

Broun Award to Portland, Ore., Man For Stories on Indian Land Frauds

WALLACE TURNER, PORTLAND OREGONIAN, WINS WITH EXPOSE SERIES

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9-to-1 Strike Vote UPers' Answer to Management's Stall

United Press Guildsmen voted nine to one this week to authorize the UP Negotiating Committee to use any action necessary—including a strike—to obtain a fair 1953 contract.

UP Guild negotiators, acting with counsel of ANG leaders, called for the strike vote Monday, March 9, after more than five weeks of fruitless contract talks.

Management had made only one offer during its month-long stall: a \$2 to \$4 general increase.

But with the start of the strike vote, UP shook loose with its first offer Monday on job security, key issue in the deadlock.

The UP proposal on job security was a booby trap that would enable the company to continue firing indiscriminately. The UP version of "job security" as presented by Attorney Ezra Bryan was:

1. No discharges except for just and sufficient cause, EXCEPT that reduction of the force shall be considered just and sufficient cause.

2. Arbitration of discharges only, EXCEPT that reductions in force shall NOT be arbitrable.

3. All other grievances may NOT be arbitrated but only referred to conciliation, with management retaining the final say as it now has.

Guild negotiators rejected the proposal.

UP Guildsmen reaffirmed their support of the committee's action with a resounding vote authorizing a walkout.

Key elements of the Guild's job security proposals are:

1. Firing for just and sufficient cause only.

2. Arbitration of ALL grievances.

3. No discrimination for union activity.

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An old American custom—trading the Indians out of their lands for the equivalent of blue beads—was the basis for stories which won the 1952 Heywood Broun Award for Wallace Turner of the Portland Oregonian.

Turner's entry, one of 57 in the American Newspaper Guild's annual competition, was selected for the \$500 prize and a Guild citation by a board of three judges meeting in New York.

While there was a single prize, the judges singled out nine other entries for particular commendation and lauded the whole group of entries for its "sustained high level of quality."

Turner's entry, submitted on his behalf by J. Richard Nokes, Oregonian city editor, included stories which ran almost throughout the year. As a result of his work in uncovering fraud in the sale of timber lands in Oregon and Washington a federal grand jury returned indictments against three men and a Federal Bureau of Investigation action has brought many additional evidences of fraud to the attention of the government.

The story began on Jan. 8, 1952, when a real estate broker in the Rogue River section of Oregon's rough southern coast wrote a letter to the editor of the paper. He complained about irregularities in the sale to timber interests of several parcels of land owned by two poor Indians.

The paper assigned Turner to investigate. He spent weeks tracking the story down. The evidence he produced led to the belief that the Indians had been cheated and that two men in the Indian bureau office in Portland were involved in the transactions.

Oscar L. Chapman, then interior secretary, began his own investigation as a result of Turner's stories and the two men in the Indian bureau were subsequently fired. The Federal Bureau of Investigation also entered the case and turned up what its agents believe to be evidence of fraud in dozens of cases.

The sale of the original allotments was set aside by federal court decree and a new sale ordered.

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Year-Long Writing Job Wins 1952 Broun Award

Portland, Ore.—The winner of the American Newspaper Guild's 1952 Heywood Broun Award is 32-year-old Wallace Turner, general assignment reporter for the Portland Oregonian.

His series on Indian land frauds was a rarity, in that a "big story," such as the expose became, was handled by a single reporter, all the way from the original letter-to-the-editor which held the tip-off, to the indictment of three men by a federal grand jury.

Turner is a native of Titusville, Florida, holds a 1943 degree as bachelor of journalism from the University of Missouri, and aside from a few months on the Springfield, Mo., Daily News in that year, has been continuously employed on The Oregonian news staff.

Asthma prevented his entering military service, and he "went through the usual chairs" as a reporter—night police, day police, vacation replacements, and general news assignments.

If he has a specialty, it's crime news, and in such fields as digging into gambling, prostitution and abortion. Last year his part in driving organized gambling out of a suburban county won him honorable mention in the Guild's 1951 Broun Award competition.

It also gained him recognition from the Oregon Press Club, which named him a co-winner for distinguished reporting. The gambling story was also a one-man investigating job, touched off by the arrest of a woman for embezzling funds to pay gambling debts, and leading to State police raids and convictions, plus federal action for income tax evasions.

Turner, a member of the Portland Newspaper Guild, is married, and has two children.



WALLACE TURNER
"One-man Operation"

Globe-Democrat Accepts Guild Shop and Ups Pay Under Unit Strike Vote

St. Louis, Mo.—With a strike deadline only a little more than 24 hours away, the Guild reached a settlement with the St. Louis Globe-Democrat which included a full Guild Shop and substantial wage increases.

The old contract had not required non-members to join, when the Guild shop first was obtained in 1946. It also permitted the company to hire a limited number of employees not required to join the Guild.

The dispute arose under a wage-reopening clause, effective last Dec. 28, in a contract due to expire June 30. The parties agreed to reopen the Guild Shop provision, and to extend the contract to next Dec. 31.

Wage increases run as high as \$13 a week, over the life of the contract, through correction or part-correction of inequalities affecting a large number of employees. The general increase was \$1 to \$5, fully added to the minimums.

A major point of dispute had been the effort of the company to settle at a lower level of general increase, added to the minimums, than won earlier by the Guild from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The Guild won its point completely in this regard and signed a settlement more costly to the company than would have been required before the strike vote.

Under the existing contract editorial employees were divided into Group I, comprising 30% of those in this classification, with a minimum of \$112 after

five years, and Group II, 70%, with \$120.50 after six years.

The settlement provides \$116 after five years and \$120.50 after six years for Group I effective Dec. 28, 1952, and \$125 after six years effective the last work week in 1953. The last raise will merge the two groups at \$125, Group II receiving that minimum at the start of 1953.

The minimum for experienced advertising artists and copy writers was increased from \$103.50 to \$112 after five years and reference room workers from \$65.50 to \$72 after four years. An additional \$2, besides the general increase, was given all maintenance workers, in recognition of special problems in that department.

Telephone service employees will receive an additional \$2.75 above the general increase, raising their minimum to \$64.75 after four years.

An employee on commissions will receive those commissions while on sick leave and vacations, even though his replacement also is being paid an equal commission. General increase brackets will be computed on basic salary plus commission.

All increases will be retroactive to the work week ending Jan. 3, 1953.

The settlement was accepted and acclaimed by the largest meeting the Globe-Democrat unit ever held. It had been arranged that the company would release virtually all employees for the mid-day meeting, just 12 hours before picketing was scheduled to start.

1953 Training Circuit Starts In West Region

The first of this year's ANG regional weekend training institutes will be held in Stockton, Calif., April 18-19 and Portland, Ore., April 25-26.

A joint institute for the P.-O.-I. and Middle Atlantic district councils has been tentatively scheduled for Buffalo May 2-3.

The California-Nevada District Council will be host to the Stockton institute, and other locals in the Northwest will be invited to the Portland meeting.

Ellis T. Baker, ANG director of research and information, said security—both union and individual—will be the theme of this year's institutes. As last year, the institutes generally will begin Saturday morning and continue through early Sunday afternoon. There are no fees.

Principal sessions will be led by Ralph B. Novak, ANG executive vice president; J. William Blatz, director of organization, and Baker.

Last year, the first for these regional weekend meetings, nine institutes attracted more than 350 delegates from 57 locals.

IEB Pledges Total Resources of Guild To Back UP Members

The International Executive Board's meeting over the March 1 weekend threw the full support of the Guild behind the efforts of United Press members to obtain an equitable contract, adopted resolutions of sympathy for the family of the late Allan S. Haywood, CIO's executive vice president, and disposed of a large volume of other business on the agenda.

Backing for the UP negotiating committee, then newly forced into mediation procedure, came in the form of resolutions authorizing the taking of a strike vote and pledging widest possible aid in the event Guildsmen were obliged to strike. The board deputized four of its members to present the resolutions in person to a mediation session of the negotiators elsewhere in the city.

The IEB also declared a state of emergency, effective upon the start of a United Press strike,

and carrying with it authorization of monthly assessments on the general membership for the duration of such emergency.

Membership of the UP negotiating committee, limited to three by convention action, was increased to four, under the emergency declaration.

Because of the UP situation, the board deferred action on a request from the CIO for Guild contributions to the Philip Murray Memorial Foundation. The Guild quota of the million-dollar total would be \$5,800, it was said, and all other CIO unions have already pledged to contribute.

Gains were reported by J. William Blatz, director of organization, who told the board that the level of dues paying membership stands 957 higher than a year ago; and that bargaining rights for ten new groups totaling 771 newspaper employees.

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Judges Heartened by Quality Of Broun Entries, Says Scher

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Kenneth Crawford had to dash off to put out Newweek and Carroll Binder had to catch a train for Washington, so they delegated to me the job of writing the report of the judges. I'll try to summarize some of our thinking during the judging of the Heywood Broun contest.

We were deeply impressed with the work of all 54 entries, and that's not just a sop to the losers. We felt that such work was heartening about the American newspaper, which comes in for some pretty tough licks most of the time. When editors encourage their reporters to expose graft and corruption, fire-trap tenements, bad prison conditions, and impossible mental hospitals, they are acting not alone in the tradition of Heywood Broun, but in the best tradition of the American newspaper. The entries showed that this goes on across the country all the time.

After we had culled all the entries carefully, we began to weed them out. That was rough going at first, but the more we kicked our ideas back and forth, the more we began to fasten on the Indian land frauds series of Wallace Turner of the Portland Oregonian. Here was a story without "sex appeal." It was purely a matter of conscience. It couldn't get the newspaper a single new subscriber. It took a lot of hard digging and follow-

Nine Runners-up Do Notable Work In Annual Heywood Broun Entries

Nine entries in the Heywood Broun Award competition were given special commendation by the judges. These are the entries listed alphabetically, whose work was praised:

Burke Davis of the Greensboro (N.C.) Daily News. Davis' stories revealed that the Ku Klux Klan had again emerged as a powerful force in North Carolina. His told of mounting violence, floggings and an atmosphere of terrorism. Fifteen members of the Klan were arrested and three eventually convicted and imprisoned after Davis had bared conditions. The reporter was lauded by the judges for his courage.

Leo Katcher of the New York Post. Katcher was one of three reporters who uncovered the existence of the fund set up by wealthy California backers of Sen. Richard Nixon, now vice president. Disclosure of the fund set off the historic national debate during the presidential campaign. Due largely to circumstances Katcher's story was the one that broke the news. The judge recognized his entry as one of great merit and commended him for his fine handling and writing of the story.

Murray Kempton of the New York Post. Kempton's writings on a variety of subjects, and particularly on the West Frankfort, Ill., mine disaster in which 119 men died, were praised as particularly in the spirit of Broun. Kempton's entry, in the opinion of the judges, was the best written of all.

Dan Noonan and Leslie Hanscom of the Brooklyn Eagle. These two reporters collaborated on a series of stories about slum housing conditions in Brooklyn. They called it a "horror housing" series, and in addition to baring conditions which led to several

through. It took patience. Turner had to run down the defrauded Indians in the back country along the Rogue river. He had to check the legal implications, follow complicated legal proceedings, present the matter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs and determine "How come?" From the standpoint of investigation, we thought a splendid job had been done.

Then we considered the results. The Indians got back their lands through this reporting job. Two Indian Bureau employees were fired. And lumbermen who might be tempted to pull a stunt again were put on notice that it was a dangerous practice—because they would face the spotlight of publicity.

Turner's job took six months of doing. Part of the credit for it should go to his stories with strong editorials. We feel that the Broun award always is a compliment to the newspaper which makes such work possible, as well as the reporter.

We thought that if there were a second prize, it probably would have gone to Thomas Sanction of the New Orleans Item for his series on conditions in Angola prison. Here was a reporter with "heart." His writing was strong, effective, lucid. He did much more than an average right-on-the-spot job. He went so far as to help rehabilitate a prisoner who had been through the system he had ex-

posed, of convict labor, dope sales, and brutality. As for others, we were impressed with the growth of three-dimensional reporting. Many of the stories involved so much background, the exposure of conditions which demanded public action. We liked Jim Phelan's piece in Fortnight on a Los Angeles quack doctor, Murray Kempton's columns on labor and national affairs, Burke Davis' excellent job on the Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina, Vic Renner's editorial on witch hunting, Ted Poston's job on finding a witness to help stop a frameup, Leo Katcher's story on the Nixon fund, Leo Sonder-

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James R. Phelan of the Long Beach (Calif.) Independent. Phelan, then news editor of the Long Beach Press-Telegram, exposed the quack methods of the state's most successful "doctor" in an article in the bi-weekly news magazine Fortnight, published in Los Angeles. An ex-fire truck driver, Lynn Andrew Brinkley, spends \$400,000 a year in advertising in four of five Los Angeles papers. Despite the fact the American Medical Association and the Los Angeles Better Business Bureau have repeatedly warned the public against Brinkley's "curious cure-all factory," no criticism of him has appeared in the press. Phelan's story, obtained when he made himself a voluntary patient, told of Brinkley's huge business which is based on super-emmas called colonic irrigation. Public and private health agencies have made much use of Phelan's article to inform the public of quack methods. The Broun judges called Phelan's work thorough reporting and admired his excellent writing.

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dered. It is expected that the Indians will receive more than \$400,000 over the first sale price. Since they squandered the cash from the original sale, the Indians' money will be placed in trust funds to be administered by court-appointed conservators.

In addition to recognizing Turner's persistence and skill as a reporter, the Broun judges commended the paper for its part in righting wrongs. The story was not of the spectacular type that would bring circulation dividends but the paper continued to give it all the space needed through the year. The judges credited the paper with courage for its stand, which might conflict with the vested interests of the Northwest. The integrated effort of the paper's staff was well displayed in the entry and editorial support of Turner's findings in the "Horror Housing" in Brooklyn by Dan Noonan and Leslie Hanscom.

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have been won since the Portland convention.

Following a report from Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak on a decision of the CIO executive board to discontinue CIO efforts, at this time, toward establishment of a national labor daily newspaper, the board directed its press expansion committee to explore possibilities of joining forces with the typographical union in publishing such a periodical.

The board reviewed actions by the IEB contracts committee in handling contract settlements. It voted permission to the Tri-City Local to sign a contract with the Albany Times-Union, although the IEB concurred with the committee in withholding approval of the contract. The matter had been referred to the board by the committee, since it involved relinquishing Guild jurisdiction. In all but one instance, the board sustained committee actions of withholding approval of a number of contracts.

The exception was the Greensboro News & Record contract, which the committee had not

approved because of the wording of a clause maintaining differentials. The IEB rejected this view and voted to approve the contract.

The board granted approval for formation of a new Rocky Mountain District Council, on motion from the Denver Guild, effective on completion of constitutional requirements.

Defining the jurisdictional area of San Francisco-Oakland Local, the board designated eight counties in the Bay area, excluding a ninth, Santa Clara. That county has San Jose, where as its county seat.

Contributions were approved as follows: \$25 to the National Council of the Churches of Christ; \$100 to the Council for Cooperative Development; \$25 to the United Shoe Workers.

The board approved the report of its finance committee carrying the fourth quarter budget, passed May 18-21 as the time for its next meeting. The June meeting will be at Boston, starting June 24. Prior to the May session, there will be a special session of the Wire Service Council with board members of the IEB wire service committee.

President Harry Martin was excused from attendance at the May meeting, in order to attend the meeting of the executive board of the New International Federation of Journalists at Vienna.

Rockford Guild Member Launches Magazine Venture

Rockford, Ill.—Gene Clift, former police reporter for the Morning Star, one of the seven Guildsmen who consistently refused to cross a printers' picket line at the newspaper's plant last spring, has himself become a publisher.

His product, a pocket-size illustrated magazine, "Graphic," contains in its first issue 48 pages, part of 11 of them carrying advertising.

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4. Transfer by mutual consent only.

5. An adequate military replacement clause to guard against management's contention that it can fire ANYONE it wants when a staffer returns from military leave.

UP Guild negotiators have narrowed their money demands to an area between their original proposal for a \$140 minimum and the \$131 top negotiated four months ago in the Associated Press.

While talks with management continued under the auspices of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, the UP Guild Steering Committee prepared for any eventuality.

At management's request ANG Executive Vice President Ralph Novak was present at a mediation session on March 5. Jack Blasco, UP vice-president and general business manager, appeared opposite Novak. But presence of Guild and UP officers failed to break the deadlock on money and job security.

The Steering Committee, working in cooperation with the ANG, completed organization for a strike. Most UP units, particularly in the larger bureaus such as New York, Washington, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles, followed the national committee's lead and set up

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L. S. Fanning, managing editor of The San Francisco Chronicle.—"Probably the greatest single danger to our civil liberties is our super-patriots. After them come the political opportunists, the McCarthyites et al. We feel the strongest means of counteracting threats to our liberties is education. We believe that newspapers have a promise to play in this defense by education."

Brewster P. Campbell, executive city editor of The Detroit Free Press.—"I feel that there is a constant threat to the free exercise of civil liberties and that a free people will always have to guard against such a threat. Bigots are always with us. So, too, are those who would do all possible to stretch their 'rights' to the breaking point."

James Kenney, Jr., editor of The Trenton Times.—"I am under the impression that there are constant threats against civil liberties and there is a need from generation to generation of continuing education and vigilance. ... My experience in the FEPC in New Jersey has led me to stress education for force in combating such threats. Actions at law have a definite place and are necessary, but the maximum use of every educational process accomplishes more in the long run."

John M. Lofton, editorial department of The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.—"I feel that the temper of the times does constitute a threat to civil liberties. The only means I can suggest for counteracting the threat are constant efforts by alert groups such as the ACLU and alert individual citizens to point out instances in which the Bill of Rights is being transgressed and to urge greater tolerance."

San Francisco, Calif.—Six hundred dollars!

That sum, or possibly more, will be given to the Guild by the comparatively small Associated Press unit in San Francisco.

The unit years ago established the custom of giving the first two weeks pay raise.

The new national contract brought raises ranging from \$2 to \$13 a week to about 80 staffers. Contributions started rolling in when the higher pay scales showed up on wage checks.

At the end of February the fund totalled \$572 and several Guild members had promised to contribute.

The fund should pass the \$600

O'Connor, SFONG, to Guild Staff

San Francisco, Calif.—Ed O'Connor, classified advertising salesman at the San Francisco Examiner, has taken a leave of absence from his post to become a Guild international representative for the job of Guild organizing at the Oakland Tribune.

He made the shift this week, and will devote full-time to enrolling members of the Tribune staff. That daily is the only major newspaper in the Bay area that is without a Guild contract.

The Tribune is a monopoly paper, his opposition having

vanished when the Hearst Post-Enquirer folded several years ago.

Its editorial workers belong to an association of their own formation, and for many years have been given the same wages and working conditions that the San Francisco-Oakland Guild has negotiated for its own membership.

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L. S. Fanning, managing editor of The San Francisco Chronicle.—"Probably the greatest single danger to our civil liberties is our super-patriots. After them come the political opportunists, the McCarthyites et al. We feel the strongest means of counteracting threats to our liberties is education. We believe that newspapers have a promise to play in this defense by education."

Brewster P. Campbell, executive city editor of The Detroit Free Press.—"I feel that there is a constant threat to the free exercise of civil liberties and that a free people will always have to guard against such a threat. Bigots are always with us. So, too, are those who would do all possible to stretch their 'rights' to the breaking point."

James Kenney, Jr., editor of The Trenton Times.—"I am under the impression that there are constant threats against civil liberties and there is a need from generation to generation of continuing education and vigilance. ... My experience in the FEPC in New Jersey has led me to stress education for force in combating such threats. Actions at law have a definite place and are necessary, but the maximum use of every educational process accomplishes more in the long run."

John M. Lofton, editorial department of The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.—"I feel that the temper of the times does constitute a threat to civil liberties. The only means I can suggest for counteracting the threat are constant efforts by alert groups such as the ACLU and alert individual citizens to point out instances in which the Bill of Rights is being transgressed and to urge greater tolerance."

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Photographers Share First Time In George Polk Memorial Prizes

Six newspapers, a magazine and a television program have been singled out for the 1952 George Polk Memorial Awards for distinguished contributions to journalism. It was announced by Dr. William Marion Hudson, acting president of Long Island University.

For the first time in the five-year history of the Journalism Award for its two-part series, "The Wiretappers," a grim expose of a flourishing practice which, the authors contended, is being resorted to by governmental and private groups in flagrant violation of Federal Law. The co-writers were William S. Fairfield and Charles Clift.

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Bob Wendlinger of the New York Daily Mirror will receive the first Polk Award for news photography for his gripping photo entitled "Hands of Life, Face of Death." It was a picture of a crazed man refusing help from would-be rescuers on the George Washington Bridge early one morning, and plunging to his death in the Hudson River.

Another "first" in the Special Award voted for the second successive year to Ed Murrow of CBS-TV for his "See It Now" program. It is the first time the committee has ever named an individual two years in a row for the gold plaque. Murrow was especially cited for his Christmas Day telecast, made

Old Timer Philosophizes On "Alumni Club". Liked Medals but Also Benefits

By PERRY MORISON
(Chatter member Local 13, Columbus, O.)

This could start a hassle. It all began at the recent session of the P-O-I Council at Pittsburgh, Pa.

I want no more arguments about "Alumni Club" in the Guild. I ain't mad at nobody. Having treasured my Guild card since March of 1934, you can see why I ain't mad.

At the P-O-I shindig one younger member tramped on the toes of the Old Guard hard.

He thought we were soldiering. He thought we were dodging. He thought we were dodging. He thought we were dodging.

I have a hunch he has something. Maybe we do want to be petted and coddled and told how much the youngsters owe us.

On the other hand, didn't we get raises as the contracts were fought for materialized?

We were selfish. We gained as the others gained. I could point out, if I wanted to be nasty, that in our own union we negotiated several contracts from which the old hands got nothing. Many of them were above the minimum.

Nobody had come up with the magic words "bracket" increases or general raises. That was to be much later. But we just kept going back year after year, and pretty soon we got on the raise wagon, too.

Once I yelled to the committee about forgetting the top men. They came back with the bald statement that if they made an issue of getting raises for the top hands, we were in jeopardy. The committee was sure if they yelled at management the old hands would have to go, that the old hands would be fired.

Well, we old hands didn't leave the union. We stayed in. We got on the committee the next time or the time after that and yelled. Then management changed hands, that is, the top brass was fired. The new brass saw things a little clearer, was not so anti-Guild.

Raises were given to the men who were leaders in the union. As a personal matter, I don't think the "Alumni Club" needs a DSC nor any other medals for union work. I have a ring given me by Local 13, one of my prized possessions. I have a lapel badge of gold from the Guild, too. The ring and the lapel button tell me every day, without any bell ringing, the work I have done is appreciated.

For both gifts I shall always be profoundly grateful. Maybe they are a bribe. I don't think so. Other men and women in Local 13 have received rings and buttons, too, for the same reason. Neither flattery nor bribery is necessary to keep the "Alumni Club" from going to seed.

Year after year in the "front office" on negotiating committees is a hard row to hoe.

The "Alumni Club" feels that maybe new blood is what the union needs. Maybe some alumni are punchy and hear flamingoes go by overhead. After years and

years of pulling and hauling with contracts, flamingoes could fly by.

"Alumni Club" members could do well to keep the contract close at hand, could do well to abide by its provisions, could do well to explain it to the newer members and not take it for granted that everybody knows about everything in the contract.

These same members would do well to stay close to the union, to the Guild.

Because they may have written most of the first contract or contracts many of these same guys think everybody else should know all about bargaining and stuff.

Sometimes they scare the younger folks or alienate them by their standoffish ways. It's a sure thing that the way to get off on the wrong foot at any stated union meeting is for the alumnus to get up and start to say "Now when we started."

That approach is done by many of us too often. I have been guilty. I don't know how to soften it outside of being downright dishonest. Some one has to say we started like this or we used to ask for a raise like so and so.

Of course there are "Alumni Clubs." Probably one in most Guilds. I don't have any cure for 'em.

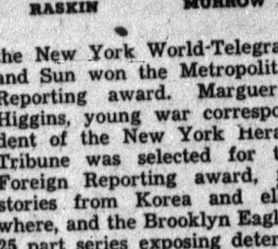
I like to see the younger guys taking over. It ain't easy to see it happen. I don't plan to preside at an "Alumni Club" here in Local 13 for a long time. You can bring on buttons and rings and letters and plaques and I'll take them and be happy and keep on paying dues, thank heavens.



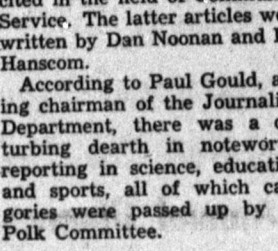
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Howard Plum, Cambridge, Ohio, replaces James Geiger as Lina News ad solicitor, Geiger going to Bradenton, Fla. . . . Other new Lina members: Fred Schanz, circulation, and Fred Davis and Gilbert Richards, display messengers.

New staff members at the Chicago Daily News include reporter Joan Merrick, formerly of the Daily Calumet, Chicago. New babies in SFONG for Bernard Averbuch, Call-Bulletin police reporter; Ardie Munson, News business office, and Bert Darr, Call-Bulletin staff.

Former IEB Member George A. Harris named a member of the Board of Selectmen of his home town, Arlington, Mass., in a three-way race for a two-year term. His second bid for public office.

On Shakespearean theory, doubtless, that "All the world's a stage," Albany Knickerbocker News management has promoted Drama Critic Cliff Bradt to the job of editorial writer.

Denver Guild's executive secretary, Donald W. MacMillan was the guest speaker at Colorado university's monthly convocation March 4, at Boulder. He urged the journalism students to join the Guild "team," when they went to work on newspapers.

At the San Francisco AP bureau, Copycat Ruth Linesweaver has resigned, was replaced by Barbara Schrader. James Riley McPhail has transferred from Atlanta, Steve David has transferred out to the New York financial desk.

New babies in SFONG for Bill Fisher, Call-Bulletin library

San Antonio, Tex.—Guildsman Harry Prior Craft, 69, retouched his last photo for The Light last week and closed out a full half-century career as a newspaper artist.

Retiring after 29 years on The Light staff, Craft came to the paper in the old tripod-and-flash-powder days when it was almost easier to sketch a picture than it was to shoot one and develop it.

Craft used to sketch his share during his early years in San Antonio and, before that, when he was just starting out as a 19-year-old fledgling with the now defunct Los Angeles Record. He remembers:

"One of my first assignments on The Record was to make a drawing of a dead woman in the city morgue. I'll never forget that. I also had to teach myself photography since there was no photographers on the paper at the time."

Taking a picture in that era required a perfect sense of timing, a steady-shutter finger and

Photog Gets \$940 In Grievance Case

San Francisco, Calif. — A SFONG member has received a check for \$940.50, climaxing a grievance case that goes back to the end of World War II.

Recipient of the check is Bob Bryant, San Francisco Examiner photographer.

The money represents 11 weeks' severance pay covering the time he was employed as a wartime photographer by International News Photos.

Bob was working for the Examiner when INP interested him in becoming a war photographer on Dec. 8, 1941. He returned to the Examiner early in 1947, after being given an economy dismissal by INP.

It may be dishes from now on, but this was the mood of Donna Dunkeson, chief librarian for the Akron Beacon Journal as she ended her last day filing pictures. Last week she and Bob Jennings, former Beacon Journal photographer, were married. Bob is now with a public relations firm in Cleveland. The hilarious photo was snapped by B-J photographer, Bill Samaras.

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Mrs. Chapin, who still attends high school, was wed on Jan. 30, but her hubby shortly afterwards was yanked into the Army and now is at Fort Ord.

Actresses Peggie Castle and Marie Windsor, Bob Rains, Universal-International casting director, and Bud Westmore, U-I makeup chief, were judges at a banquet and dance in Ciro's Hollywood nightspot.

Chosen as princesses for the ball were the four runners-up, Joan Pineau and Peggie Smith, Herald and Express; Rose Morales, Daily News, and Dorothy Flamingo, San Pedro News-Pilot.

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Attended by more than 900 Guildsmen, friends and guests, the ball was a success, both artistically and financially.

High spots of the evening were the presentations of Guild awards to eleven Pittsburghers who had achieved in their particular field, and to 27 Guildsmen for outstanding work in the journalistic field, during the past year.

Delegates to the Pennsylvania - Ohio - Indiana council which was held in Pittsburgh the week-end of the ball were guests of the Pittsburgh local. A cocktail party for the P-O-I guests and notables preceded a dance.

The floorshow was headed by Victor Borge, pianist extraordinary.

A buffet dinner was served as part of the social event which will undoubtedly become a top-drawer attraction in Pittsburgh in years to come.

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WARM AND VIVID memories of Allen Haywood, whose death is mourned by all organized labor, are cherished by the Akron, Ohio, Newspaper Guild. An officer of ANG Chapter No. 7, Akron was in the thick of Guild beginnings, both as an organization and the struggle for a first contract.

Haywood was in Akron in 1936 and 1937, helping the United Rubber Workers in their own organization work, but was on call throughout the midwest for other CEO trouble areas.

The Akron Guild ran into a deadlock in negotiations at the Times-Press, a Scripps-Howard paper that later merged with the Beacon-Journal. Guild President Ray C. Sutcliffe sought out Haywood, and found him with bags packed, ready to move into a Michigan Auto Workers' trouble spot.

On hearing Sutcliffe's story, Haywood put away his luggage, got a complete fill-in on the Guild contract and spent a full day negotiating with the Times-Press management. The Akron editor had a half-hour telephone consultation with Ray Howard, in New York, for top policy decisions.

Result: Akron's first signed contract, and a victory party at the Postage Hotel at which Haywood and his wife were not only guests of honor, but led in the singfest which followed.

WALL STREET JOURNAL has its reader troubles. Writes an angry subscriber (March 11): "Your Editorial—'The Painful Promises' . . . is just a pain in the neck. . . ." He goes on to complain, in effect, that the new (and promising) Eisenhower administration sounds more and more like its Truman predecessor every day.

SPEAKING OF the Wall Street Journal, it still rates tops here as having disposed of the controversy over chlorophyll's power to deodorize, with the year's most pungent and devastating comment. Quoted the Journal, with characteristic elegance:

"Why rock the boat on reader bill. Which simply dums on chlorophyll?"

CHAL ROBERTS, ON's Washington Roundup columnist, is having border troubles, as between the District of Columbia and the Free State of Maryland. He works in one and lives in the other, but his difficulty lies in convincing officialdom of the latter fact.

For his post office zone in Washington, D.C., while his home actually is across the line in Maryland, although in no formal subdivision of that State—just 6600 MacArthur Blvd., Maryland. His postal address caused his withholding tax records, for example, to go automatically to District officials, when Maryland should have had them.

This week Roberts got his new car license plates, and Maryland this year for the first time uses a combination of letters and numbers. It would be Roberts' luck to draw a tag with the baffling legend:

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WOXR Agrees To Guild Shop Provisions

A four-out-of-five Guild shop clause has been agreed to by management of Radio Station WOXR, in negotiations with the New York Guild.

The old contract, which expires with the end of the year, had a maintenance-of-membership clause, patterned after war-time restrictions.

Wage gains range from \$5 to \$8, with minimums ranging from \$82 for mail clerks and porters to \$136 for continuity writers. Night differentials are lifted from \$2.50 to \$5, and four weeks vacation will be granted after 12 years.

Perennial PAC Is Programmed By Twin Cities

Twin Cities, Minn.—With an eye on the 1954 elections, the Newspaper Guild of the Twin Cities at a membership meeting instructed its PAC chairman, Peg Foley, to continue political action work.

The meeting adopted a motion to set up a continuing PAC fund to take the necessary steps to receive voluntary contributions from members, and to name subcommittees in the units.

GUILD LABOR ON RISE

About 3,500 children throughout the nation have been kept from school while working in the fields from "sunup to sundown," according to a US labor department survey of the fiscal year ended last June.

Washington Roundup



By CHALMERS M. ROBERTS
Washington Guild

SOME OF THE PRESENT generation students at a college I attended are coming here this spring vacation to see how the Republicans are making out. It set me to musing on the ways and means of government and how such eager youngsters—and they are eager to find the facts—can catch the flavor of how it all works.

There are plenty of books which attempt to describe the formalities of government and many more which tell of the informalities and the inside dope, so-called. But it is hard to capture the pressures of our system. For instance:

1. WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN Party in Congress now struggling at the Capitol to act like the majority. As a headline writer put it, "someone should tell the 'outs' they're 'in'." Senator like Taft, Wiley and Capehart are making the transition from opposition needer to "stinkum." But the Jenners, McCarthys, Velde and others are still campaigning for office.

2. BETWEEN THE NEW Administration down-town and the GOP Congressional majority. Unhappily here, for example, are the zigs and zags at the State Department as McCarthy charges about and the legal caution of Attorney General Brownell to the give-it-all-away-even-if-we-don't-own-it attitude of the tidelands extremists in Congress.

3. WITHIN BUSINESS GROUPS which strongly backed the Republicans against the New Deal-Fair Deal. The most obvious case is the growing pressure to turn American tariff policy from an instrument of domestic economic growth to an instrument of national policy in the foreign field. Vast dollar stakes are involved for many businessmen and firms because of the big growth of exports. Yet other just as important GOP friends cannot get out of the old groove of running to Congress for protection whenever a shipload of imports cuts them out of a sale. We are now in the midst of a great educational (or propaganda, if you're on the other side) campaign to swing around our historic national policy of protection.

4. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK of Government itself. The strength of the dairy farmers (or lobby, if you will) in forcing Agriculture Secretary Benson to switch from his initial freeze course on price supports as chiefly an aid against disaster, to continuing the 90 percent support for butter when it already has been priced off most family dinner tables. Yet the biggest farm organization, the Farm Bureau, long has

sided with Benson's original thesis and has fought for sliding supports. The mechanics of electing congressmen, for example, might explain a lot.

5. STATE AND MUNICIPAL pressures on the Federal Government and the current ascendancy of the governors over the mayors at the Washington conference table, something I have mentioned here before. The students know this is an urban nation though they sometimes forget that city governments have only such powers as the states grant them. To know something of these pressures calls for a course in state legislatures, how they get elected and how they work, a rather well-neglected subject in most colleges.

6. THE PROBLEM OF FULFILLING campaign pledges. There is a political science thesis or two in the story of the GOP resolution on "repudiating Yalta" and how it ended (as of now, still uncertain). And another in Korea, Ike's campaigning both explicit and implicit, the Van Fleet incident.

Perhaps, for example, to explain the Korean problem in all its ramifications, political, military and diplomatic, one needs to inquire into the character of the American people, circa 1953. Are we just impatient to get the ball game over so we can go home to dinner with a clear conscience? Or are we so fat economically we are becoming soft? Do we realize that the Pax Britannica was not without the loss of military lives? Was General Bradley right, and if so why, in saying that the Soviet's "war by satellite technique" is "the most irritating, frustrating method they could choose?" Does that mean the Russki know us better than we know ourselves?

7. THE VALUE of the Eisenhower Administration's let's-have-a-commission-study-the-problem approach. How long can decisions on basics be held off this way—or is that unfair because the Administration really seeks to find new facts? Would it be politically wise and/or governmentally sound to have a study of our anti-trust laws at this point? I recommend David Lilienthal's new book, "Big Business: A New Era," as background reading.

And so on far into the night. Checks and balances in our system fill our civics books. Yet any study of government on any level, shows their imperfection. It is the probing into these imperfections that is often so rewarding if one seeks the facts of American life.

Perhaps, with our rival major world power passing through its most critical governmental test, the succession to a dead dictator, this is an appropriate time for students to spend Easter vacation taking a look at how our system works.

POI Marks \$1,000 Aid for Locals

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Pennsylvania-Ohio-Indiana District Council met in a two-day session here with all dues of its locals paid up for the first time in its history. It re-elected its group of officers, with William M. Ware, ANG vice president, of Cleveland, as president for a second term.

With approximately \$1,800 in its treasury and operating within budget, the Council earmarked \$1,000 for emergency aid for its less affluent locals, to be distributed between quarterly meetings at the discretion of a policy committee of three headed by Ware. It also appropriated \$100 for relief of Bob Greenock, west coast ANG inter-

national representative, now recovering from a long and expensive illness.

The 35 delegates and visiting Guild officers and members attending were addressed briefly by David Schick, guest of the POI group, who suggested that POI and the Middle Atlantic District Council meet jointly in May when POI meets in Buffalo. The POI delegates adopted a motion extending the invitation to Schick's Council.

The Council decided to place no restrictions on the Policy Committee's use of the emergency fund, which was provisionally suggested would be available as loans to locals which had an adequate dues

schedule. The fund, it was also suggested, could help some smaller locals send full delegations to ANG conventions.

While in Pittsburgh the delegates were guests of the Pittsburgh local at its first annual Page One Ball.

The officers for 1953 are: Ware, president; Bob Van Wagoner of Buffalo, now an ANG international representative, 1st vice president; Irwin Bauer of Cincinnati, 2nd vice president; Leon Baettger of Columbus, treasurer, and Evelyn Ulrich of Indianapolis, secretary.

Paul Welch of Cincinnati and George Diehl of Terre Haute were named with Ware on the policy committee.

Detroit Gives Scholarship

Detroit—Wayne University has a new \$200 scholarship for undergraduate journalism students, set up by the Newspaper Guild of Detroit.

It is known as the Ralph Bohmer Memorial Scholarship, in honor of the Detroit Guild's first local president. The scholarship is funded in advance for the next five years, and first selections will be announced next month. Choices will be based on character, citizenship, scholarship, professional interest and financial need.

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