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## Boston Convention Call 'Company Union' Gets Boot Is Officially Sounded From National Labor Board At Indianapolis Star-News

The twentieth annual convention of the American Newspaper Guild is now officially on the calendar. Last week ANG Secretary-treasurer William J. Farson issued the official call, setting forth the constitutional data as to representation, credentials and delegate fees, and noting that the convention opens Monday, June 29, at Boston's Statler Hotel.

Farson will send additional copies of the call, for bulletin board posting, if local officials will request them.

This year's convention will nominate ANG officers for a two-year term starting next November 1, will adopt a budget covering the fiscal year starting May 1, will consider the future of wire service members in the light of a temporary administrative plan adopted at the last convention, and will receive and act upon reports of the officers covering the current operating year.

The International Executive Board is to meet starting May 18 in New York, with convention preparation a chief item on the agenda.

Convention voting strength is determined, by the constitution,

on the basis of the local's dues-paying membership. Each local which shows an average of at least seven dues-paying members per month since last May 1, is entitled to one convention vote. Additionally, the local is entitled to one vote for the first 50 monthly per capita payments, another vote for the next 50 payments, and one vote each for the next succeeding blocks of 100 per capita payments. Major fractions are computed as full blocks of 50 or 100.

Since the per capita payments for the month of April are included in the year's total, the computation of delegate strength cannot be fully completed until late in May, Farson points out.

Credential blanks for delegates and alternates have also been sent to local officers. They require certification by at least two officers of the local, and one copy is to be returned to ANG headquarters by June 19. The delegate presents the other copy to the convention registration desk at Boston.

Usual pre-convention meetings will be scheduled for Hearst Chain Council members, Scripps-Howard Chain Council, District Councils and wire service delegates.

Indianapolis, Ind. — Management of the Indianapolis Star & News has been directed to withdraw recognition as bargaining agent from the independent Employees Protective Association, and to cancel its contract with the association entered into on July 25, 1951, covering circulation department employees.

The order is by the National Labor Relations Board, and reverses an earlier finding by a trial examiner, issued last November 26. The Indianapolis Newspaper Guild and general counsel for the NLRB had both entered exceptions to the trial examiner's intermediate report. Briefs supported their objections, and management and the independent association also submitted briefs.

The NLRB reversal finds that the Star & News management had unlawfully aided the independent association by hastily closing a contract with the newly-formed group while the Guild was still in negotiations for an extension of its own contract and while the Guild was

still the legally-constituted bargaining agent, under NLRB certification.

The labor law prohibits company aid to a labor union, and interference in the free exercise of the organizing rights of employees.

Circulation employees of the Star & News had been covered by a Guild contract since early in 1950. When renewal negotiations were launched, they dragged on until July, 1951, when an impasse occurred over several points, among them the composition of the unit for which bargaining was undertaken.

The association was organized in a week's time, and presented a petition to management asking for recognition. It contained the signatures of a majority of the employees. Management closed a contract within 24 hours, covering the same unit over which it had disputed with the Guild; and then notified the Guild that it would no longer recognize it as bargaining agent, nor honor the contract, continued until then on a day-to-day basis under its own terms.

The Guild filed charges with the NLRB and a complaint was issued by the NLRB, resulting in a trial and the examiner's recommendation that the complaint be dismissed.

But, says the Board's reverse ruling:

"We are satisfied that the Respondent (publisher) breached its neutrality by executing an exclusive contract with the newly-established association and then, during the pendency of negotiations with the previously certified and currently recognized Guild, summarily withdrawing recognition from that organization, without giving it notice or the opportunity to contest the claim of the association. . . . Recognition of the association was . . . unwarranted assistance to the association."

association.

"The imperative need . . . for a Board election, before recognition, is underscored by the Respondent's contention that the Guild was seeking an inappropriate unit, and the Respondent's paradoxical action in according exclusive recognition to the association for the very same unit."

## Novak Suggests Trade Union Contributions

In a letter to all local presidents and chairmen of political action committees, Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak points out that changes in the Taft-Hartley labor law, sought in a Guild brief recently submitted to a congressional committee, and changes in legislation on price control, social security and taxation, are unlikely to occur until the American voters elect more public officials aware of trade union problems and sympathetic with labor's objectives.

Although some problems arising out of present congressional attitudes can be met by vigorous collective bargaining with employers, Novak points out that only through the avenue of political action can solution be found of such matters as price controls.

Novak asks therefore, that every Guild local make some contribution from its treasury directly to the PAC trade union fund. This fund bears no relation to the direct election of candidates for public office, but is used for educational purposes such as registration drives and

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## Guild Pitches for Bill Oatis As AP Just "Fervently Hopes"

Harry Martin, president of the American Newspaper Guild, has taken note of the new rapprochement policy of the Soviet Union to renew with the US State Department and the Czechoslovak government Guild demands for the release of William Oatis, AP staffer who has been in jail in Czechoslovakia for more than two years.

Martin addressed letters to John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, and to the Czechoslovakian Embassy in Washington, calling for the release of Oatis.

The letters expressed belief in Oatis' innocence of any activity in Czechoslovakia except "legitimate pursuit of news for the Associated Press, an outstanding press organization of international repute which he was serving with courage and ability in a post far distant from his home."

The State Department has acknowledged Martin's letter stating that Oatis' release "will remain the indispensable first step in the improvement in relations between our government and the Czechoslovak government which holds him captive." But it said that efforts for his release must be "consistent with the national interest."

In the letter to the Czechoslovakian Embassy, Martin mentioned that he had made a similar plea to the then charge d'affaires office in this country in July, 1951, and that ANG had never received an acknowledgment. Oatis is a Guild member.

The letter to Dulles, while it did not assert that the State Department had not done its best under circumstances, pointed to the recent conciliatory attitude of the Soviet Union as an occasion for renewal of the negotiations to free Oatis.

To Secretary Dulles he wrote: "If there have been fears that his freedom might further expose the ridiculous nature of the

communist court system and the barbarity of the enforced confessional, these fears no longer have a point. For the very Russian announcement that heralded the recent freeing of the Soviet doctors stated clearly that their conviction had been brought about by just such methods. These things are no longer doubted or denied. Nothing that William Oatis can disclose after his release will damage the reputation of communist justice more than it has already been damaged by the admissions of the new Russian leadership.

"So we come to the Department once more; first, to urge that new and stronger representations demanding William Oatis' release be made to both the government of Czechoslovakia and the government of the Soviet Union; second, that every effort be made to obtain pecuniary redress for the damages he has sustained and the suffering he has endured; and, third, that no general settlement of grievances between the communist world and the free world, at any level or with any European nation, be considered complete that does not carry with it a provision for the freedom of Guildsman Oatis."

On behalf of 25,000 Guild members, Martin closed his plea to the Czechoslovakian Embassy with:

"It has been more than two years since he was secretly arrested, two years in July since the date of his trial and final imprisonment. We feel that he has suffered an enormous injustice throughout all of that time. Whether you agree at this stage or not, surely you will concede in the name of humanity that he has more than paid the penalty for any grievances, real or imagined, which your Government may have against him."

"The American Newspaper Guild urgently pleads, therefore,

that you convey to your Government our collective entreaty that Czechoslovakia fall in line with the current march of international events by his immediate liberation."

The letter from the State Department to Martin added: "We also share your view that the question of the release of Mr. Oatis is a gauge of the sincerity of recent communist professions of wanting to improve their relations with the western world."

Associated Press Board of Directors meeting in Washington on Tuesday, issued in its annual report, a comment on Oatis and Frank Noel, an AP photographer, imprisoned in North Korea, but according to the New York Herald-Tribune, the report didn't say what efforts AP was making in their behalf.

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**CLASSIFIED DISPLAY** — Joan Moeller, San Jose Guild, chosen as Miss Headline for the local's second annual Gridiron Dinner, set for tomorrow evening. She's of the Mercury-News classified staff.

## L. A. News Cuts Staff, Switches to AM Field, Drops Sunday Edition

Los Angeles, Calif.—Meeting with relentless competition from Hearst's dailies and the financially impregnable Times, the afternoon Los Angeles Daily News will shift on May 4 to the morning field, and will discontinue its Sunday operation entirely.

Under the new plan, its circulation staff, now totalling some 145 employees, will be reduced by 55. Eight editorial employees, most recently hired, will be let go.

The retrenchment policy has been under consideration for months, and full consultation with the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild marked its course and final adoption. Those let go will receive severance pay, under the Guild contract covering full Guild jurisdiction, and will be placed on a rehiring list.

In making the staff cuts, management has agreed to entertain applications for retirement, with severance pay, for those wishing to make such a step; and

has agreed to discuss hardship cases with Guild officials.

Those who may be "bumped," under application of seniority, into lower job classifications, will lose none of the accumulated severance pay earned at the higher rate, but will continue at a lesser rate of accrual after the demotions.

The large cut in the circulation personnel, it was said, is possible because of several important differences in morning distribution. Fewer editions, less traffic problems, and more hours in which to complete rounds, are some factors involved. In the case of all retained district and dealership men, management has guaranteed to continue the present level of net earnings from the jobs.

Among hardship cases which have come to light are some involving persons physically unable to take on nightshift employment, and others who only recently came to the News, under commitments which temporarily cost them somewhat heavily.







## Memphis Guild Honors Hospital Fund Raiser



**NEWSMAN'S CHOICE**—Memphis Guild's citizenship award goes to J. Everett Pidgeon, right, business and civic leader, at the local's spring party. Presentation is by Dick Lane, Commercial Appeal telegraph editor, and Guild president.

Memphis, Tenn.—Highlighting the Memphis Newspaper Guild's spring party April 8 was the presentation of the Guild's annual citizenship award. Recipient was J. Everett Pidgeon, business and civic leader.

Pidgeon, president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Memphis, was presented a desk plaque. It contained a "stick" of type mounted in a solid walnut frame, set in the form of a newspaper story.

The award was made by Dick Lane, Guild president and telegraph editor of The Commercial Appeal. He introduced Pidgeon as the "man behind the scenes" in making the new Le Bonheur Children's Hospital a reality. Pidgeon as chairman of the board of directors, was instrumental in raising hospital funds

through charity horse shows and other activities.

The presentation received strong "play" in both Memphis newspapers. The Press-Scimitar gave it feature position with art at the top of page one. The Commercial Appeal gave it half a column with art and followed up the presentation with an editorial commending the Guild on its choice.

The Memphis Guild Citizenship Awards were started in 1946. Annually the award has been given to some civic leader who has worked more behind the scenes than in the headlines. The spring party was attended by more than 200 Guild members and their guests. It included dinner and dancing. A similar party is given each fall after contract negotiations are concluded.

## Cleveland Newsman Rescues Pop Concerts with an Idea

Cleveland, O.—Guildsman Ernest Wittenberg is the talk of the town this month for coming up with an idea that no one had thought of before—summer symphony concerts at night baseball games.

The result is that "pop" concerts have been saved from cancellation; 75 musicians will have summer jobs; and friends of the Cleveland Orchestra will donate \$45,000 to pay the cost of the novel baseball-symphony combination.

Wittenberg is a general assignment reporter for the afternoon News. He likes baseball and music, but covers neither.

A friend who plays with the Cleveland Orchestra started him one day not long ago by reporting that he was looking for a job in another city. The reason, he said, was that the orchestra was ending its summer "pop" series, and there were no summer orchestra jobs in Cleveland. Cleveland Public Hall is being air-conditioned, and part of it will be closed until fall.

What's the matter with playing in the Cleveland Stadium before night baseball games? Wittenberg asked. He tried out the idea on his wife Elisabeth, also a music fan. She liked it, so he went next to Editor Nat Howard of the News, General

Manager Hank Greenberg of the Cleveland Indians, President Thomas L. Sidlo of the Musical Arts Association, President Lee Repp of the Musicians' Union, and Mayor Thomas A. Burke.

They approved, and the next question was where to get the money for installing new sound equipment in the Stadium, and for salaries. Repp called Samuel Rosenbaum, trustee of the Music Performance Trust Fund of the Recording Industry in New York City. Sidlo called a meeting of his association.

Between them, they got pledges of \$45,000, including \$2,000 from the News. The city bought \$12,000 worth of new sound equipment, and 12 concerts will be presented in June, July and August. They will start 90 minutes before game time.

Wittenberg will not be here to witness the results. He and his wife are sailing in May for Europe on a year's leave of absence.

Wittenberg is a past president of the Erie, Pa., Guild local.

**CIO Fights Phone Rate**

Harrisburg, Pa.—Pennsylvania CIO Council has filed a brief with the public utilities commission opposing the Bell Telephone Company's proposed \$32 million rate hike.

## WS Committees Complete With AP's Election

With the selection this week of the five members of the Associated Press national Guild committee, personnel of the administrative machinery for the Guild's wire services has been completed.

The members of the AP group were chosen without contest, and the single nominees were declared elected. They are Richard O. Coone, for the New York City region; Wallace A. Weeks, of Boston, for the Atlantic-Northwest; Roy Steinfelt, of New Orleans, for the Washington-South; Richard A. Smith, of Cleveland, for the Midwest-Southwest; and Douglas Lovelace, of San Francisco, for the Far West.

Similar national committees have been named for Guildsmen in UP, UP P's and NEA, and for those in INS-INS-Central Press.

Each group is also represented on the eight-man national wire service council, of which ANG Vice President Felix B. Wold, is chairman.

## Oliver Quits LA Job After Red Quizzing

Los Angeles, Calif.—The day after he had appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee and refused to answer a question as to whether he had been a member of a communist "cell" in the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild, William E. Oliver resigned his job as drama critic of the Hearst-owned Herald-Express.

He did so under a provision of the Guild's contract which permitted him to accept "alternate benefits" as an employee of more than 25 years standing.

Oliver, a member of the Los Angeles Guild since 1934, and a delegate from his local to several ANG conventions, was called before the House committee as the result of testimony by Urcel Daniel and Alice Judson Bennett. Both had testified that during World War II they had belonged to a communist cell composed of Guild members in Los Angeles. They named "Bill" Oliver as another cell member.

Oliver claimed protection of the Fifth Amendment in declining to answer questions concerning communist affiliation, or whether he had lectured at the California Labor School.

Oliver accused the committee of "union busting," of encroaching on freedom of the press, of

## Guild Local Buys Mountain Lodge

Knoxville, Tenn.—The Knoxville Newspaper Guild has moved to purchase a six-room mountain lodge in the Great Smokies, for the benefit of members and its week-end use for local social affairs.

The lodge is 23 miles from downtown Knoxville, located overlooking the trout-filled Little Tennessee River, and needs minor repairs and painting to make it ready for the summer season. Guildsmen have volunteered to do the refurbishing job themselves.

Plan is to make it available, at less than normal rental, on a weekly basis to Guild members signing up for vacation purposes, and to reserve week-ends open, without charge, for general use by Guildsmen of the Knoxville local.

**Attend meetings regularly—the Guild is what you make it.**

## Twin Cities 14th Gridiron Dinner Draws Capacity Crowd of 600

Twin Cities, Minn.—A capacity crowd of more than 600 jammed the ballroom of Hotel Lowry in St. Paul for the 14th annual Gridiron Dinner given by the men of the Newspaper Guild of the Twin Cities.

Politicians, business and civic leaders, and big shots and others were roasted in songs and skits, as well as in a dinner program that featured "commercials" that sizzled.

The lampooning also included a razz sheet, the Kept Press, with its usual "news" that until now hadn't been fit to print. A schre of skits which jabbed people and events in the news kept the stag audience roaring from start to finish.

The only serious part of the program included a tribute to George A. Barton, Guild veteran and Tribune sports columnist who is celebrating his 50th year in newspaper work, and the presentation of two IWANOM awards.

The awards, which stand for "I was a newspaperman once myself" went to Edward P. Schwartz, Minneapolis printer and publisher and owner of Ad-Art Advertising Company, and Charles W. Moore, executive assistant to the president of the Great Northern Railway, in charge of public relations. Both had worked on local newspapers, as well as on publications in other cities. Awards consisted of engraved pocket pieces.

General chairman was Louis Gollop, reporter for the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press, with Russ Gordon skit chairman and Dan Herridge comptroller. Editor of the Kept Press was Robert Jasperston, and Robert E. Murphy and Forrest Jenstad headed the dinner show committee.

Master of ceremonies was Percy J. Hoffstrom, St. Paul Dispatch columnist.

**Jim Richard Heads Guild in Toledo**

Toledo, O.—James J. Richard succeeded Robert D. French as president of the Toledo Newspaper Guild, which elected a set of new officers.

Winston Crum is vice president, Philip Fine treasurer and Cletus Buckenmeyer, secretary. The 1953 board members including the four officers are: Kenneth Reiger, Norman Dresser, Ralph Sindyle, Louis Tomczak, Leora Salisbury, Harold Willoughby and Nancy Komisar.

**Press Club in Memphis?**

Memphis, Tenn.—The Memphis Guild is considering the possible organization of a press club. The membership has been polled and considerable interest shown. Robert Gray, aviation editor of The Commercial Appeal, is chairman of a committee looking into a possible site. He would appreciate hearing from other guilds who have opened press clubs in recent years.

**Your contract is effective only if it is well enforced.**



**HONORS FOR BOTH**—CIO President Walter Reuther, at the NY Guild's Page One Ball to receive the local's award for labor-fid achievement, beams approval of Page One Queen, Patricia O'Brien. Affair was at the Astor Hotel.

## 40 from 7 Western Locals Writing Award Attend Stockton Institute Honors Roberts



**ORGANIZATION MEMENTOES**—For an outstanding job in extending Guild organization at the Long Beach dailies, engraved lighters are presented to George Hutchinson and Bob Abramson by Ralph B. Novak, ANG executive vice president. Both recipients are of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild.

Stockton, Calif.—Forty delegates from seven locals heard ANG officials warn of a developing publisher attack on both job and union security at the first of the 1953 regional weekend training institutes.

During the institute, Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak presented engraved cigarette lighters to Paul Frey, Sacramento, and George Hutchinson and Bob Abramson, Los Angeles, for their leadership in recent successful organizing drives.

Frey, who is president of the California-Nevada District Council, organized the central art department of the Sacramento Bee

and brought it through an NLRB election without a single "no" vote.

Hutchinson, who is the Los Angeles administrative officer, and Abramson, Los Angeles vice president, were instrumental in the organization of the circulation and service department of the Long Beach Independent and Press-Telegram.

Novak also delivered two lighters to George Meenes, Los Angeles president, for presentation to two Long Beach Guildsmen who were not present at the institute. They are Lewis All-Bitt, chairman of the editorial unit, and Lee Williams, of the circulation department.

This is the Guild's twentieth anniversary year and delegates to the institute heard a transcription of the 1948 Mutual network broadcast commemorating the tenth anniversary of the death of the Guild's founder and first president, Heywood Brown.

The broadcast, which contained tributes to Brown and the Guild by book critic Lewis Gannett, reporter Quentin Reynolds and others, included President Roosevelt's Christmas Eve radio reading of one of Brown's columns.

The theme of the institute, held in the Clark Hotel, was "Your Security and the Developing Attack on It." Novak, Director of Organization J. William Blatz and Director of Research and Information Ellis Baker, who is in charge of the institute series, led discussions on the Guild Shop, job security, economy dismissals, severance pay and how to develop a strong, active, functioning local union.

The institute was sponsored by the California-Nevada District Council. The Stockton Guild was host at a party Saturday night.

Delegates to the institute were: San Jose—Frances Riola, Florence Ross and Norman Bowman. Sacramento—Joe Blenke, Tom Talamini, Tom Evans, Duane Robinson, Tom E. Zanzu, George Hopper, Ray Bach and Paul A. Frey.

San Francisco—Oakland—James J. Healy, Al Dipman, Stan Wiseman, Fred D. Fletcher, Ed O'Connor, Dorothy Coogan, Gerry McClean, Heidi Roller, Bob Guller, San B. Eubanks, Virgil Elliott and Michael Demarest.

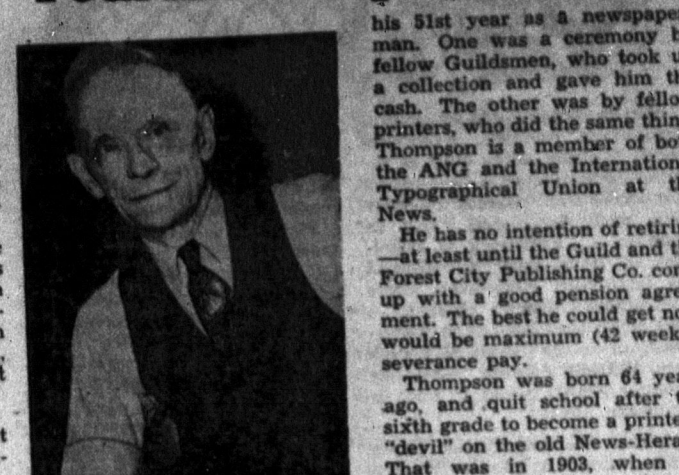
Stockton—Frances Ritter, Helen Lerach, Bert Willard, William J. Rogers, Elizabeth Chapman, Harry F. Bagley and Mel Bennett.

**Bakersfield**—Frank Hubbard and Everett Fay.

**San Diego**—Becky Martin.

**Los Angeles**—George Hutchinson, Jess P. Brown, Ross Ann Gutcher, Bob Abramson, Sidney R. Meenes, George Meenes and Henry Santistevan.

## Double Header in Guild. Printers, Observes 61st Year in Newspaper Work



**John Thompson**

Cleveland, O.—John Thompson, charter member of Cleveland Local 1, had two celebrations this month when he started

## Midwest WS Conference Approves Chicago Plan

Chicago, Ill.—Wire service Guildsmen from eight midwestern states went on record during the Midwest Wire Service Conference in Chicago for wire service autonomy.

They debated the pros and cons for a national wire service division of the Guild and backed such a move, by a seven-to-one vote. A similar endorsement came from wire service Guildsmen in San Francisco at the first of four regional conferences.

Sy Friedman, INS Chicago, was elected conference chairman and Friedman was elected permanent chairman.

A Midwest Regional Wire Service Council was organized and Friedman was elected permanent chairman.

Other officers selected were Gene T. Kinney, AP Oklahoma City, first vice chairman, Robert E. Voges, AP Lansing, Mich., vice chairman.

Also discussed was the formation of the Chicago INS Joint Action committee to present a united front in the INS-UP negotiations between members of the Guild and the Commercial Telegraphers Union.

A resolution was introduced requesting the ANG wire service director to invite CTU members and Guildsmen to send fraternal delegates to sit in on INS, AP and UP negotiations in future contract sessions with management.

In addition to Friedman, Webster, Kinney, Voges and Montabes, those attending were Raleigh H. Allbrook, AP Cleveland; John F. Varick, AP Milwaukee; Ernest Aslein, AP Denver, and the following Guildsmen from Chicago: Terry Reese and Sheldon Garber, UP; Wilfred Wille, Gene Schroeder and Virginia Kachan, INS; Justin McCarthy, ANG International representative; Fletcher Wilson, president of the Chicago Newspaper Guild, Sun-Times; and Chandler Forman, ANG vice president, Sun-Times.

**CIO Praises LPA**

Labor Press Associated, cooperative union news service, was praised by the CIO convention as "an important and valuable adjunct to the labor press." All CIO affiliates with publications were urged to support LPA.

Delegates from the wire service membership of eight major cities will meet for the eastern regional conference next week-end in New York City, at the Abbey Hotel.

**FOR MERIT**—Paul Frey, left, president of the California-Nevada district council, and a member of the Sacramento local, receives an engraved cigarette lighter from Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak, for Guild services "above and beyond the call of duty."







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**FAR BE IT** from this department to foment acrimonious rivalry between Guild locals, particularly when they are such outstanding Guild aggregations as Los Angeles and San Francisco-Oakland.

But hard facts must be recognized. As noted in this column, last issue, SFONG's long-inhabited stronghold as the Nation's second largest local was being threatened by its fast-expanding neighbor in the south, LANG.

The threat loomed in the accession of a large block of membership through a LANG representation election at Long Beach.

Now the threat has materialized. ANG records just compiled show that LANG membership stands above the SFONG figure by exactly eleven! Not a commanding lead, assuredly, but many a baseball pennant has been won by a closer margin. Presumably, Southern California's joy is now unconfined.

Both for the record, and for SFONG's small comfort, another fact should be recognized. The same statistical tables show that in the matter of good standing, which involves prompt payment of dues, SFONG stands some four percentage points higher than LANG!

**GUILD NEGOTIATORS** at Beaumont, Texas, are not without a wry sense of humor. Officers of the Sabine Neches local have been conducting contract negotiations with management of the Beaumont Enterprise since early in 1952, without notable progress toward an acceptable agreement.

Recently, when management's spokesmen filed into the hotel room for a contract session, they found the Guild team present, and, in the center of the negotiation table, a white-iced cake on which a small blue candle was bravely burning.

"It's to mark the first year of these negotiations," explained the Guildsmen, gravely.

Said one management man, "What, no ice cream?"

The session proceeded, and at an intermission break, coffee was brought upstairs, whereupon John Wilson, copy editor and chief Guild negotiator, cut the cake and poured the coffee for all.

Management then made a money offer—to pick up the \$1.75 tab for the coffee! The Guild committee said "No, thanks, any management money ought to be on the table, in the form of contract minimums."

It was thereafter just another unproductive meeting.

**A TWO-PAGE SPREAD** on the Toronto Stock Exchange, with accompanying art, appears in the April 20 issue of Newsweek, in its Canadian Affairs section. It's a good yarn, pointing up the little-known fact that in volume of trading, the Toronto exchange is the second largest on this continent, and otherwise giving US readers a new and authoritative slant on financial culture north of the border.

One picture shows the handsomely-severe facade of the exchange building, adorned at the second floor level by a stone-carved frieze, whose marching figures are symbolic of various segments of Canadian life.

One detail in the carving is too small to be revealed in the half-tone, but has long since been noted and pondered by sharp-eyed Torontonians, some of whom incline to the belief that the sculptor must have been a cynical realist.

For striding among the characters is a bare-armed over-alled figure representing Labor. Directly behind him, in active pursuit, is a silk-topped gentleman just as obviously portraying Capital. And Capital's outstretched hand is seemingly about to pick Labor's pocket!

**A CLIPPED-OUT** ad for electrically-warmed socks for sportsmen made a brief but appreciated appearance this week on the Guild bulletin board at the New York AP bureau, where it served as a membership-recruiting reminder.

For the staffer who had pasted up the advertisement had pointedly pencilled beneath it the query:

"For non-Guild members?"

### Midwest Wall Street Journal Also Honored

In reporting the list of awards by the Chicago Newspaper Guild for its Page One honors, the Guild Reporter in its April 10 issue failed to include one of the winners.

The Chicago local gave recognition to the staff members of the midwest edition of the Wall Street Journal. To the staffers went a stick of type for a series of stories which resulted in re-shuffling of RKO stock control.

The stories exposed the fact that a shady group of characters, with racketeering records, had obtained control of the company. They couldn't take the publicity, got rid of their holdings.

The GR regrets the inadvertent omission.

# Washington ROUNDUP

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**THE WORLD'S EAR** is cocked towards Moscow and the nation's eyes look toward the prisoner exchange in Korea and what may come next. But one of the most important events of the year is about to get under way beneath the Capitol dome here in Washington. Figuratively speaking, that is; for hearings are beginning in the House Office Building on what is simply billed as H.R. 4294.

Now those innocent numbers refer to "a bill to extend the authority of the President to enter into trade agreements . . . and for other purposes." It is the "other purposes" which make the big difference.

This is the Simpson (R-Pa.) bill to bring the tariff rate setting policy back to Congress, or at least to a responsive Tariff Commission, and to scrap the progress of the past 18 years under the Hull reciprocal trade policy. The President has asked a simple extension of the existing law pending another commission study. But a lot of the mossbacks at the Hill are hell-bent on taking care of their boys in this bill and to heck with Ike's fine words.

It seems to me that a bit of historical perspective is called for on this foreign trade and tariff policy matter, at best dull reading to most of our citizens, however vital to their pocket-books. Reporters complain it has no sex appeal, and groan when they're assigned to cover such a subject. I hope you'll bear with me nonetheless.

**THIS NATION BEGAN** as an agricultural country dependent on imported manufactured goods. Hamilton first proposed protecting our "infant industries" by tariffs and over the years the tariff laws did indeed protect them, some long after they grew rather husky and began eating big chunks off the national dinner table.

As we became an industrialized nation we needed to sell more abroad. We adopted the reciprocal trade idea and in the past two decades, despite the confusions of wars and depression, have expanded world markets for American factory goods. We have lowered the bars to foreign goods, both industrial and agricultural, to the detriment—or fear of detriment—of some of our home producers. Watch makers, tuna fishermen, motorcycle manufacturers, all have been hurt one way or another and many others have waited at the wall. A lot of these people and their friends are pinning their hopes on Mr. Simpson's bill to end this nonsense competition—nonsense to them—from foreigners.

Some situations have reached the Alice in Wonderland stage, butter for instance. We keep the price up by a domestic support program which puts more domestic butter in Government hands, which brings restrictions on imported butter, which cuts off dollar earnings of butter-

producing nations that want to spend those dollars to buy other things in the U.S.A.

**BUT THERE IS A NEW VOICE** in the land, the one that says our trade policy should be an instrument of national policy along with our military might and political leadership. This thesis calls for taking care of those who really get hurt by an expanding foreign trade through some other means—job aid and extra unemployment insurance for the displaced worker, for example. The CIO has, for example, recently subscribed to a guarded policy of this type in the greater interest of the nation as a whole.

The fact of the matter is that we cannot afford a return to economic isolation any more than to political isolation. We are tremendously dependent on many foreign raw materials such as uranium, not to mention more pleasant items like coffee.

We are asking Germany and Japan to stay on our side of the iron curtain and not to trade strategic goods with the communists. Are we willing, then, to find markets for their products so they may stand on their own economic feet? And likewise for the factory products of Western Europe or the rubber of Ceylon or the agricultural output of New Zealand?

Or will we give in to this lobby and that, which would repulse any product which might hurt an American business?

Then there are the old arguments that American firms cannot meet the competition of foreign firms with cheap labor and that only tariffs can protect the high American wage scales.

The answer to the first, as the recent Bell Committee report put it, is that American productivity is so great that "wage costs per unit of output in manufacturing are generally lower in the United States than abroad" and hence we have been able to sell in the very homelands of those low wages. The answer to the second is simply that "tariffs protect prices, not wages."

**WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER** of so-called "great debates" in this country in recent years. The coming one may not make such big headlines but it is just as vital. We can turn back to the McKinley tariff days or even Smoot-Hawley if we are suicidal. We can drift along pretty much as is. Or we can try to make trade and tariff policy an instrument of national policy by encouraging more trade—both ways—with the rest of the Free World.

The issue is not going to be settled by the vote on Mr. Simpson's bill number 4294 at this session of Congress, though its fate will have a bearing. It seems to me that we are at a rather historic point in tariff policy, that a new one along the lines of national interest must evolve by force of circumstances, though the birth pangs may be both horrendous and long drawn out.

## Frank O'Donnell Quits Treasurer Job at Boston

**Boston, Mass.**—Frank M. O'Donnell, treasurer of the Boston Guild, has resigned that position as well as the treasurership of the Press Club, and both posts have been filled by Joseph Dumont, of the Record-American unit, until an election can be held.

To quote the Boston Guild's publication, O'Donnell has been

### UNIONS UNIVERSAL IN NEW ZEALAND

Even though the Labor party has been defeated by the Tories in New Zealand, every person who works for wages is required by law to belong to a union.

Price controls were lifted by the Tories, but a tremendous jump in prices forced reinstatement of ceilings. Since then the Tory government has not interfered with social legislation.

### Brewer Keyboard Shown

Unitype Inc., an ITU-owned development company, has shown for the first time the new Brewer keyboard, invented by C. N. Brewer, president of the Huntington, W. Va., Typo Union. The "Brewer" is an auxiliary unit of the conventional linotype or intertype keyboard, which skilled machine compositors can master rapidly in the change-over to TTS.

treasurer "for almost longer than anyone can remember." Ill health had caused him to attempt to resign annually at each election time, but he was persuaded to continue in office, until now. The Guild executive board voted its regrets, in finally accepting his resignation.

Quoting the Boston Guildsman further:

"All his Guild work was a labor of love. He never took a penny of the salary voted the treasurer and he passed up even

the supper expense money due executive committee members on meeting nights."

O'Donnell's tenure actually goes back ten years. He took over the reins when the local was mired down in a financial morass; has driven with steady hand ever since. Along with his arduous duties as treasurer, O'Donnell has served on committees, as a delegate, negotiator, office manager, collector, accountant and organizer, as the need arose.

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