teamsters union notified management that it was not working as long as the picket line remained. Management worked on Thursday's paper, getting out a 24-page edition for which much of the composition had been done the night before. Mail copies were delivered, but none left the delivery platform through normal channels.

Management yesterday sought sessions with the Guild, and two meetings were held and recessed. (Continued on Page Two)



SMILE OF ACCORD—Signatures went on the newly drafted contract between the Associated Press and the American Newspaper Guild as the teams of negotiators reached agreement last week after a series of long and arduous meetings. Pact is subject to ratification by AP members across the country. Standing are Harry Snyder, Washington; Ron Gilbert, Indianapolis; L. M. Thomson, AP personnel staff, and Harold Glasser, AP chief cashier and statistician. Seated are Stephen Rippy, ANG acting wire service administrator; Leonard Millman, San Francisco, chairman of the Guild's committee; Wesley Gallagher, AP personnel chief, and Harry Montgomery, assistant to AP's general manager.



FOR DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT—Recipients of Page One Awards at Philadelphia-Camden's 10th anniversary celebration were the eight notables shown here exchanging autographs. Standing, left to right, Playwright Joseph Kramm, for his Pulitzer prize play, "The Shrike"; Pulitzer novelist James Michener, for "Tales of the South Pacific"; Dr. George W. Taylor, former chairman of the National War Labor and Wage Stabilization Board; Paul Comly French, executive director of CARE, and Philadelphia-Camden local's first president; M. H. Goldstein, counsel for the Guild local; Robin "Sherds" baseball's 26-game winning pitcher, and J. Edward Klein, local president. Seated are Marion Anderson, famed contralto, and Grace Kelly, star of stage, screen and TV.

NLRB Will Hold Elections In Boston Post Editorial And Commercial Next Month

A majority of all votes cast is required to carry either election. Those eligible to vote will be the employees included in the respective units as described in the current contracts of both the Guild and the Post Associates.

Board Supports Contracts Body

Eighteen contracts, full approval of which had been withheld by the IEB contracts committee, and which hence called for reference to the quarterly meeting of the board, were continued in their status by vote of the IEB last weekend. In all cases the board voted to sustain the IEB committee's action.

Contracts affected by the action:

Allentown Call & Chronicle, Brockton Enterprise-Times, Cincinnati Post and Cincinnati Times-Star, Indianapolis Star (two contracts), Lima News, Memphis Commercial Appeal, Press-Scholar, Lock Magazine, Quick Magazine, Plainfield Courier-News, Portland Oregonian & Oregon Journal, Salt Lake Tribune, Tacoma News Tribune, and Toronto Star (four contracts).

In six instances the committee reported that after it had withheld approval of a contract, locals had reopened negotiations and made improvements in their agreements along the lines suggested by the committee. In four of these cases, the improvements were such as to gain IEB committee approval, and permission to sign was given in all six instances.

There are presently 303 contracts in effect, of which 142 cover employees of 178 daily and Sunday newspapers of general circulation. Two contracts have been added to the list which contain Guild Shop clauses.

Eubanks Gets Brown's Seat on Wage Board

San Francisco, Cal. — Sam Eubanks, executive secretary of SFONG, has been named as alternate CIO member of the Regional Wage Stabilization Board, which takes in California, Nevada and Arizona. Eubanks fills a vacancy created by the death of Bob Brown, former SFONG executive secretary.

N. Y. Compass Folds; Publisher Broke; Guild Holds Bag on Severance

Suspension for reasons of financial straits of the New York Compass poses a serious problem of collection of severance pay for the members of the Compass Guild unit, the IEB was told by Ed Easton, New York local president.

The daily closed its doors after issuing its Nov. 3 edition, without explanation. Publisher Ted Thackeray was later quoted as saying "We just ran out of cash."

Nearly 60 employees of the paper, which supported the left-wing Progressive Party, were covered by a Guild contract, which as to minimum salaries for newsmen, topped the list for daily newspapers, with a \$130

minimum for experienced newsmen.

Easton estimated that the severance pay clause obligated management for some \$83,000, "which we will make every effort to collect."

The Compass was founded in 1949 when Thackeray, after separating from his wife, Dorothy Schiff, publisher of the New York Post, acquired the plant and equipment of the New York Star, then recently abandoned. A further historical tie with disaster is found in the fact that the Star had bought the plant after Field and Lager sold had jettisoned their experimental non-advertising newspaper, PM.

SFONG Wants to Know Boundaries And IEB Asks: What Have You?

The Guild's IEB has passed back to San Francisco-Oakland local a knotty problem of geographical limitation of a local's jurisdiction, posed in a letter to the board from Sam B. Eubanks, SFONG executive secretary.

That local, Eubanks wrote, presently has newly-formed units located some 60 or more miles from its headquarters office. Contrariwise, within that distance from the office lie several other newer locals, chartered and flourishing.

Question: Where do "the city limits" of SFONG lie?

Recourse to the original charter granted to California Guildmen in the early 30's reveals that the

first grant was to the Northern California Newspaper Guild, presumably embracing thousands of square miles of territory.

Later, SFONG emerged as a Guild entity, taking over the old charter without a new definition of its territorial responsibility.

The IEB did considerable verbal wrestling with the matter. Finally, the board came up with a question of its own. What, they asked, does San Francisco-Oakland itself deem to constitute its organizing and servicing limits?

That query, the answer to which may help the IEB in its determination, is being duly put to the west coast local.

'Hap' Milne, Charter Guildsman, And Ace Midwest Sports Editor Retires from Desk in Rockford

Rockford, Ill.—Harry D. "Hap" Milne, veteran sports editor of the Rockford Morning Star, and one of the charter members of the American Newspaper Guild, has retired. He was regarded as dean of Illinois sports writers.

"Hap" was for 38 years a sports writer and editor, and before that a star football player and captain of his Rockford high school football team, and has been on the sports staff of the Star since 1918.

During his distinguished career he was known as one of the outstanding sports writers and editors in the middle west, and as mentor and patron of various departments of sports and athletics in north Illinois he was an "institution."

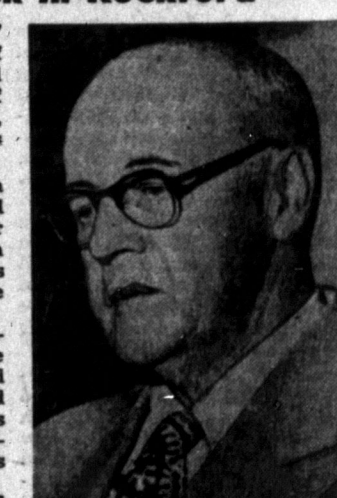
"Hap's" retirement was noted by the Rockford Newspaper Guild local of which he was an original member, having joined in 1933. The local gave a buffet supper in his honor.

On the day of his retirement, two Rockford High School teams, East and West, paused between halves to join in tribute to him, and the fact was announced to 6,500 spectators at the crowd-torn football clash.

His work during the last day at his desk was stilled by crowds of sports fans, which in Rockford means "Hap fans," who dropped into the Star editorial room to wish him well as he wrote "80" to his career.

The mails brought hundreds of congratulatory letters, and Western Union did good business in Rockford as sports leaders and athletes of the nation wired their.

"Hap" goes into retirement carrying "his membership" card in the Rockford Guild,



HARRY MILNE
After 34 years, a rest

voted him by the members. Star employees gave him a portable typewriter and a wrist watch in a brief newroom ceremony.

A bit of a laugh on "Hap" was subbed in the copy on his retirement, when it was discovered that he had gone through life not knowing his exact age.

He had intended to retire at 65, and thought this was the year. On checking birth records at the court house, he discovered he was exactly a year older. He had given his job an extra year of labor. He was 66.

But during the year he was involved in a strike situation—a new experience. Last spring when the Typos struck the Star plant, "Hap" with other members of the Guild refused to

Wanted to Outlaw Guild, Congressman Vail, Ill., Beaten By Fair Dealer

By RAY PASMICK

Chicago Guild

Chicago, Ill.—Rep. Richard B. Vail, the Illinois Republican congressman who thinks the American Newspaper Guild should be outlawed, has gone down to defeat in a bid for re-election.

The GOP stalwart lost in a stunning upset that withstood an Eisenhower tide in the general elections Nov. 4. He had been an odd-on favorite to recapture his seat, even without an Eisenhower boom, but was defeated instead by Barratt J. O'Hara, former congressman and liberal Democrat.

Unofficial returns from the second congressional district in Illinois gave O'Hara 66,000 votes to Vail's 62,000. The district, located in Chicago, is a composite of numerous wealthy South Shore residents, University of Chicago faculty members and CIO Steelworkers.

Vail aroused the enmity of Guildmen throughout the nation early in 1951 when he introduced in the House of Representatives two bills that would, in effect, destroy the ANG.

One of the measures sponsored by the retiring congressman would forbid the NLRB to hold collective-bargaining elections or issue unfair labor practice complaints for any union which includes persons employed by a newspaper or periodical as writers, reporters, correspondents or commentators or in any capacity directly involved in the gathering or presentation of the news.

"The bill is intended," said Vail at the time, "to prevent the slanting of news in behalf of labor or in behalf of the position taken by labor on any subject. I believe newspaper reporting should be objective and I do not believe it can be if the newspapermen belong to unions which take sides."

Vail conceded that there had been no cases of biased news reporting or handling, by virtue of Guild membership.

"It should be made clear," he said, "that this bill is not to be interpreted as accusatory in the sense that it is prompted by the bad record." (See G.R., Feb. 23, 1951.)

In attempting to undermine the bargaining position of newspaper workers through legislation, the congressman was more specific. He said he was "aiming directly at the American Newspaper Guild."

Another bill drafted by Vail would require news reports written by Guild members to be identified with the Guild label "ANG-CIO" so readers "could judge the possible bias of the newspaper story in light of the writers' CIO affiliation."

Both pieces of legislation were referred to the house committee on education and labor and neither came up for a vote. With congress switching to nominal GOP control next January, it's a good bet that if Vail had been re-elected he would probably have revived both bills and pressed for their enactment.

O'Hara told the Guild Reporter that Vail's defeat could be traced to a "popular uprising" of the people against the incumbent's irresponsible behavior and his generally bad labor record. As a member of the 80th Congress, Vail supported and voted for the Taft-Hartley law.

"The CIO did a magnificent job in alerting the voters to Vail's poor performance as congressman in the second district," said Mr. O'Hara.

Vail is a 56-year-old manufacturer who in 1944, during an NLRB case against his firm, took the witness stand and proclaimed his attitude on unions: "I am opposed to outside unions. I would not be opposed to a company union."

The occasion was a board hearing on charges of the United Steelworkers that 28 workers had been fired by the Vail Manufacturing Co. for joining the union.

The NLRB subsequently ordered the 28 restored to their jobs, but Vail defied the government agencies by refusing to reinstate the workers, or give them back pay. As a result of Vail's defiance, the case wound up in the courts and the U.S. Supreme Court, only recently, upheld the NLRB in ordering reinstatement of the 28 fired for union activity.

Vail was first elected to congress in 1946 with isolationist backing and, of course, the support of the Chicago Tribune.

Back home he is considered representative of the Republican party's extreme right wing, over with Senator McCarthy.

In 1948 Vail was defeated by O'Hara, but the anti-Guild congressman bounced back again in 1950 when his principal opponent was Bernard Epton, a young lawyer and fighter-pilot.

In this year's election, O'Hara was once again pitted against Vail and the Fair Deal Democrat won the wholehearted support of liberal groups, such as Independent Voters of Illinois (a branch of the ADA) as well as the complete backing of the CIO political action committee.

O'Hara's victory in the face of the strong Eisenhower landslide is regarded as one of labor's outstanding accomplishments in the '52 elections.

Magnuson won handily in the primary to the surprise of the politicians. The dopers had counted his victory on November 4 was also considered an upset.

Leo O'Brien of Albany, formerly of the Times-Union and member of the Tri-City Guild, was elected last spring to a full, unexpired term, and was re-elected. He also is a Democrat.

Minds Crammed At Toronto Training Meet—Host Guild Fills Delegate Tummies Too

Delegates and staff fared well at the Canadian collective bargaining training institute in Toronto. After the Toronto Guild and the Canadian District Council had picked up the bill for three meals, delegates had to use their own money only for breakfast and midnight snacks.

At the Saturday lunch break in the sessions Lillian Thain, TNC treasurer, handed out pink slips good for \$1.50 (Canadian) worth of sustenance in the Royal York's various eateries. She must have overprinted on the pink slips because there were enough to go round for Sunday's lunch also.

One staffer and two delegates tried to fast-talk the hotel cashier into turning the slips into cash—but unsuccessfully.

Saturday dinner was on the Canadian District Council. Eric Cawdron, CDC secretary-treasurer, picked up the whole tab.

To complete the hospitality, TNC host local, provided before, after, and in-between drinks. There was some confusion about rye vs. Canadian whiskey, but none about the liberality of supply.

The ninth 1952 collective bargaining training institute, held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ont., Oct. 25-26, successfully brought to a close the current institute year. The sessions were held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Canadian District Council.

The institute brought out one of the largest groups of Guildmen to attend a training session. Fifty-one delegates representing Buffalo, Ottawa, Toronto and Canadian Wire Services discussed ANG administration and collective bargaining with J. William Blatz, ANG Director of Organization, Ellis T. Baker, ANG Director of Research and Information, and Harry Gersh and Charles Perlak, ANG staff.

Baker, in charge of the ANG training program, said that with the Toronto institute the nine sessions had been attended by a total of 350 Guild leaders and active members and had reached 28 ANG locals. Previous institutes were held in Chicago, Albany, Charlotte, N. C., Philadelphia, Columbus, Los Angeles, Seattle and Boston.

The following members and local officers were in attendance at Toronto:

Buffalo Local—Virginia Miller, Thomas J. Kelley, Bob Van Wagoner, Jeanne Le Page, Bernard J. Butler, Tony Frezza.

Canadian Wire Services—Charles Dale, Ed Simon, L. H. Chambers, all of Toronto.

Ottawa Local—R. H. Abba, C. Hammett, R. W. Strutham, Bob Martin, R. H. Buchanan, Eric R. I. Cawdron, Eric Brenning, Terry McGovern.

Toronto Local—A. Richards, Evelyn Perry, Mary Rancowski, S. Platt, R. Williams, A. T. Allan, P. F. McCall, E. O'Reilly, Lillian Thain, Willis Entwistle, Joe Beuchler, Harold J. Hill, Douglas A. Wright, Mel Olynik, Michael J. Russell, May Williamson, Jesse Stevenson, Margaretson, Gerald Dege, W. J. Gould, Charles E. G. Molony, Isabel Ledingham, Ruth Reed, Shirley E. Faulkner, Faye Leach, Ben Rose, Alex Gressler, William Paull, Joseph Davies, James Miller, Michael Iwasz Jr., Neda Borinoff, Victor B. Long, Mrs. E. Gamble.

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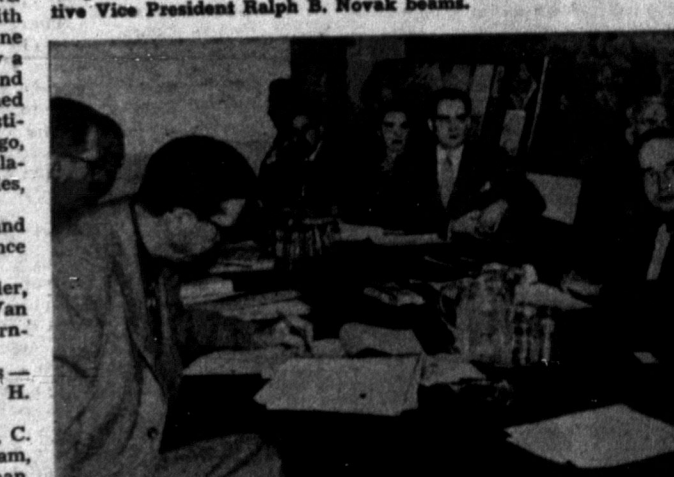
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ALBANY'S TRAINING INSTITUTE recessed its collective bargaining deliberations to permit Empire State District Council to elect a new president. He's Walter J. McDermott, left, shaking hands with his predecessor, Francis Rivest, now on the ANG staff. ANG executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak beams.



MID-WEST TRAINING INSTITUTE, held in conjunction with the Mid-West District Council meeting, was crowded—and attentive. Delegates to the Chicago sessions are listening to Executive Vice President Novak discussing contracts.

Mid-Atlantic Council Will Meet In Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 6-7

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NEWSPAPER EDITORS and political writers all erred this year on the side of conservatism, in their early September predictions of the election's outcome, as indicated in the Associated Press roundup noted in this space in the September 26 issue.

Guesses as to those states "probably" for Eisenhower or "leaning" toward the GOP candidate obviously were right; but the seven states listed as a toss-up between the candidates went, with the lone exception of Louisiana, to Eisenhower. And two states tagged as probably for Stevenson—Massachusetts and Missouri—plunged for the General, as did Illinois and Virginia, listed in the survey as leaning to Stevenson.

Throwing the toss-up states into the scales along with those "for" Eisenhower, would leave the AP prediction still 81 electoral votes short of the total actually rung up in the General's phenomenal sweep.

In short, a pollster's lot is not an 'appy one.

BY FAR THE MOST DIVERTING election night by-play centered about the performance of the electronic computer, Univac, and its forthright prediction of an Eisenhower victory, soon after returns began trickling in.

So thoroughly had pollsters sold the public on the idea that the election was a stand-off, that the Univac operators didn't believe their monster of mathematical magic, when it told them the simple truth.

Actually, the machine did nothing more than speed up the computations and comparisons which skilled political observers could have made, given sufficient time. What the Univac people did was to load up the machine with figures on past performances. Then on election night, as the new 1952 figures became available, they were fed into the maw of the automaton.

After a bit, the operators pushed buttons and threw switches which in effect asked the question, "How's it going, bud?"

The answer came back, showing electoral college totals for Eisenhower which, so help us, were within two votes of the actual, eventual total. That devastating piece of information was so completely contrary to the public opinion polls that the Univac operators began hunting for bugs.

Had there been a failure in "the human element" involved? Did somebody push a wrong button? Did Univac, on this night of nights, in the glare of

TV and radio publicity, suffer from stage fright or some electronic neurosis?

And in this bug-hunt interval, precious time went by. Univac's reputation for both speed and veracity, so highly touted in advance, began to wane. Human observers came through with their own predictions, based on precisely the same data.

Frantically, Univac operators experimented, shutting off the "memory cells" of the gadget and asking more push-button questions. Stubbomly, Univac opined that no prediction was possible, then, reluctantly, that the odds in favor of Ike were no better than eight to seven.

That last was more in line with preconceived human notions, born of the public opinion polls. Cautiously that report was aired, a "little past midnight."

As to the several morals that can be drawn, the temptation to do a McCarthy by lifting a sentence out of context is too strong. So, from a post-election comment on opinion-testing polls, by Elmo Roper, is culled this single line:

"But again, what is the use of all this?"

They Don't Fool In Wilmington—Quick Job Done

Wilmington, Del. — In four months the eleven district managers of the News-Journal papers here organized themselves, joined the Newspaper Guild of Philadelphia and Camden, won an NLRB election, entered into negotiations with duPont representatives and wound up with a Guild-shop contract and a \$90 top minimum.

Other gains achieved in the one-year contract, signed November 7 and retroactive to September 1, are:

Reduction of the work-week from 6 day-45 hours to 5-day, 40 hours; no dismissals except for good and sufficient cause and agreement on no dismissals for economy; 3-week vacations after 5 years of service; six paid holidays; minimum of 12 hours' pay for work on day off; ban on unreasonable increase in work load; increase in car allowance from \$20 a week to \$25 weekly in city districts and to \$30 weekly in suburban districts; 26 weeks' severance pay including payment on death; four weeks' pay to employees entering military service; no requirement to handle struck papers or cross picket lines.

Washington Roundup

By CHALMERS M. ROBERTS
Washington Guild

HOLDING YOUR BREATH from November to January is a difficult feat but large numbers of Washingtonians, in and out of government, are currently attempting it.

They are waiting to see whom that steam shovel treatment of the bureaucrats, promised by Ike and the GOP, is really going to uproot. They are not convinced by Ike's statements that no honest and competent civil servant has anything to fear. After all, McCarthy may be the judge.

But the interregnum, as the Sunday sections have begun to note, is not likely to be as sterile as some in the past. Names make news and we're hearing them already.

Of course, the tone of any administration is set by the policy makers at the top, a few hundred, not by the hundreds of thousands of bureaucrats below. Ike doubtless will find out how tough it is to get first class administrators at Government salaries.

WHILE WAITING for the General to metamorphose into the President, the boys around town are second-guessing the election. I might as well indulge, too. What provokes it most of all was a statement the other day by a leading brokerage firm that the vote showed a complete public repudiation of the New Deal and the Fair Deal.

This I consider nonsense.

SEE IF YOU AGREE with these conclusions:

1. Ike's vote was a tremendous personal vote of confidence, a feeling that he was a right guy, all the Democratic charges notwithstanding. It was no vote for Nixon.

2. Ike's margin probably would have been even bigger had the opposing candidate been any other Democrat than Stevenson, who fought a first class fight.

3. The vote was no vote of confidence in the Republican Party—witness how far Ike "ran ahead" of the senatorial and congressional candidates. Ike pulled a bare majority across the victory line. Taft or any other GOP candidate could not have done that.

4. The disparity between the Ike vote and the GOP party vote (that cast for senators and representatives) is a major indication that the majority of Americans want the social gains of the New and Fair Deals to stay. Ike himself came to recognize that in the final days of the campaign when he gave what amounted to a pledge to keep domestic progress of the past 20 years.

5. The public was fed up with Democratic crookedness, immorality and other vices as revealed in the many investigations. I personally feel that the income tax mess was the most offensive and I cheer the reelection of Sen. Williams

Todd Interests Buy Rockford's Two Newspapers

Rockford, Ill. — The Hanna-Simms interests have sold their majority holdings in Rockford's two newspapers and Radio Station WROK to a corporation dominated by E. Kenneth Todd of Rockford, co-publisher of the papers, Morning Star and Register Republic.

The corporate owner of the papers and broadcasting station is now Winnebago Newspapers Inc., which took over the holdings of Consolidated Newspapers Inc., of which Albert G. Simms, husband of the late Ruth Hannah McCormick, held majority stock, and of Mr. Todd the minority stockholder.

Simms sold his stock to Winne-

bago as did Todd, and Todd becomes president of the new owner-corporation, Winnebago.

Todd announced that executive personnel will not be changed. He does, however, bring into the management with him, Frank H. Just, publisher of the Waukegan Sun-News and Waukegan's radio station, and also publisher of the Libertyville, Ill., Independent, a weekly newspaper; and Just's son, F. Ward Just, general manager of the Sun-News.

Barney Thompson, editor and publisher of the two Rockford papers, has sold his holdings to

Winnebago, but will remain as editor emeritus, and also will continue his "Column Left of the Air" over WROK which he has conducted for more than 20 years.

Stock interests of the Bartlett, Chapman and Sterling Families in the Rockford Consolidated Newspapers have been acquired by the new ownership, but they will continue to participate in the ownership of the properties.

It is understood that the two newspapers, radio station and real estate involved were valued at \$5,000,000 in the transaction.

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Wing to Rest, 8 Want Job in SFONG Election

San Francisco, Cal. — Thirty-nine candidates have been nominated for seven top SFONG positions. The annual election has been set for December 9 and 11.

Eight Guildsmen were nominated for president to succeed Harvey Wing, News unit, who is not a candidate for re-election.

The 1953 officers will be installed in January.

of Delaware, the man most responsible for its uncovering. The public wanted an end to all this, was unwilling to trust the GOP until it came up with a Presidential candidate they liked and even then went along grudgingly with Ike's plea for a majority in Congress.

TAFT THE OTHER DAY pointed out that Ike's victory was hardly a landslide. He got just over 55 per cent of the popular vote compared to 64 for Harding in 1920, 65 for Coolidge in '24, 69 for Hoover in '28, 59 for Roosevelt in '32 and 62 for FDR in '36.

Taft didn't mention it but one major contributor to Ike's big popular vote was the huge figure he received in the South. In the 11 states that once made up the Confederacy, Ike rolled up 3,900,000 votes to 4,100,000 for Stevenson. Democrats used to come out of the South with a couple-million lead.

As I have said before in this column, one of the hopeful results of a Republican victory this year would be a crack in the Solid South. What happened Nov. 4 certainly was some kind of fissure but how wide, and how permanent, it would be rash to predict. Most of the Ike vote was drummed up by dissident Democrats which makes it pretty obvious that—now that "Trumanism" can no longer be a whipping boy—a lot of fresh blood will have to be injected into the Southern wing of the GOP if it is to go anywhere from here.

THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH figures at hand to tell just where the votes came from. It does appear that the Negro stuck with Stevenson, that there was less of a defection among the foreign-born and the Catholics than appeared at first.

Above all, according to a thesis I have been drumming up, the major shift was in what has come to be a new third force in American elections—the suburban vote. Take a look at your own community and see if the most overwhelmingly pro-Ike precincts were not in the suburban fringes.

It is true, of course, that Westchester County, N. Y., and others similar, have always voted Republican. But this year for the first time their number of votes was significant. In postwar years the major shift in our population was from city to suburb. The cities stuck with the Democrats, not too well, but they did stick. The farmers went back to the GOP. The balance was in the huge new suburban areas—and they went for Ike.

Maybe it's all because the Democrats made those city critters so prosperous they went out to Pleasantdale or Sunny Knolls and bought a house, for nothing down and a big mortgage with Government financing, and then went conservative—and voted the Democrats out.

Progress, I guess.