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Seattle-Tacoma Guild Poised For Strike at Seattle Times

Seattle, Wash.—Backed by a heavily-supported strike vote by members of the Seattle Times unit, and with a history of thirteen negotiating sessions which have not resulted in a satisfactory counter-offer from Times management, the Seattle-Tacoma Newspaper Guild is completing preparations for a strike at the plant of the evening daily.

The Times contract with the Guild, covering editorial, advertising and circulation departments, expired March 21. Only since the strike vote was officially communicated to Clarence Sherman, management negotiator, by Executive Secretary Fred Martin has the Times management made more than negative moves toward a settlement.

Strike preparations have included pledges by the Post-Intelligencer and Tacoma News Tribune units of weekly financial aid if the local is obliged to call the Times employees off their jobs. The P-I unit members have already signed for more than \$600 a week in strike assistance.

Strike headquarters have been rented, in further preparation. The strike vote authorized the executive committee of the local to declare a strike at its own judgment, and directed the negotiating committee to return

for unit action on a contract only when in its judgment management had made a reasonable offer.

Roy Scully, local treasurer; Georg Meyers, reporter, and Doug Francis, circulation staff member, are serving as a special strike finance committee, named by George Lambert, unit chairman. Howard Clifford, of Tacoma, is the local president.

Several sessions back, the Guild negotiators cut their wage figure in an effort to break the deadlock, but on failing to do so returned to its original demands.

The Guild asks a top minimum of \$125 for reporters, now listed at \$102. It seeks 56 weeks

maximum severance pay, a level achieved by the Post-Intelligencer unit under the Hearst Memorandum. The present Times top is 40 weeks.

Other Guild objectives: A death benefit clause on alternate benefits, and an increase in alternate benefits from 50 weeks severance pay on retirement after 25 years, to 56 weeks at the end of 27½ years.

Full Guild shop, replacing the present 9-out-of-10 formula.

A pension plan.

Reclassification of some clerical employees, correcting present inequities.

A strike-work and picket-line clause.

Guild Wins by 20-0 Vote In Erie Times Election

Erie, Pa.—The Erie Newspaper Guild has mopped up its organizing efforts with a 20-0 victory in an NLRB election at the Erie Times, in which display advertising and maintenance men voted for their bargaining agent.

Twenty-two were eligible, in an election which management of the Times had sought to delay by a red-herring device. Last month, with the election pending, management cut bonus payments for its ad salesmen. The Guild decided not to press unfair labor charges and lose the time-value involved. Instead, the Guild put on a vote-getting campaign.

Its success establishes the Guild throughout its full mem-

bership jurisdiction in both the Times and the Dispatch.

Guild officials term the result a personal tribute to Herman Benjamin, display salesman for the Times' rival paper, the Dispatch. He talked to his opposite numbers, working so effectively on the hold-outs that they attended a meeting called at Benjamin's home. Len Kholos, local president, explained union principles as to job security, and allayed some management-inspired fears. Others who led the "talk-it-up" campaign were Guildsmen Ed Yates, Bruce McIntyre and Frank Foye.

Members of the two new departmental groups will be named to the local negotiating committee, now engaged in city-wide contract talks.

SFONG Files in Oakland Tribune NLRB Election

Oakland, Calif.—Machinery has been set in motion for a National Labor Relations Board election to determine the bargaining agent for some 150 editorial employees at the Oakland Tribune.

A petition, accompanied by Guild membership applications signed by a majority of the Tribune staffers, was filed with the NLRB regional office in San Francisco May 11 by SFONG officials.

Tribune editorial workers belong to a non-affiliated editorial association which bargains with management. Historically, they have received the identical benefits obtained by SFONG in its city-wide contract covering 1,360 San Francisco workers.

The Tribune is published by Joseph R. Knowland, father of U. S. Senator William R. Knowland. Another son, Russell, is now active in Tribune management affairs.

Russell told a trio of SFONG officials who called upon him and his father that "it is merely

a matter of which union shall represent the employees."

A few days later the elderly Knowland posted a bulletin board notice stating the Tribune had always had good relations with the association but would bargain with any union favored by a majority of the employees.

SFONG officials expressed hope the bargaining election could be held before Memorial Day, start of the vacation season.

In the meeting with Tribune officials, Guild spokesmen stressed and the Knowlands agreed that there was no question of loyalty to the publisher or to the paper involved in an election.

"In all my years I have rarely seen a staff so loyal to an institution," SFONG Executive Secretary Sam B. Eubanks said.

The other Guild officials attending the meeting were President Doug Lovelace and Vice President Ed O'Connor.

O'Connor is on leave of absence from his San Francisco (Continued on Page Two)

Executive Board Outlines Boston Convention Plans

both delegates and members of their families who attend.

Because the Guild is 20 years old this year, the convention theme will be built about the founder and first ANG president, the late Heywood Broun. Convention speakers will be asked to key their remarks to that theme, and the convention banquet, set for Tuesday at 7 P. M., will be definitely on the subject of Broun and his contribution to the Guild.

Pre-convention sessions will start on Saturday, June 27, with the IEB meeting earlier that week at the convention city. The Saturday meetings will be those of the District Councils, the Hearst Chain Councils, the Scripps-Howard Chain Council and the National Wire Service Council.

These four sessions will be continued into Sunday. "Freshmen" delegates, those attending a Guild convention for the first time, will be asked to attend a briefing session at 4 o'clock, when convention procedures will be explained and questions may be put to Guild officers. Also on Sunday, there will be a local administrative forum, intended for local officers, negotiators and committee leaders. It will start at 10 A. M. and continue in the afternoon.

Registration for the convention will start at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, two hours before the host local will stage a welcoming cocktail party.

The registration desk will reopen at 8:30 Monday morning,

and the first formal session of the convention will get under way at 10 A. M. There will be greeting speeches from Boston officials, and the opening address by President Harry Martin, together with the adoption of the agenda, and appointment of a rules committee and other convention committees. At the afternoon session there will be

In the absence of Harry Martin, ANG president, the sessions of the quarterly IEB meetings were presided over by Ralph B. Novak, executive vice president.

addresses by Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak and Secretary-treasurer William J. Farson. At 4 P. M. there will be a forum, open to all delegates, on the subject of collective bargaining procedure.

Tuesday will be given over entirely to the meetings of convention committees, except for the evening banquet program.

Wednesday morning, committees and panels will again be in session at 9 o'clock, with a general convention session opening at 10 o'clock. An afternoon general session will start at 2:30 o'clock.

Thursday will see committee reports submitted at general sessions fixed for 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

The Friday morning session will start at 10 o'clock, with nomination of Guild officers set for 11 A. M. The closing session is at 2:30 P. M. Friday.

Board Acts on Financial Matters, Fixes Budget For New Fiscal Quarter

A first quarterly budget totaling \$102,985 was approved this week by the International Executive Board, among other items reported by the finance committee, of which Vice President Joseph F. Collis and Victor Leo, and Secretary-Treasurer William J. Farson are members.

The quarterly budget covers the months of May, June and July, carrying the business of the Guild through the convention period, when all fiscal policy is subject to review.

Its total compares with \$102,271 budgeted for the quarter ending April 30, and with \$102,837.80 actually spent in that quarter. The finance committee reported that the fiscal year's operations ended with a surplus of \$6,963.34, the second consecutive year "in the black." An increase in accounts payable at the year's end reduces the book-keeping surplus to an actual figure of \$4,447.87, the committee noted.

The surplus account shows a total of \$104,377.12. This is divided between the defense fund, of \$99,125.37 and the general fund, which stands at \$5,251.75. Net worth stands at \$100,917.98, a decrease of \$23,936.75 from 1952, most of the decrease being in the defense fund.

The finance committee recommended that \$5,000 be transferred from the general fund to the defense fund, a move which would leave \$5,000 owing to the defense fund out of an original appropriation of \$25,000.

The committee report noted that both the total of dues paying membership and the percentage of membership in good standing are at the highest level ever recorded, as of April 1 reports. The committee recommended local treasurers and collectors for the record, and

stated that a contributory cause is the increased number of contract clauses calling for Guild shops and check-off of dues.

The board reviewed the cases of five strike-benefit recipients at Nashua, N. H., and ordered payments continued to them until the next IEB meeting, in June. Strikes and lockout situations during the fiscal year called for defense fund allocations at Nashua, Rockford, Tacoma, Erie, Bethlehem and Waukegan.

At the committee's suggestion, the board authorized budgeting, at the rate of \$250 per quarter, of contributions toward the Guild's pledge of \$5,800 for the Philip Murray Memorial Foundation. At its last meeting, the board had voted its desire to meet the quota allotted to the Guild, as has every other CIO international union.

Other contributions, each backed by a special request through the CIO, were ordered as follows:

\$50 to the Free World Labor Fund; \$50 to Local 1742 at Winnfield, La., where a strike against a lumber company nears the end of its first year; \$25 to the United Negro College Fund; and \$25 to the American Trade Union Council of the National Committee for Labor Israel.

The committee recommended that future budgets carry an item for expenses connected with the Heywood Broun Award, in addition to the \$500 authorized as a cash award.

The board concurred in the committee's recommendation that no ANG funds be made available to the California-Nevada District Council for aiding in financing a delegate to the Boston convention. The council had made a request for such aid. (Continued on Page Two)

Makes Page One The Hard Way

Denver, Colo.—Guildsman Dave Mathias, Denver Post photographer, unexpectedly and unwillingly made his own news story when he plunged thirty feet through a sidewalk canopy at Union Station, broke both arms and several ribs and cut his head, while taking pictures of a group of visiting Kansans on a trade tour.

His paper that day gave him a page one story, plus eight columns across the top of page 3 for an art layout of the accident, the spot pictures being shot by Mathias' fellow-photog, Ira G. Sealy, sharing the assignment with him. One shows Mathias being treated at the scene, another the gaping hole in the station canopy through which the camera man fell. They also used a head-and-shoulders shot of Mathias—and the picture which Mathias had taken of the visitors just before the accident.

At St. Luke's Hospital, he was reported in good condition.

Five years back, Mathias made Life magazine twice in six weeks with a picture-of-the-week selection. One was a shot of an escaped convict, the other an aerial view of a train wreck. The latter picture took first place in three separate photo contests that year.

Secretary Hobby Fails to Face Hard Facts in Medical Care Plans, Says Guild Research Staff Member

By YETTA RIESEL
ANG Department of Research
and Information

Does Secretary Hobby really believe what she says? The New York Times last week reported that it was Mrs. Ovela Culp Hobby's "personal philosophy" that adequate medical care could be provided for all Americans by "expanding and perfecting the system of voluntary, non-profit, privately operated health insurance programs." All week we've been trying to figure out how Mrs. Hobby can back up her "philosophy" with facts, and we just can't do it.

As Secretary of the new Department of Health, Education and Welfare, probably Mrs. Hobby has a greater access to facts than we do at the ANG. And perhaps she knows something that the voluntary health plans can do the job. Incidentally, she didn't say how they could.

For years now we've been spending a good part of our time working with and watching the voluntary plans. Nothing we've ever seen or heard convinces us that the voluntary plans can do the job, and we can't believe that Mrs. Hobby really believes that they can. It is true that she talks of "expanding and perfecting" the voluntary plans, most of which are Blue Shield. These operate largely in conjunction with Blue Cross hospital plans and pay doctor's bills for surgery and medical care in the hospital.

They are controlled by the medical societies and have practically no consumer representation on their boards. Their history shows no inclination on their part to expand their services. In fact, the California plan has abandoned the service program it had been offering. Until now, if you earned less than a maximum income ceiling, the California doctor agreed to accept in full payment for his fee the amount paid him by the Blue Shield plan. From now on, he will get the same amount from Blue Shield, but he can charge you anything he wishes in addition.

There are a few plans in the country which do provide comprehensive medical care. Permanente, started on the west coast by Kaiser during the war, and the Health Insurance Plan of New York (known as HIP) are about the best-known and most successful in this category. The family rate for HIP is \$128.15. If the family income is \$6,500 or more per year, the rate is 50 percent higher. The average family spends only 15 percent of its total medical bill for surgery and medical care in the hospital. Since the bulk of the voluntary plans (Blue Shield) provides just such coverage and no more, you can easily figure how much "expanding and perfecting" will be necessary if the voluntary plans are going to take care of all of us Americans.

We've come across another statistic, and you can find one for every occasion. It says that a family in New York spends an average of \$280 a year for its medical care. This figure seems disarmingly low. Averages are nice round numbers which we find misleading. Say your family was lucky this year and spent only about \$50 for colds, measles, etc. The family next door was lucky, too, and spent only \$100 for a tonsillotomy and a couple of colds. But the family living across the street had a new baby, plus some post-natal complications and a couple

of fractures for the older children. Their bill added up to \$720, and your average would still be \$280. The tragedy of that third family, with hundreds of dollars to raise in a hurry, is hidden by a cold statistic.

Mrs. Hobby uses the worn-out but far from dusty phrase, "socialized medicine" to which she is, of course, opposed. In fact, this is one point on which we might agree. Probably someone should compile statistics on the total number of people frightened by this old bugaboo.

What we're for is a decent system of national health insurance. The way we see it, this would not indicate methods by which doctors can practice medicine. They could practice the way they do now. Doctors could maintain their separate offices with separate expenditures for equipment. Or, a group of them could get together and pool their resources and practice as a group. The national health insurance system would deal with the way doctors are paid. They would not, however, be on a government payroll, either state or federal.

Whatever blueprint for a program of medical care is drawn by Mrs. Hobby's department (and we suspect there may not be any), it can be adequate only if diagnosis and comprehensive care are provided on a service and not an indemnity basis. Incidentally, preventive and diagnostic care, so necessary to keep you well and determine what you have before you are forced into a hospital, is not covered by most of the voluntary plans.

Most of the insurance for doctor's bills today is provided through indemnity programs. If you have an appendectomy, the insurance company pays you, let us say \$100, and you pay your doctor the difference between that amount and his bill out of your own pocket. Such a system is open to great abuse. Frequently, a doctor will ask if you have any health insurance before he will tell you what his fee is. If the doctor adds his own fee onto the amount the insurance company will reimburse you for, he figures you are no



TWO OF TWO HUNDRED—Since last fall, St. Louis Guildmen have donated 200 pints of blood to the Red Cross, which moves its bloodmobile, doctor and nurses into the Guild hall for the purpose. Sports Editor Bob Burnes, of the Globe-Democrat, is seen here with Nurse Dorothy Sullivan after joining the ranks of donors, while Mrs. Wanda Latina, of Radio Station KSD, awaits her turn. Morris Tenenbaum's blood donor committee includes Bob Hannon, Frances Dunn, Charles Crawford, Frank Eckardt, Kenneth Moore, Ray Vodka, Mildred Moore, Bud Egan and Drucy Devereaux.

Reno Local Entertains With 'Back Page Brawl'



FRONT OFFICE "MUST"—Dryn Armstrong and Rolfe Kneller exact a bit for Reno Guild's "Back Page Brawl," in the respective roles of Ad Manager Joe Melcher and Managing Editor Joseph Jackson, here shown meeting the problem of reconciling too many ads and too much news.

Reno, Nev.—

"Stand back in the wings; "Don't trip on that light; "Get your mustache on straight— "It's on-stage tonight!"

Reno Guild Local 208 put its show on the boards this spring, with such resounding success that the 100 guests in the audience cheered for more. The affair was a cooperative one, with Typographical Union Local 611 sharing the promotion. Both the morning Nevada State Journal and the afternoon Reno Evening

Gazette were lampooned without mercy in a two-act production, opening with a kick chorus and marked by vocals at the intermission.

The affair was an intra-plant party, attended as guest or participant by everyone from publisher to printers' devil. The show was dubbed "Back Page Brawl" from the make-up of both papers which gives local news back-page position. It was staged in Reno's American Legion hall.

Guildmen impersonated their superiors in satires of a day at the newspapers, among those passing in review being the Gazette managing editor, the shop foreman, the Journal city editor and others. The m.e. himself attended the show, although he had sprained his ankle the night before, and saw his stage counterpart wheeled on stage, one foot swathed in bandages.

Refreshments and dancing followed the show. Reno Local's success has encouraged the committee to plan next year's affair on such a scale as to open it to public patronage.

Participating in the sketches were Katherine Mergen, Esther-mae Kneller, Bill Gillis, Bill Friel, Bill Henley, Jr., Bryn Armstrong, Ed Slingland, John Burns, Carl Digno, Nancy Gillis, Jean Burns, Rolfe Kneller and Barney Mergen.

Vote Higher Dues For Twin Cities

Twin Cities, Minn.—In a referendum, members of Twin Cities Newspaper Guild voted better than 2 to 1 to approve a higher dues ceiling.

The vote added four 25-cent brackets to the schedule, to make a top of \$6 per month dues for those earning more than \$130 weekly. Previous top had been \$5 for those earning more than \$90 weekly. The change is expected to bring the local about \$1,200 added revenue annually.

Buffalo Extends Awards Columbus Guild Registers Heavily For '53 Page One Honors With Second Annual Page One Ball

Buffalo, N. Y.—Six winners shared honors at Buffalo Newspaper Guild's Page One Ball, with two named as co-winners of the Walter O. Bingham Memorial award, set up by the local in memory of the late photographer for the Evening News. John Krieger, until recently a copy boy at the News, and Ed Hale, another News

staffer, won the top honors for their coverage of the Ohio train wreck in March. Without assignment and strictly on their own, the pair headed for the wreck after finishing their regular night trick at the News. They were among the first in the next 17 hours relaying reports to their home office.

Harry Martin Named To Committee For Israel Hospital

ANG President Harry Martin is serving on a committee formed by W. Averell Harriman, former MSA director, for sponsoring a fund-raising campaign in this country and Canada to aid in constructing a hospital in Rehovot, in southern Israel.

Others on the committee are US Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Albert Einstein, George Meany, head of the AFL and Walter P. Reuther, CIO president.

The proposed hospital will be a memorial to Eliezer Kaplan, late deputy prime minister of Israel, and is estimated to cost \$3 millions. Half of this amount has been raised by Israel residents, and the committee seeks to raise the remainder by public subscription on this continent.

The approximately 100,000 residents in the area of Israel to be served now have two small clinics as their only hospital facilities.

This week's meeting of the Guild's international board approved Martin's acceptance of a committee post.

The Bingham awards were extended this year to three additional fields—graphic arts, feature writing and sports.

For feature writing, Margaret Fess, of the Courier-Express, drew a citation for all-around excellence. The photographs by Roy Crogan, of the Niagara Falls Gazette, showing the rescue of a man from the Niagara River just above the falls, took first place in the graphic arts section. In sports writing, the judges chose Frank Lillich, of the Courier-Express, and Tony Wurzer, of the News, for their respective World Series stories and feature sports writing.

Judges were Cy King, executive editor of the Courier-Express; Newton Noyes, assistant managing editor of the News, and Harvey Hough, managing editor of the Tonawanda Evening News. They had a field of 42 entries from which to choose. Open to Guildmen and non-members alike, the winners were with one exception members of the Buffalo local.

The Page One ball attracted nearly 400 to the Hotel Statler. The local issued a souvenir program book.

Columbus, Ohio—Guild members, three Columbus Citizen staffers and an AP reporter swept the board in awards for best 1952 news stories and news pictures at the Columbus Guild's second annual Page One Ball.

The awards were open to all local newspaper and wire service reporters, regardless of Guild affiliation. It was judged by journalism instructors from Ohio State University, Capital University and Otterbein College, under the direction of Perry Morrison, local charter member.

Winners were: Edw. L. McCoy, Citizen reporter, for his story of local alum conditions, published March 14, 1952. The story, first of a series, set in motion a chain reaction of community effort designed eventually to remedy the worst slum problems in Columbus. It was awarded the "Story of the Month" prize in Scripps-Howard News, national publication of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

Dick Garrett, Citizen photographer, for his dramatic action photo of the Hallowe'en riots at the Ohio Penitentiary, entitled "Hallowe'en." Second prizes went to Columbus AP bureau staffer David Diles for his stories on Clarence "Bevo" Francis, Rio Grande College's high-scoring basketball center, and to Citizen photographer Lloyd Flowers for his photo, "Contempt," showing a woman being escorted insultingly from behind the bars of city prison.

Prizes were \$25 to first prize winners and \$10 to runners-up.

Some 700 Guildmen and their guests attended the ball at Valley Dale. The guest list was headed by Gov. and Mrs. Frank L. Lausche, Mayor and Mrs. R.



AND IT TASTED GOOD, TOO—Mayor Bob Oestreicher cuts the birthday cake for Columbus Guild's second annual Page One Ball, as Avery Dodge, Columbus Guild president, supervises at the ceremony. Gov. Frank Lausche and 699 others were clocked in at the gala.

T. Oestreicher, Columbus Red Bird president Al Banister and other state, city and county officials and public figures—all of whom chipped in \$10 for patron's tickets. Regular admission was \$2.50.

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Ed Mowery of The New York World-Telegram & Sun, L. Lausche, Mayor and Mrs. R.

El Paso Names Officers, Hits Negotiations Snag

El Paso, Texas—Members of El Paso Newspaper Guild, Local 45, elected four officers in a special election last week, to fill vacancies.

Don Pinkston, former vice president, was named president, succeeding Ed Stockley of the Herald Post unit, who has resigned from the paper effective June 1.

Named to the vice presidency was Bill James, a member of the El Paso Times unit.

Elected to succeed James to membership on the executive board was Ed Engledow. Art Leibson, Times city hall reporter, was named to the executive board to succeed Mary Thurber, former Guild president. Mrs. Thurber has handed in her notice on The Times.

One other vacancy on the Guild executive Board remains to be filled with the dismissal from the Herald Post of Walter Finley, police reporter.

Shift in the lineup of Guild officers comes in the midst of negotiations with management of the two El Paso papers which have been in process for the last two months.

The El Paso Guild, fighting to obtain a 10 percent salary increase and betterment of the present top minimum of \$7.50 weekly, faces a stalemate in management's offer of a \$2.50 salary increase across the board.

Management is represented in the negotiations by William T. J. Hooten, Times editor; E. M. Pooley, Herald Post editor and publisher, and D. D. Roderick, Times general manager. They have demanded that city editors of both papers be listed in the preamble exclusions of the contract, removing them from Guild benefits.

To date Guild membership has rejected management's counter proposals. Another meeting of the Guild negotiating committee with management awaits recovery of Mr. Pooley from illness.

SFONG Nets \$4,000 On Its Spring Frolie

San Francisco, Calif.—A near-capacity audience was in attendance at SFONG's annual Newspaper Guild Frolie in the Curran Theater. Frank Funge of the Examiner unit, Frolie committee chairman, estimated that a net profit of approximately \$4,000 was realized.



IN FOR LIFE—That's the Guild status of three York, Pa., members, whose newspaper experience totals a century and a half, and whose long-time Guild adherence has been recognized with life membership cards. In the usual order, they are Chauncey T. Kilg, John C. Hoffman and Curtis A. Thomas.

Rochester's Bill Kirby, Local's First Chairman, Retires After 50 Years



AFTER 50 YEARS, RELAXATION—William J. Kirby, one of the founders of the Rochester Guild Local, holds the good-wishes card signed by all Rochester Guildmen, as he attended a party marking his retirement from active newspaper work. The others are Rose Sold, Times-Union; William D. Manning, Democrat and Chronicle; and Fawn Schoeffel, also D&C.

Rochester, N. Y.—This is one year that Bill Kirby is going to heed every beck and call of the Good Old Summer time that pleases his fancy.

The Rochester Guild founder, coltish in spirit for all his 76 years, began his retirement from the Democrat and Chronicle this week with the announcement: "I'm going to find out what it's like to do as I darn please."

For 50 years he has worked on newspapers in Rochester in almost every editorial capacity, including city editorship of the D&C.

To encourage him in his less ambitious inclinations, his fellow members of the Rochester Guild presented him with a set of porch furniture, including a contour lounge chair, at a farewell party.

Kirby, fraternal page editor

State Organization Gets Guild Help

Twin Cities, Minn.—Members of Twin Cities Newspaper Guild contributed \$92 to a Minnesota CIO Fighting Fund, to be used for organization work, and to fight off threatened raids by the AFL Teamsters.



Free Press Should Also Be Labeled, Says Bowman

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. Editor: I am delighted that the Bill of Rights (free speech, a free press, etc.) lives on in the letters column of the Guild Reporter.

However, as Heywood Brown used to say, how free is free? I will permit me, then, one tiny quibble?

In my letter published in the GR of May 8, my tagline was based on a quote from one of our Founding Fathers, a great leader in the (so-called) American Revolution, should have read (as I wrote it):

"If this be treason, make the most of it."

ROBERT M. BOWMAN
Inquirer unit.

Says Guild Should Exclude Unsubscribable Characters

TOLINO, Ohio Editor: Editor & Publisher of May 8 informs that Harvey Matson, assigned by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy to make certain investigations among newspaper personnel, is a member-at-large of the New York local of the American Newspaper Guild.

I covered Mr. Matson's appearance before the Ohio Un-American Activities Commission when he was testifying as to the activities of the Labor Youth League at Antioch College at Yellow Springs, O.

His testimony, unsupported by anything else than his spoken word, was later demolished by the college president, Douglas MacGregor, before the commission.

It was my judgment as a reporter and that of others covering the hearings that Mr. Matson is a glib witness, willing to steer his testimony according to the hints of his interrogators. His methods probably have not changed.

It is not particularly gratifying to have a man singled out as a working newspaperman.

His claim to membership seems rather tenuous. ANG constitution and by-laws should be searched thoroughly to determine if he is eligible for membership. If not, this character should forthwith be excluded from this organization.

WINSTON CHAM
Toledo Guild.

Questions Nevich's Comment On Boston Job Security

BOSTON, Mass. Editor: Ralph Nevich is quoted in the May 8 GR as saying that the IEB disapproved a Boston contract proposal for a joint production committee because the Guild has "a contract which does not at the present time provide for the security of the union or the job security of our members."

The Herald-Traveler contract does not include a union shop, although it does provide for maintenance of membership, a check-off and arbitration of discharge for reasons other than "reduction in size of staff."

We should have a union shop. We should also have more complete job security.

However, the Herald-Traveler recently discharged six employees as the result of a change in operation. We could not arbitrate these discharges.

But if our joint-production committee proposal had been in effect and this change had come out of the committee's deliberations, we would have saved those jobs. Because the proposal said: "No employee shall lose his job as the result of any improvement adopted by the committee."

In short, we sacrifice job security because we don't have enough job security. Does that make sense?

The Boston Guild wanted to propose a joint production committee at the Post, but withdrew

It Seems to Us...

Meet Snag In INS-IMP Mediation

Letters shall be limited to 200 words and shall avoid libel and subjects detrimental to the Guild. Members subjected to personal attack shall be given opportunity to reply in the same issue, but publication of either attack or reply shall not be delayed longer than one issue.

During elections or referenda letters on the question to appear in the edition immediately preceding the distribution of ballots shall be confined to rebuttal of material appearing in the preceding edition.

It after the IEB frowned on the Herald-Traveler proposal.

The purpose of the committee was "to improve production, increase efficiency and eliminate waste" by pooling the experience and know-how of the workers with that of management.

Here in Boston we lived for years under the fear of the Post's imminent collapse. Recently a new owner took over, but according to him, the paper is still not out of the woods.

We don't have a union shop at the Post either. But where is union security and where is job security if the paper folds?

The dinosaur was a powerful beast once. It died out because it couldn't adjust to changing times.

The Guild is supposed to be a smart union. It should be able to adjust to changing times.

John C. Coor
Boston Guild.

Says He Is Shocked By "Blessed" GR Reporting

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Editor: It was gratifying to read in the April 24 issue of the Guild Reporter that the American Newspaper Guild has renewed its pitch for release of AP's Bill Oatis by the Czech government.

However, I was shocked to find out from the headline that AP had "reverted" to Oatis' release, the implication, of course, being that AP has done or is doing nothing in the matter.

Near the end of my story, in a quote of an AP statement as reported by the Herald-Traveler, it said "prolonged incarceration must be as galling to them as our failure to effect their release is frustrating to us."

Perhaps the bright boy who wrote the headline didn't read that far. But I'm sure that AP directors, in stating their "failure and frustration," have not given up.

I am an AP staffer, a Guild member. I personally do not know what AP management has done in the Oatis case, but despite your distorted presentation can hardly be led to believe it is just sitting on its haunches "serenely hoping."

If the Guild Reporter believes that is the case it should have contacted AP, asked AP why it is doing nothing. Does the Guild Reporter know what AP has done? Has the Guild Reporter tried to find out?

I'm just a tag-along member of the Guild; joined it a few years back because I felt ashamed of myself for riding its coattails. The Guild has done much in gaining improved working conditions and raising general wage standards of newspapermen everywhere. I'm grateful. My dues are knocked off my pay check with regularity.

But I definitely don't think much of the Guild Reporter. It usually is biased in its reporting. Besides myself, I know others who take it with a grain of salt.

Why not try to be fair to all, not just the Guild?

BERNARD W. PEYER
Louisville AP.

Among Ourselves

Denver local's executive secretary, Don W. MacMillan, suffered the loss of his mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth MacMillan, 67, who died Sunday, May 10. Survivors are her husband, two other sons, a daughter and 11 grandchildren.

Illness struck twice at Philadelphia Guild officers in recent weeks. The day that Local President G. Morsman Colie returned to his Inquirer copydesk job after three weeks' sick leave, off went William Struckhaus, local vice president, for an emergency appendectomy.

Struckhaus is in the news-art department at the Inquirer. . . . Inquirer Librarian Marylou Sweeney is the mother of a baby boy; at the Inquirer maternity leave out on current maternity leave at the Inquirer are Evelyn Watts, editorial; Mildred Weston, features; Phyllis Salotti, telephone operator; Elizabeth Rooney, advertising control; and Marie Bogan, ad taker.

Back at the Philadelphia Inquirer from military service are William Kennedy, editorial; Lester Ribler, sports; Albert Newman and Eugene Callahan, compo detail; Robert Velt, accounting; and George Koch, art department. . . . And into uniform have gone Thomas Conroy, mail desk; David Lucser, advertising art; and Kenneth Knob, advertising.

Jack F. Davis, Baltimore AP, has been appointed administrative assistant to Oliver S. Gramling, AP assistant general manager in charge of radio.

Jack Gamble, NEA Cleveland, has been named assistant sales manager. He was formerly promotion manager.

A weekend at Atlantic City and a wrist watch were awarded to Melville D. Shapiro, first vice president of the Elizabeth Newspaper Guild, by the Work-

Management got out the grapeophone at the second mediation session, playing the same old tune in insisting that the Guild provide a "package proposal" of major demands. The company stood pat on its refusal to come up with any counter-offer.

The Guild negotiators handed management and the mediator a mimeographed 28-page compilation of arguments in support of its proposals.

Included in the "brief" were detailed, documented "exhibits" reflecting complaints by INS-IMP staffers on which the desired contract provisions were based. Copies have been dispatched to Guild unit chairmen.

At the first mediation session, management, headed by Hearst Corp. Attorney John Siefken, accused the Guild of declaring "open season on all provisions" of the current contract.

He also contended Guild summaries of complaints by employees about poor working conditions "were not in all cases completely factual."

INS-IMP members, writing to their negotiators, viewed the matter differently. Noted one staffer, for example:

"I'm burned up about this same old story we get every year. We knock ourselves out to bring INS up to par with AP and UP. . . . But we are told no to requests for benefits which AP and UP (employees) already have. We are asked to work twice as hard and be twice as resourceful as AP and UP but receive less reward. We hear about teamwork and initiative. The teamwork idea breaks down once a year at negotiation time. I'm not only ready to strike, I'm ready to quit if the situation is not improved."

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ing Press of New Jersey, for his story on the third airplane disaster in Elizabeth in February, 1952. Shapiro's story took first place for general excellence, and gained top honors for the best spot news story in the association's annual competitions.

Back from a six-months' tour of Europe and Africa are Robert and Ethel Leeper, of York, Pa. They were on leave from jobs at the Gazette & Daily. . . . Church wedding for Helen Stambaugh and Arthur W. Geiselman, Jr., took place at the York Gazette & Daily. . . . William Kilg, York Gazette & Daily reporter, now on military leave, recently shifted from Africa to European duty.

Bernard R. Mullady, charter member of the New York Guild, and a local officer until 1952, has been named director and editor of Labor Press Associated, Washington news service for labor publications. He succeeded Irving Fagan, Washington, D. C., Evening Star.

Two-way expectancy is lot of Jim Powers, Richmond News Leader, who has broken ground for a new home and whose wife awaits a visit from the work.

"No other newspaper softball team can make this claim," says Hank Wolfe, Richmond Guildsman, reporting a three-game cleanup by the Times-Dispatch newsmen team in its first round of play, in Richmond's newspaper department league, plus a two-year record of straight victories.

"What Gives in Washington" will be the subject of Washington Guildsman Chalmers M. Roberts, of the Washington Post, who speaks at the sixth annual labor journalism conference at the University of Illinois June 5.

"See You at Boston"

Akron

Art Cullison, president, and Mort Leggett, treasurer, have been elected Akron Newspaper Guild's delegates to the Boston convention. Cullison is theater and radio writer of the Akron Beacon Journal and Leggett a general assignment reporter.

Robert E. Hoyt and Dick Dietz, vice presidents, were elected alternates.

Washington

Washington Guild has elected without contest the following Boston convention delegates: Ralph M. Seebold, local president; Max Pyle, administrative officer; C. W. (Bill) Goessell, local treasurer; Philip H. Price, ANG regional vice president; Ray Henry, Associated Press, and James F. Donovan, United Press.

F. Harley Murray, INS, will be a wire service delegate as a member of the National Wire Service Council.

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London—National Union of Journalists has elected Percy W. Jarrett its first photographer president, who now heads the British journalists organization.

Jarrett stepped up from the vice-presidency, succeeding H. Bate. Allan Lofis is the British newspapermen's new vice-president.

'UNCONTROLLABLE'

An Editor Views the Guild: Oh, for the Good Old Days

Why does management resent the Guild and fight it at every turn?

The obvious answer is that the Guild is doing its job—winning for its members better wages, more leisure time and some measure of security. In short, the Guild is costing management more money.

Now comes a managing editor who backs up this reasoning, albeit not too happily.

E. Y. Stone of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, in a panel discussion at the recent annual

meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, named the Guild as the culprit responsible for his woes.

Stone had a few kind words for his bosses, too: "Please understand that I'm not arguing about the Guild one way or the other. I've always maintained that the publishers have only themselves to thank for the situation because of their Scrooge method in the past. In many ways it serves them right."

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ways an almost uncontrollable cost because of Guild agreements that tie the editor's hands," said Stone. "It used to be that a managing editor could reduce or expand his staff to meet varying emergencies in the budget or the lead he had to carry. He could cut corners by eliminating less necessary functions and combining others, pay overtime in time-off during slack periods, etc."

"And most important of all he could eliminate deadwood on his staff and thus maintain an economic level of efficiency. Most of the time deadwood didn't develop because staff members knew they had to produce or else."

"Your brilliant reporters, etc., naturally are apt to drift off to better paying jobs elsewhere while the marginal or submarginal producers stay on, secure in their jobs."

"And often, even if you can make a date for dismissal that will stick, you are stuck with a whopping big severance payment that makes you think twice before dismissing even the most inefficient worker."

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Revenues, Costs Both Up On E&P's Mythical Daily

Increasing revenues and increasing costs ran neck-and-neck over the past seven years on Editor and Publisher's mythical 50,000-circulation daily.

Dollar-percentage-wise, costs were out front. Since 1945, the mythical daily's revenues increased by \$19,277,881 or 102.23 percent. Over the same period costs rose \$1,242,846 or 134.47 percent, E&P's computations show.

Total revenue increased \$19,522, or 0.78 percent, last year over 1951, while costs rose \$31,301, or 1.46 percent.

The 1952 profit after taxes was \$178,414, the lowest since 1946.

While total costs climbed 134.47 percent during the seven year period, operating expenses for the business office and editorial, advertising and circulation departments rose only 110.7 percent. Editorial department costs alone were up only 55.3 percent.

On the other hand, total mechanical costs plus newsprint and ink jumped 181.3 percent since 1945.

Newsprint and ink made up the heaviest single expense item in 1952, whereas in 1945 they placed third behind compelling costs. This item also showed the sharpest expense jump—almost 220 percent above the 1945 figure.

Editorial department cost was \$234,547 in 1952, a 4.2 percent increase over the \$211,466 figure in 1951. But with columns of reading matter at \$3,647 in 1952 compared to \$1,452 in 1951, editorial cost per column dropped from \$9.99 in '51 to \$9.82 in 1952.

Total 1952 editorial department expenses represented 14.9 percent of total costs. In 1945 they were nearly 18 percent of the total.

Not paid circulation in 1952 was \$6,411 against \$5,936 in 1951. The 1945 figure was \$9,845.

Health Books Available Committee for the Nation's Health has compiled a list of books and pamphlets useful to unions in negotiating health insurance and medical care plans, obtainable by writing CNH, 1416 F Street, NW, Washington 4, D. C.

Local Copy

How Much Does It Cost to Strike? Steelworkers Emerge in the Black

How much does a strike cost a striker? During last year's long Steelworkers' strike there were all sorts of misleading figures quoted, purportedly showing that the strikers were suffering huge "losses" that they would never recover.

But what were the facts? Steelworkers researchers, determined to find out, sat down with their pencils and paper and started figuring. The facts they came up with are interesting. Instead of suffering unrecoverable "losses," they discovered, Steelworkers are now reaping dividends from their 1952 strike. Their computations show:

"With average wages before the strike at about \$74.88 a week, the strikers' 'lost' \$597.44. The strike took place at a time when most of the workers take their vacations—with pay—which average two weeks. So, the loss was cut down to \$448.08.

"The strike settlement called for retroactive pay amounting to an average of \$83.20. That

further cut the 'loss' to \$364.88. Many strikers managed to earn something on the 'side' while they were out of the mills. That again cut the 'loss' by a figure that can't be determined.

"On the other hand, the strike settlement meant a weekly increase averaging \$10.88 (based on government figures). As of March 31, 1953, Steelworkers were back on the job about 35 weeks. Multiply 35 weeks by \$10.88 and you can see that, as of March 31, Steelworkers had earned an extra \$380.80 more than they would have earned at rates in effect before they won the strike.

"In other words, the strike 'loss' had been more than recovered by the end of last March. And since March 31, the extra wages they earn under the higher rates is money-in-the-pocket over and above what they would have earned if they had not gone on strike to win raises.

"From now on Steelworkers will earn \$565 every year more than they did before the 1952 strike."

PROFIT AND "LOSS" STATEMENT

(JUNE 2, 1952—MARCH 31, 1953)

Wages "Lost" (8 Weeks Strike @ \$74.88 Average)	\$597.44	Average Weekly Wage (At New Rates Won by Strike)	\$5.56
Less Vacation Pay Collected (Two Weeks' Average Vacation)	140.36	Average Weekly Wage (At Rates in Effect Prior to Strike)	74.88
		Average Weekly Increase Under Contract Ending Strike	\$ 10.88
Less Retroactive Pay Won (13 Weeks Back Pay @ 16 1/2 Hr. Ave.)	\$448.08		
	\$149.36	Average Earned at New Rate for 35 Weeks After Strike—to March 31	\$2,904.80
Less Extra Money Earned During Period of Strike	111.11	Average Wage at Pre-Strike Rate for Same 35-Week Period	2,613.80
		Increased Pay from End of Strike to Mar. 31, 1953 (35 weeks)	\$380.80
Average Maximum Temporary "Loss"	\$364.88		

Weekly wage figures based on Bureau of Labor Statistics data showing \$85.56 during last three months of 1952, as compared to \$74.88 in five months preceding strike.

In terms of average annual earnings the strike settlement means that Steelworkers, every year in the future based on current hours worked, will earn over and above pre-strike earnings. (\$2 weeks x \$10.88) **\$565.76**

Guildsmen Don't Just Fade Away

"Whatever becomes of Guild members?" This question frequently is asked, even today, by prospective members eyeing a career in the newspaper business. What they mean is: Will Guild membership hinder their rise to the top? Will it keep them from the better-paying jobs in the industry?

Guild locals have found the best answer to the question is a list of their own former members who have gone on to top posts in management. The Time Inc. unit of the New York Guild, for example, gives this answer in the latest issue of the unit paper, On Time:

"We don't know that all Guild members go to heaven (though we assume so), but we do know that they rise pretty high.

"Consider some of the graduates of our own unit. One of the earliest and most dedicated members was Archibald MacLeish. Only the other day it was announced that he had won the Pulitzer prize for the second time. When he was at Time Inc., 'Archibald' MacLeish was a loyal and devoted Guild member.

Then there was John Hersey, the distinguished author of *The War and Before*, who, as *Hiroshima* and *A Bell for Adano*, and *Wilder Hobson*, the hot jazz authority.

"The roster of successful Guildsmen and ex-Guildsmen is long and glittery. Joseph East, who was unit chairman, didn't last long, admittedly

forced out by promotion to a management position. Now he is copy editor for Life. (We don't mind losing members via the 'honorable withdrawal' that results from promotion; we do mind losing them any other way.) Then there was John Jessep, now the chief editorial writer for Life; and Del Payne, the publisher of Fortune; and Irene Saint and Don Burke, both in editorial management posts at Life.

"A good many members of the Unit will recall the days when Roger Butterfield, author of *The American Post*, was a conscientious and hard-working Guildsmen here. Although John Chamberlain, until lately editor of *The Freeman*, is a rugged individualist, philosophically, he nonetheless was a firm believer in trade unionism during his career at Time Inc. and kept his Guild membership to the day he left.

"One of the few postwar publishing ventures that has proved an unqualified success is Scientific American, a magazine published and edited by former Life Guildsmen Gerard Piel and Dennis Flanagan, respectively.

"Nor is it necessary to leave the company to make good (as we've already noted in the case of Kastner, Saint, Burke, etc.). Down on the 28th floor, presiding over the National Affairs section of Time, is one of the most notable ex-Guildsmen in the East. Max Ways was once chairman of the Philadelphia

local, helped organize and direct the famed Chester, Pa., strike and when the Philadelphia Record was struck in 1947 went down every time weekend to walk the picket line with his old colleagues.

"Throughout the country—just as at Time Inc.—the Guild is constantly losing leaders who take on top management assignments. But someone always comes forward to take their places.

"Any questions?"

Georgia Court Dismisses Case Against Editors

Atlanta, Ga.—Space in a newspaper is the private property of the owner of the paper, and a lower court judge erred in demanding publication of a specific photograph of a court record, the Georgia Supreme Court has ruled.

The ruling came in the form of dismissing a contempt-of-court conviction of two editors of the Atlanta Constitution, who had refused to comply with a lower court order to publish pictures, without pay to the paper, and had been sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Said the high court: There was no obstruction of justice involved, the original publication of facts was true.

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SHOULD the editorial employees of the Oakland Tribune vote pro-Guild in an upcoming representation election, for which a petition has been filed by the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, they will be following the example of three other such groups within the past year.

The Oakland staffers have for years been represented in contract negotiations by their own independent union. The independent has concededly benefitted during those years from collective bargaining by their aggressive Guild neighbors across the bay, where San Francisco newspapers operate under a city-wide contract with the Guild. Concessions won from San Francisco managements have soon found their way into the Oakland Tribune contracts.

Now a majority of the Tribune staff have signed Guild cards, indicating a desire to move closer to the originating source of those benefits and to share in their first formulation as well.

The close parallels referred to above are in three widely-separated localities, but are identical in the principle involved.

Last September, circulation employees at the San Diego Union and Evening Tribune dropped their affiliation with the Pressmen's union and voted for the Guild, 72 to 10.

In December, commercial department employees at the Boston Post voted 132 to 54 for the Guild, and dissolved their long-extant bargaining agent, a non-affiliated union.

And in February of this year, editorial employees of the Buffalo Courier-Express voted by a count of 57 to 38 to drop an independent union of sixteen years' standing, and throw their negotiating fortunes in with the Buffalo Newspaper Guild.

In San Diego, Buffalo and Boston, existing Guild contracts had consistently showed the way; and in each case the Guild local succeeded in winning first the respect and then the confidence of its new "converts."

There will be cross-country rooting for a similar showing in Oakland.

ANG PRESIDENT Harry Martin has become a "Compagnon du Confrerie des Chevaliers du Sacavin," by virtue of an initiation ceremony conducted by French newsmen this month on his visit to Angers, France.

Martin hastens to translate and explain. He's now a member of the Brotherhood of Knights of the Winebag, a colorful and Rabelaisian order, the reasonable American facsimile

of which might be the Circus Saints and Sinners.

Martin was inducted along with the president of the French newspaper union and the National Minister of Information, and says that he thinks, despite what he calls his "worst French," he got in some telling licks for international good will.

Board Has Only Minor Changes For Constitution

Only minor changes in the language of the Guild's constitution will be recommended to the Boston convention, it was indicated by the International Executive Board in accepting the report of its constitution committee, of which Milton J. Lapine, of Cleveland, is chairman.

One such change, for which the committee suggested appropriate language, would more clearly define the status of District Councils as to their right to contribute to strike benefit funds.

The committee, through the board, will also recommend to the convention that study be undertaken to outline the functions of units within locals. The committee pointed out that units often hold a more important place in local affairs than current constitutional language would infer. It suggested that the convention set up a study committee to report back to the 1954 convention with constitutional amendments if warranted.

The board adopted a committee report which was in reply to a complaint from the Twin Cities local regarding IEB action on an Albany contract. The report points out that the matter was handled in strict accordance with the Guild constitutional procedure.

By adoption of another committee report, the board held that non-Hearst employees in San Francisco are not entitled to vote in a referendum on the Hearst Memorandum approval, although such employees, by action of the local in adopting the Memorandum as a part of its city-wide bargaining agreement, may be affected by its terms.

Prompted by a situation which had arisen on the west coast, the board authorized a constitutional warning to locals against employing as negotiators firms or individuals who also represent publishers in negotiations with other Guilds. Locals would thereby subject themselves to disciplinary action.

Washington ROUNDUP

By CHALMERS M. ROBERTS
Washington Guild

WE HAVE NOW REACHED the second stage of McCarthyism—international McCarthyism against Atlee who dared to speak up against the senator. McCarthy is hip deep in foreign policy. He started by negotiating with the Greek ship owners. Now he is telling our allies how to run their international relations.

Obviously more is to come. In Washington the hopefuls who said McCarthyism would wither away if only Eisenhower were elected President are squirming more and more. It was Marx, or maybe Lenin, who said the state would wither away once the proletarian revolution was complete. One turns out to be about as much nonsense as the other did, it seems to me.

I guess I must apologize for having expressed a bit of hope in this space that there were signs of spine against the GOP's extremists, i. e., the Taft-Knowland stand against McCarthy in the Bohlen case. As I hear it now, they later told the White House not to ever put them in that kind of spot again.

As far as I know McCarthy doesn't cut notches in his gun for every senator he has picked off so far. But Taft has made it quite clear he considers McCarthy the biggest asset the party has—and he is thinking of what looks like a tough job to keep Congress Republican in the 1954 election. There is nothing space on McCarthy's gun already reserved for such liberal senators as Douglas, Humphrey, Kefauver, Neely.

Now the word is that the party will calm him down after he helps in '54. I doubt if this fools even the people who advance the idea but it seems to let some of them sleep better at night.

McCarthyism abroad is a new-type isolationism—a threat to any intelligent conduct of foreign affairs just as was the America First of Lindbergh's day while Roosevelt was trying to lead America to its place in the world. In that case FDR was exerting direct and positive leadership and a war wiped out the isolationists for the time being.

AS THE EISENHOWER ADMINISTRATION rolls along it is leaving its imprint just as any vehicle does. Ike has not gone to the extreme of the balance-the-budget-at-any-cost gang. He speaks with conviction when he says the globe is round, a rather obvious fact to most people but not to the Asia First wing of the GOP for example.

Now international McCarthyism, in my view, is going to start impeding the Eisenhower foreign policy. This is a new rallying point for the old-

style isolationists, who just can't get through their head the interrelated economic and military facts of the Free World. If Atlee is vulnerable, what of leaders in nations where there is a real communist party such as France or Italy, for example?

Again, the problem of McCarthyism comes back to Eisenhower. He has done nothing about domestic McCarthyism. Will he do nothing about international McCarthyism?

In trying to figure out Ike's attitude toward McCarthy, many have explained it as part of the President's let's-get-along-with-Congress program. But I have a feeling it is at least partly political in this sense: ever since Ike came home from Paris to run for President, he has been asked (badgered, he doubtless would say) about McCarthy. Before the GOP convention. After the nomination. During the campaign. At the first few press conferences. (Nobody bothers to raise that question any more—unless international McCarthyism starts a new round).

Perhaps Ike feels that all this has been a Democratic political pressure game, that it does not really represent any deep issue, any fundamental principle. He is reported to have expressed rather harsh sentiments in private about McCarthy but they tend to be on personality rather than principle.

If international McCarthyism and all it means in relation to the conduct of American foreign policy does not drive this point home, I guess nothing will.

DOMESTIC MCCARTHYISM'S latest has been his attack on the press in the Wechsler affair. It has seemed to me for some time that an attack on those who have fought him in print was inevitable, in the manner of all totalitarians. I would like to think that Jimmy's spirited defense—and offense—would stop McCarthy but it will not. He will work his way into the more conservative papers, too, before it is over, I would be willing to guess. There is only one way to be safe—don't be critical of Joe.

Free press, free schools, free churches all have been targets of totalitarians. All are under attack from the GOP extremists here today, led by McCarthy.

The only note of pleasant relief in all this grim picture is a comic strip called Pogo which, I hope, is appearing in your paper. Walt Kelly is telling via the animal world the tale of McCarthyism (and McCarranism) with wondrous skill and humor in one of the greatest political satires ever turned out by a cartoonist. I wonder how long it will take McCarthy to get after him? After all, he draws an amazing resemblance in the form of a bobcat. Don't miss it.

Wage Reopening Brings Pay-off at Sacramento

Sacramento, Calif.—Sixteen weeks of retroactive pay went to members of the editorial and advertising departments of the Sacramento Bee when the Guild's new contract became effective this month. Under the new agreement, top minimum for reporters and photographers went up \$5 to \$116, earned after five years experience. Admen and the service department manager were similarly boosted, while outside classified salesmen were raised from \$94.10 to \$99.10.

Biggest gain was for the society editor and society writers. Under the old contract the society editor was paid \$96.20. Society writers with five years experience received \$89.85.

Guild negotiators succeeded

SFONG Writes \$106 New Editorial Top At Language Paper

San Francisco, Calif.—The SFONG executive committee has authorized the signing of a new agreement with L'Italia foreign language newspaper management, providing for a new editorial top minimum of \$106 after six years.

The fifth year figure remained at \$99.75, the former top. Those not benefiting by the sixth-year boost were granted a lump sum payment amounting to \$2 for each hour they work in an average week. These payments ranged from \$30 to \$75.

in closing the gap substantially. The society editor position was raised \$14.30, bringing it up to \$110.50. Society writers with five years experience got a \$15.85 raise, for a top of \$105.50.

Covered in a supplemental joint letter was an increased mileage provision for advertising salesmen and photographers who use their personal cars on company business. Management agreed to pay another \$2 a week over and above the old contract for those using cars, five days a week.

The old contract gave advertising men \$11 a week car allowance for the first 100 miles and 9 cents a mile thereafter. Photographers under the old

agreement were paid a minimum of \$13.50 a week car allowance.

Also covered in the supplemental joint letter is the inclusion of the Central Art Room under provisions of the Guild contract. Minimums for the artists are the same as for reporters and desk men.

The two year contract was reopened this year only for wages and mileage provisions. The new agreement is retroactive to January 12.

Handling negotiations for the Guild were Julian Colby, Stanley Wilson and Florence Barton, editorial, and Ray Bach, M. R. Orme and Mac Bree, advertising.

The Guild Reporter

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