

Collis, ANG Vice President at Large, Will Oppose Martin for Presidency

Wilkes-Barre Man Endorsed by Mid-Atlantic Council. Sees Need for "Tougher Leadership" in Battles Ahead

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New California Law Vitiates Severance In All Guild Pacts

Sacramento, Calif.—California newspaper publishers have succeeded in the State legislature in doing what they failed to accomplish in the courts—decrease the effective value of severance pay clauses in all Guild contracts throughout the State.

Under the terms of a bill passed by both houses of the legislature, State unemployment insurance is denied to jobless employees during a period of weeks equal to the number of weeks used in computing severance pay.

The bill was drafted and lobbied by John B. Long, general manager of the California Newspaper Publishers' Association and Ross Marshall, Hearst lobbyist.

It had been introduced in the Senate by Senator Jack B. Tenney, of Los Angeles, had been passed there, withdrawn after meeting assembly committee opposition, then redrafted and finally passed by the assembly. Last week's vote in the lower house was 43 to 29, with all but one of the affirmative votes cast by Republicans. Seven Republicans and 22 Democrats voted in opposition.

In its final form, the measure would require an employee dismissed from a job covered by severance pay to "use up" his severance before becoming eligible for State unemployment compensation.

The bill had its origin in court cases arising in the San Francisco-Oakland Guild, where the State unemployment commission had ruled against payment of compensation to Guild members dismissed with severance. The Guild carried the rule into the courts, where it was reversed and appealed. The case is still pending. Representatives of publishers supported the State commission throughout, and actively lobbied for the new measure.

The Guild's arguments were that severance is an earned equity, based on past service, and that neither in concept nor practice is it related to State unemployment compensation. The latter is financed by withholding taxes and employer payments, and the Guild held that the presence or absence of severance cash should have no weight in determining State benefits.

A contest impends for the presidency of the American Newspaper Guild, with an announcement by Vice President-at-large Joseph F. Collis, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., that he is a candidate for the unpaid position, held since 1947 by Harry Martin.

Martin said when queried this week in Paris, where he is labor advisor for the Mutual Security Agency, that he both is available for reelection to another term as head of the Guild, and will return to this country permanently, "at an early date."

Time of his return to the United States depends on two factors, he added, the first being the need of bridging the transition period for those who will be integrated from his staff into the new overseas information program. The second consideration, Martin said, is finding a newspaper job for himself in this country.

"Thus far," says Martin, "I have not found the publishers overly enthusiastic about adding the president of the union to their payrolls."

Delegates to the Boston Convention late this month will make nominations for all offices, which are to be filled for two-year terms beginning next November 1. Contested national offices go to the full membership of the Guild in the form of a referendum, under the constitution.

Offices for which nominations will open at Boston include the presidency, the executive vice presidency, held by Ralph B. Novak; the secretary-treasurer, held by William J. Farson; six vice presidencies at large, and six regional vice presidencies.

Collis is a vice president at large, a post he has held since 1945, when he was nominated without opposition.

Martin gained the presidency in a contest with Willard Shelton, of Washington, two years later. In 1948 the San Francisco Convention approved a request from CIO leaders that Martin become labor advisor to the State Department's Economic Cooperation Administration, later to become the Mutual Security Agency. Martin left his Memphis newspaper work and has since that time been stationed in Paris. By previous agreement he has been able to attend IEB

sessions and Guild conventions in this country.

The Collis announcement first became public in the form of a resolution adopted by the recent meeting of the Middle Atlantic District Council, endorsing his candidacy.

Inquiry to Collis brought a statement from him that he is a candidate, and that he had made known his intentions at the time of the meeting of the IEB late in May.

Martin was absent from the May meeting of the board, having been excused for attendance at the Vienna meeting of the newly-formed International Federation of Journalists' executive board.

Said Collis: "I believe the ANG needs a strong, unpaid president who is a working newspaperman."

"For the first time since the Guild was organized, we have in Washington a group fighting labor. I think the Guild should gird itself for the inevitable battle."

"Publishers are whittling away at our severance pay and security clauses. I think we are headed for tougher times and need tougher leadership."

"My platform is my record as a board member, such as participation in strikes from coast to coast, chairmanship of the organizing committee during one of its most successful years in ANG history, guiding Guild finances to help make the organization financially sound, chair-

manship of the pro-Guild caucus, and last, but not least, giving the membership a sense of direction to bring about harmony among the members and results for the union."

The text of the resolution adopted by the Middle Atlantic council reads as follows:

"Whereas American Newspaper Guild Vice President Joseph Collis of Wilkes-Barre Local 120 has rendered long and able service to his local, his district and to the American Newspaper Guild at large and

"Whereas Joseph Collis has been a member of the International Executive Board since the St. Paul convention in 1945 and

"Whereas Joseph Collis as chairman of the IEB Organizing Committee has helped complete what is being recognized as one of the best organizing years in the history of the American Newspaper Guild and

"Whereas the executive ability of Joseph Collis has been recognized by his own local, where he was elected president for 12 consecutive years and which he left only at his own behest and

"Whereas he was recognized by the Middle Atlantic District Council as the recipient of its 1951 Heywood Brown award for service to the Guild, therefore

"Be It Resolved by the Middle Atlantic District Council that it unanimously endorses and supports the candidacy of Joseph Collis for president of the American Newspaper Guild."

Active Membership Totals Hit High Mark as of May 1

For the eighth time in a ten-month span, a new all-time high total has been set for ANG dues-paying membership.

Figures compiled by ANG Secretary-treasurer William J. Farson as of May 1, show a total of 26,348 dues-paying Guildsmen for the month of April. This does not include the membership on military leave, who are dues-exempt for their time in uniform.

This new high in membership is 1,474 above the comparable date in 1952, when the total stood at 24,873; and is 1,128 above the figure for last January 1. On that date the ANG files were cleared of "deadwood" by dropping all names of persons who had failed to pay dues

during the calendar year just past.

By months, the 1953 totals have been:

Jan.	25,220
Feb.	25,494
Mar.	25,945
Apr.	26,183
May	26,348

Credit for the showing must be accorded three groups in particular, according to J. William Blatz, director of organization.

Those groups are local collective bargaining committees, local officers and convention delegates.

Bargaining committees, said Blatz, have provided the proper climate for organizing by so improving our contracts that they

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Near-Model Contract Closed At Buffalo Courier-Express

Buffalo, N. Y.—The Buffalo Newspaper Guild has signed an initial contract with the Courier-Express, covering 105 editorial employees of that morning daily, who in March had voted to substitute the Guild for an independent editorial association of some 16 years' standing.

The agreement gives the employees an average weekly increase of \$7.90, establishes a five-year reporter minimum of \$115, puts into contract language a traditional Christmas bonus which at the \$115 wage level would amount to about \$365, and sets a night differential, affecting nine out of ten employees, of \$9 a week.

All cash benefits are retroactive to January 1, the date of expiration of the former inde-

pendent's contract. The Guild contract runs for a two-year period, with a wage-and-vacation reopener next January 1.

Some minimum figures are as much as \$25 a week above the pay specified in the old contract. Society reporters were upgraded to full reporter status. Retroactive pay is being distributed in amounts ranging from \$100 to \$545 per person.

Outside the contract, the Courier-Express management operates a pension fund, completely company-supported.

In Guild security, the contract calls for a Guild Shop for all new employees coming within its coverage, and dues checkoff. Guild-supplied candidates for job vacancies will gain equal consideration with other applicants, and the Guild will be

notified of prospective job openings.

Full payroll information is made available to the Guild each month.

Job security is provided, with dismissals only for just and sufficient cause, and with seniority recognized in economy discharges, after Guild consultation. Job transfer is with consent of the employee only.

Standard sick leave and Guild leave clauses are included.

Severance pay has a 30-week maximum, qualified only on self-provoked discharge, failure to maintain Guild standing and voluntary resignation.

An extra day's pay is provided if employee work on a holiday, of which six are designated. Time-and-half in cash is pay-

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Toronto Membership Goes Above 850 with New Unit

Toronto, Ont.—Guild certification of a group of 90 employees in the delivery-garage department of the Toronto Star brings the Star unit total to beyond the 700 mark, and moves the Toronto Guild membership total into eighth place among all Guild locals, with more than 850 listed.

The certification order came from the Ontario Labor Relations Board, after hearings had cleared the questions of an appropriate unit. The Guild had asked for a consolidated unit, together with truck drivers already covered by Guild contract. Star management held for three units, aside from the

existing certified drivers group. Management wanted separate units set up for helpers, mechanics and stockkeepers.

The board order compromised the two views, and set up one unit for truck drivers' helpers, and another for automotive mechanics, stockkeepers and other garage employees.

Star management has indicated willingness to negotiate a supplemental contract, with terms equivalent to those now applying to drivers.

Contract proposals for submission to management are under preparation. Charles A. Perlik, Jr., international representative, handled the certification process.

Wire Service Proposals Will Be Hot Topic at Boston Convention

With only minor modifications, wire service spokesmen at the Boston convention will lay before the delegates for adoption, rejection or change, the same basic proposal for a wire service division, with administrative autonomy and with financing provided by application of the ANG model dues structure throughout, that was considered at the 1952 Portland convention.

At a meeting in New York last month, the National Wire Service Council adopted a formal proposal setting forth the details of the plan. Council members have delegate status at the forthcoming convention.

Consultation by council members with the International Executive Board, then in session at New York, revealed that the IEB's wire service committee, with one member dissenting, held that the one-year trial plan, adopted by the Portland convention and operative until the Boston session, provides "a workable set-up" with the exception of some administrative functioning.

The Board's recommendation to the Boston delegates, it was indicated, would be continuance of the Portland plan with administrative modifications.

This attitude drew a protest at once from the Washington wire service council, which drafted a resolution reading as follows:

"The Washington Wire Service Council, spokesman for 200 Guildsmen, is outraged at the arbitrary and capricious attitude of the American Newspaper Guild's

International Executive Board. At its meeting, the IEB had before it a request of the National Wire Service Council, backed by four regional conferences, for a fair and workable wire service administration. It ignored the request and voted to recommend to the ANG convention almost the exact administration of the wire service now have. It is one which will continue wire service Guildsmen paying over half their dues to city locals which can do little for them. It will continue to saddle the ANG itself with an inefficient, uneconomical, cumbersome wire service and administration.

"We are extremely distressed to find that these representatives of locals across the country are still determined to keep wire service Guildsmen in the position of 'peasants with a petition.' They must face and remedy this grossly unfair situation which is beginning to make a mockery of unionism.

"We ask the IEB to reconsider the request to give wire service Guildsmen more control of their own dues money and their own affairs."

Members of the Washington council are Frank B. Allen and Harley J. Murray, INS; James P. Donovan and John A. Goldsmith, UP, and Rowland Evans, Jr., and Ray Henry, AP.

The national council's plan would call for three departments in the requested division, by employee groups. Legislative

and administrative power would be reserved to the division, with membership as the final authority.

The national council would have five officers and an administrator, the latter without vote and appointed by the council, and three departmental delegates elected by the respective department members. A nominal salary would go to the secretary-treasurer, and full time employees of the division would be the administrative officer, an assistant and a secretary.

Annual meetings of the National council and annual regional meetings are projected in the plan. Department committees would be responsible for the preparation and conduct of negotiations. All fiscal matters would be under the control of the National council.

St. Louis, Mo.—An alert Political Action Committee in the St. Louis Newspaper Guild may have sparked the state of Missouri into opposition to the tide-lands oil giveaway.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Cleve Mathews, recommended that the executive committee of the Guild express support for Missouri Senators Symington and Hennings in their opposition to the bill which would give the state of Missouri to the tide-lands oil giveaway.

Dillon replied he had been studying the matter and was prepared to take any possible legal steps to prevent the tide-lands oil transfer. The Guild released this news to the press.

The Political Action Committee also took a strong position on a proposal in the Legislature to slash proposed appropriations to mental institutions. Messages were sent to the governor and all St. Louis members of the Legislature.

It wasn't that the committee felt newspapermen might have particular need for mental institutions, but just that working

at another bargaining session in which Clarence Sherman, company negotiator, said: "Frankly, we haven't accomplished very much. Let's have another proposal from the Guild. Then maybe we will have something we can sink our teeth into and start getting somewhere."

Fred Martin, Guild executive secretary, and the Times unit negotiating committee forthwith scaled down Guild demands to the following:

A 13 percent across-the-board pay raise. (Had asked 23%.) Full retroactivity. Two additional yearly step-up brackets at not less than \$5 a week each for home economics copywriters, society and club reporters. A struck work and picket-line clause. Full Guild shop instead of the present 9 out of 10. Dues checkoff. Two-year contract with interim reopening clause that would prevent stalling, or a 16-month contract. Fifty-six weeks severance and retirement pay, with a death benefit clause. Six months leave of absence at option of employee after five years service; longer leaves to take Guild jobs. Increased car allowances.

Sherman was to take this proposal to his principals before the next weekly negotiating session.

Meanwhile the Guild went ahead with its strike plans.

Model Dues Voted By San Jose Local

San Jose, Calif.—The Guild here has adopted the ANG model dues schedule with a \$5 maximum for members making \$85 and up, and voted a \$1-a-month assessment for April through June, to pay expenses of recent negotiations.

Besides delivering his Morrison Planetarium lecture, he manipulates a "Rube Goldberg" machine which projects images of the nighttime sky on a 65-foot-diameter dome.

Robert lives in San Francisco with his wife and two boys. He is on the Call-Bulletin rewrite staff and has been engaged in writing a book on wonders of the world for children.

Strike Vote Carries Among INS-IMP Units

INS-IMP Guildsmen have voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike in the face of refusal by management to agree to a suitable contract, after seven weeks of negotiations.

The Guild contended the UP's raise is not being met as long as INS-IMP keeps some bureaus on a lower grading than the UP's, and as long as INS-IMP pay minimums lag behind the other services.

Return from most INS-IMP units taking part in a nationwide strike poll, meanwhile, reflected an eight-to-one majority in favor of authorizing any necessary action.

The units voted on a proposal to authorize the INS-IMP national committee "to take any action it deems necessary, including the calling of a strike, in order to obtain a satisfactory contract."

A major conflict in the climactic phase of negotiations arose from differing interpretations of management's offer to match the UP's last two-to-six-dollar wage increase.

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Management agreed, in the latter category, to spell out a checkoff from the contract and to grant four weeks of vacation after 12 years' service.

Negotiations seemed a breakdown when Hearst Corp. attorney John Siefken told the Guild these provisions, plus UP's monetary raise and severance pay increase, were the "limit" management would offer.

He refused to agree to match an existing health insurance plan part of the new contract or to join the Guild in a survey to see whether employees are getting the best possible benefits.

His observation on this, as on some other points, was: "I don't see why you guys can't leave things alone, the way they are."

The schedule:

- Information, Please: a seminar on local organizing and administrative problems—for local officers and committee members. Sunday, June 28, 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
- Freshman Forum: an informal discussion of how the convention works—for freshmen delegates. Sunday, June 28, 4 p. m.
- Collective Bargaining Forum: an open discussion of collective bargaining—for all delegates. Monday, June 29, 4 p. m.

Civil Rights Group Is Established By San Francisco

San Francisco, Calif.—The SFONG representative assembly has approved a committee report calling for setting up of a permanent five-member Civil Rights Committee.

First task of the group will be to work out a campaign to encourage fair employment practices in all departments of newspapers under Guild jurisdiction.

The RA also authorized joining forces with the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, an organization which supports FEPC legislation and other matters dealing with discrimination practices.

Along with having three delegates sitting on the Council's organizational board, the committee chairman, Hale Champion of the Chronicle unit, asked that SFONG contribute \$25 to the Council.

Three Special Panels To Meet at Convention

Special panels for freshmen delegates and local officers and an open forum on collective bargaining will be held in conjunction with the Boston convention.

The afternoon session, which will begin at 1:30 o'clock, will be devoted to organizing techniques and problems, with the discussion led by J. William Blatz, director of organization, and members of the staff of international representatives.

At the Freshman Forum, which will be short and informal, Farnon and other ANG officers will undertake to brief new delegates on exactly how a Guild convention works, from registration to adjournment. They will explain convention mechanics, committee machinery, parliamentary rules—and, of course, answer questions.

The Collective Bargaining Forum, which will be held in the main meeting hall, will be led by Ralph B. Novak, executive vice president and chairman of the IEB Contract Committee.

Other members of the Contracts Committee will be present, and the floor will be open for questions from all comers.

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3 Eastern DCs Hold Joint Meeting, Talk Contracts, Welfare



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TOPIC, ORGANIZING—Forum of Guild expansion potentials in the northeastern area had ANG Director of Organization J. William Blatz as its discussion leader. The occasion was the two-day joint meeting of New England, Empire State and Middle Atlantic district councils at New York City. From the left, Fred Bowler, Lynn, secretary of the session, and Walter Mordant, Tri-City, Empire State council head.

Representatives of 16 locals comprising more than one-third of the Guild's total national membership obtained a head start on 1953 ANG convention deliberations at a combined meeting of the New England, Middle Atlantic and Empire State District Councils held in New York City.

The three-council council gathering, first of its type, enjoyed a full-scale discussion of two major items on the convention agenda—organizing and health-and-welfare plans.

Vetta Riesel of the ANG staff led a forum discussion during which it developed that almost every local represented seeks improvements in contracts covering such points as health insurance, medical and surgical benefits, and sick leave.

Also discussed was the fact that more Guild members in the three council areas are covered by unilateral plans set up by publishers than are covered by plans incorporated into contracts.

ANG Director of Organization J. William Blatz discussed organizing possibilities and priorities in the three-council area. Blatz reported that ANG book membership is now more than 26,000, highest mark in its history. While there was detailed discussion of specific opportunities in unorganized plants and departments, it was unanimously agreed that future ANG activity in this field should be in accordance with the priority system now in operation.

Three IEB members took an active part in the program—Vice Presidents-at-large Joseph F. Collis of Wilkes-Barre, Edward Easton of New York and Regional Vice President John H. Thompson of Boston.

At the Sunday session J. Harold Brialin, president of the Middle Atlantic Council, was given the Council's award for his outstanding series of articles on Scranton Community Chest activity, with Vice President Thompson presenting a scroll and the award check of \$50.

George A. Harris, Boston, former IEB member, presented an inscribed gavel on behalf of the New England Council to its former president, Harrie G. Monroe, Jr., of Pawtucket, now a member of the New York Guild local's organizing staff.

A proposal by the Empire State District Council that the three groups go on record in favor of an ANG constitutional

change making it mandatory that all locals participate in the activity of some district council was rejected. It was indicated that Empire State would present the issue to the Boston convention.

The councils unanimously voted in favor of a similar conference prior to the 1954 convention, to be held in New York or other convenient city to be selected by the council presidents.

The New York local was host to the delegates, making available the use of the newly-decorated Heywood Brown room at its headquarters for the business sessions, and featuring them at a cocktail party in the Guild Club Saturday evening. Local President Arthur Rosenstock gave the welcoming address.

ANG Secretary-treasurer William J. Farson, Secretary Eva Jolles of the Contracts Committee and Francis "Doc" Rivett, contracts analyst, were present as observers, and answered questions directed at them.

The three council presidents who alternated in presiding were Charles Dawson, Portland, NE Council; Walter Mordant, Tri-City, Empire State Council; and Brialin, Scranton, Middle Atlantic Council. Fred Bowler, Lynn, NE Council secretary, served as secretary for the two sessions.

Other delegates who attended were: Secretary-Treasurer M. Michael Potoker, James Egan, New York; John C. Cort, Joseph E. Dumont, Edward Glynn, John R. Wright, Boston.

John F. Farson, Roberta Bailey, Margaret E. Wells, and Administrative Officer David Schick, Philadelphia; Charles E. Dawson and Victor Schlich, Portland, Me.; Thomas J. Murphy, Steve Hammer, Rochester; Edward R. Murphy, Thomas Buckley, Pawtucket.

George Memmott, Pete Moore, Salem; Daniel Goldberg, George W. Kearney, Tri-City; Nicholas Krill, Thomas Merolla, Wilkes-Barre; John F. Hart, Gene Brialin, Scranton; Gene Gilmore, Courtney Dunkel, Cole Atwood, Betty Leeming, David Wesley, Jack Henderson, York.

Ray Knapp, Ralph P. Rosenberger, Leigh Valley; Dan McLaughlin, Reta Reynolds, Melville D. Shapiro, Elizabeth Roland Drouin, Manchester; Ray Warner, Utica.

PRESS ETHICS

Guild Suggests International Code Be Formulated Under IFJ Auspices

The following statement on an international code of ethics for journalists was authorized by the Guild's International Executive Board for presentation this week to the executive board of the International Federation of Journalists, meeting in Vienna. ANG President Harry Martin is attending for the Guild.

The statement sketches the historic position of the Guild on ethics in the industry, and suggests that the IFJ properly should lead in formulating a code which would apply internationally among free-press nations.

The American Newspaper Guild, from its beginning, has recognized the responsibility of journalists to provide the public with accurate, complete and unbiased news reports, regardless of the pressures involved. The Guild has concerned itself with journalistic ethics as well as with the economic advancement of its members. Article 1, Section 2 of the ANG Constitution reads:

"The purpose of the American Newspaper Guild shall be to advance the economic interests of its members, to guarantee, as far as it is able, constant honesty in the news, to raise the standards of journalism and ethics of the industry, to foster friendly cooperation with all other workers, and to promote industrial unionism in the newspaper industry."

The ANG has also recognized the need for codification of the principles of conduct to which journalists are obligated in meeting their responsibility to the public. At its second convention in 1924, the ANG adopted its own code of ethics for the guidance of its members.

The Guild feels a similar code of ethics for journalists also should be developed on the international level.

The Guild objects, however, to the formulation of a Journalists' code by the United Nations

or any other government body. The Guild historically has opposed governmental interference with freedom of information, and it feels that a UN code for journalists would imply at least the possibility of such interference.

The Guild has seen government control of the press in other countries carried to its ultimate end. It has witnessed the silencing of newspapers, the stifling of all dissenting voices in those countries where the press is subject to totalitarian governments, communist or fascist.

In the United States, freedom of speech, press and assembly are constitutionally guaranteed. Even so, constant vigilance is, and always has been, required to guard against government restraints upon freedom of information, such as censorship of court proceedings, star chambers sessions of official government bodies, and the imposition of licensing taxes by some states.

True, liberty is not license. Even a free press is subject to restraints upon libel and obscenity and, in cases of clear and present danger, upon incitement to internal disorder and assistance to external aggression. But beyond these minimum restraints the press should be truly free. There should be no hint, even, of government control or interference.

The formulation of journalists' codes should be undertaken, then, not by governments or governmental bodies, but by the press itself and by legitimate non-government professional and labor organizations of the press, such as the International Federation of Journalists.

The IFJ, through its membership, has wide knowledge of the problems and temptations confronting newspapermen everywhere. This knowledge is essential background for the preparation of a code of ethics for the press.

The ANG feels, therefore, that the IFJ has not only the right but perhaps the duty to take the initiative in the formulation of an International Code of Ethics for Journalists.

Austrian News Union R&I Department Head Sues Red Daily Has 4 New Books For Guild Shelf

Vienna.—The president of the Austrian Journalists' Union is suing a communist newspaper because it intimated he gave information to a representative of Senator Joseph McCarthy.

The Austrian newspaperman's president is V. L. Osty, a commentator for Red-White-Red, the U.S. radio station in Austria.

In its May 6 issue the communist Der Abend claimed that U.S. information personnel at Vienna had been panicked by reports that an Austrian employee had fed derogatory information to the McCarthy "hit-scooper" Roy R. Cohn, of the widely-publicized McCarthyism of Cohn and Schine which recently investigated the U.S. information program in Europe.

The communist paper intimated that the Austrian "informant" was Osty, and that he had reported against his fellow employees in the USIS.

"Exasperation among USIS employees is just as great as their fear of McCarthy," Der Abend declared, adding that those who had named the American propaganda war in Austria against the communists "are now themselves accused of communist leanings."

Der Abend implied that the Journalists' Union was conducting an investigation in its own ranks to track down the alleged informant.

"The communists apparently felt that the charges, if left to stand, would tend to demoralize the Vienna information staff, discredit the reputation of Osty, and thereby of the non-communist Journalists Union."

The Socialist Arbeiter-Zeitung and the conservative People's Party Das Kleine Volksblatt maintain that rumors that the Journalists' Union is conducting any investigation are unfounded.

Union President Osty has instituted suit against the Red newspaper. Several non-communist papers noted that Osty rejected the "slandorous" assertions that he should have acted as a McCarthy informant.

Teledo Bell Nets \$300 With Ticket Price Cut

Teledo, O.—Teledo Newspaper Guild's recent Page 1 ball will net \$300 for the local's treasury. This year the Page 1 committee reduced the price of duets and admitted members free. The ball was well attended.

ON HIS OWN—Felled by a stroke more than a year ago, Bob Greenock, West Coast international representative, says first steps with only the aid of a cane. He says he won't go to the Boston convention, but looks forward to greeting delegates in 1954 at Los Angeles.

Photo by Ed Murphy, SPONG

UNITED CRUSADER—Doug Lovelace, SPONG president, lends comfort as a small patient is treated at a San Francisco orthopedic clinic. Lovelace is CIO representative on the United Crusade's clinic. Lovelace is community representative in the New York, United Nations and Washington bureaus of the firm.

15¢ Subway Trip to Anywhere in Boston

Boston, Mass.—Delegates at the 20th Anniversary American Newspaper Guild Convention, June 29 to July 2, will need only a 15-cent subway ride to reach any point in the historic city and most of its suburbs.

The convention site itself is the Hotel Statler, New England's largest hotel with 1,300 rooms on 16 floors. The subway entrance is 100 feet away from the Statler's doors. The fare is a flat 15 cents, and the train goes just about anywhere one would want to go for diversion.

The Press Club, operated by the Boston Guild, is 100 yards from the subway system's Park Street station.

Visible from most of the hotel's room are the famous Boston Gardens. Adjoining the Gardens is the equally famous Boston Common.

It's only a few minutes' walk to Boston's well-known Renaissance Public Library, a number of museums, and the Charles River Esplanade where the Boston Symphony Orchestra holds its free summer concerts from the open-air Hatch Shell.

Delegates will be two blocks distant from the city's theatres, where nearly every show destined for Broadway makes its bow. Close by—also within

walking distance—are the city's leading motion picture houses. Fenway Park—home of the Boston Red Sox—is within a 10-minute taxi ride.

Many private and public golf courses are only 20 minutes away from the hotel, so bring your golf clubs if that's your sport.

The Statler, also, is practically next door to Boston's principal shopping centers—Boylston and Newbury streets for some of the more exclusive shops, and Washington street for the big department stores.

It doesn't make any difference what mode of travel the delegate will use, he won't have far to go to reach the convention site once he hits any part of the city.

Regularly scheduled limousines travel between the hotel and Logan International airport. The airport is closer to the center of a city than any other major US airport.

Practically all the interstate bus lines have their depots in Park Square, where the Statler is located.

It's at most a 10-minute taxi ride from any one of the four railroad stations—South, Back Bay, Trinity and North Stations.

Severance Survey Shows Steady Contract Gains

A new summary of severance pay provisions in all Guild contracts has been prepared by Eva Jolles, executive secretary of the IEB Contracts Committee, and is intended to be included in the second volume of the ANG Collective Bargaining Manual, now in preparation.

In two sections, the summary lists statistics for newspaper, wire service and miscellaneous contracts as to maximum severance payable, the method of accruing such totals, and the various qualifications in force as modifying factors. The second section lists individual contracts, with a detailed breakdown of the provisions in each.

A similar study was compiled about three years ago. In the interval the number of contracts with more than 30 weeks' severance pay has risen from 35 to 50 percent, most of the gain coming in the past year. The number of contracts with 30 weeks or more has increased from 59 percent to 70 percent of the total. There has been little change in the extent or type of severance pay qualifications in the three-year period.

All but one of the Guild's current 199 contracts contain severance pay provisions, and the one exception has a guarantee against dismissal for any causes other than gross insubordination and dishonesty.

Nineteen contracts place no limit on the top payable; 141 call for maximum of 30 weeks' pay or more, while 58 provide less than 30 weeks. Of this smaller group, 29 provide for severance in the 28-29-week brackets.

Most frequent among accrual schedules is the payment of one week's salary for each six months' service, found in 146 contracts. There are nearly a score of variants on this theme, ranging from one to four weeks per year of service, and with changing credits after a specified period of service.

Twenty-seven contracts are free entirely from qualifications which would modify severance payments. Eleven others call for non-payment of severance when the employee fails to maintain Guild good standing or self-provides discharge in order to obtain severance.

Other qualifications are variations of the self-provided discharge, types of misconduct, neglect or breach of duty, dishonesty or theft, insubordination, drunkenness, and a handful of miscellaneous causes.

Of the total, 123 contracts provide for severance payment on death, 63 on retirement and 42 on resignation.

France Presse Is Recognized

Employees of New York's France Presse news agency have gained Guild status through a card-check recognition by the agency management and the New York Guild local. More than two-thirds of the 26 eligible employees had signed Guild applications.

Included in the unit for which the Guild will negotiate are newsmen, secretaries and clerical staff members in the New York, United Nations and Washington bureaus of the firm.

First Hillman Labor Press Award Goes to Irving Fagan, LPA Writer

Sidney Hillman Foundation for the first time in the history of American journalistic awards has recognized the labor press as worthy of notice.

First winner of the labor press award was Irving Fagan, writer for Labor Press Associated, Washington, which services labor newspapers and periodicals throughout the country, AFL, CIO and independent.

In accepting the award and the \$500 cash prize that went with it, Fagan paid tribute to the struggling and underfunded labor press of America, stressing this situation as to labor papers generally at the community level.

Three North Carolina newspaper editors and reporters also received awards for their fight against the resurgent Ku Klux Klan in their respective communities. They were:

Jay Jenkins, special writer for the Raleigh News & Observer; Willard Cole, editor of the Whiteville News Reporter, and Horace Carter, of the Tabor City Tribune.

Herbert L. Block of the Washington Post, who syndicates the well known "Herblock" political cartoons, won the Hillman non-fiction award for 1952 for his "Herblock Book," published by Beacon Press.

The labor press prize and citation was set up for 1953 in honor of the late Charles W. Ervin, associate editor of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' official organ, "The Advance," who deserted daily newspaper editing to join Sidney Hillman in his early struggles to establish the Amalgamated.

Ervin was the senior member of the grouping labor press and regarded as its dean. Jonathan Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News & Observer, under whose assignment Jenkins wrote the stories that won him the citation, was speaker at the awards luncheon in the Biltmore Hotel.

Judges were William L. Shirer, writer, foreign correspondent and radio commentator; Lewis Gannett, book editor of the New York Herald Tribune, and Bruce Bliven, chairman of the editorial board of The New Republic.

Guests were some of America's leading writers and leaders of progressive thought. The theme of the meeting was a call to defense of democratic ideals of human liberties, "democracies" and "dignities," with McCarthyism equated with Ku Kluxery.

Fagan was singled out for the labor press certificate "for a number of syndicated articles on topics of national interest which were regarded as splendid."

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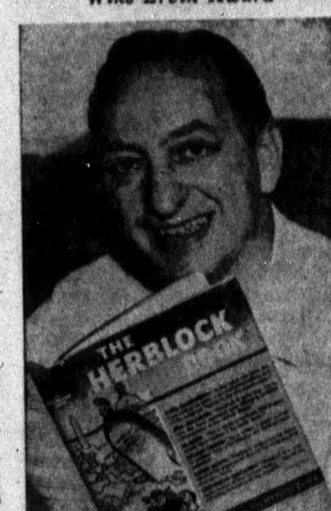
The Board also opposed inclusion of the sports editor, night editor, and Renfrew reporter and the Board's order excludes them. It also excludes Rose Smith, son of Journal president, S. Norman Smith when the Guild asked exclusion on the ground that his interest in labor management affairs differs from that of other employees, and W. C. Jones, a full

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IRVING FAGAN Wins Ervin Award



HERBERT L. BLOCK Cartoons Plus Words

examples of labor press reporting. In accepting the award he said in part:

"Winning this award is a great honor, and I wish my father had lived to see me receive it. It

would have been some recompense to a man who brought up eight children on a tailor's irregular income; who knew what the 'black season' was; who was self-taught, and who set enough store by learning to let his second-oldest child, and first son, go to high school and then college, although most of those with whom he went to grade school went right out to work.

"I feel greatly honored, not only personally, but because this is recognition of the labor press field.

"The labor press is the voice of the labor movement, and the unions never needed more than they do today.

"Yet that press, its own voice, is often neglected by labor. I refer in particular to community papers—the papers that speak for AFL or CIO bodies in their areas. Such papers carry the endorsement of the central bodies, but all too seldom do they have the financial support of the body. So they have to scratch and scrape to make ends meet, and too often the struggle is too great and they succumb.

"Yet these community papers, or the paper of a large local in one union, are much closer to the rank-and-file of trade union members than the organs of their international. They touch most immediately the people the unions must reach.

"Their editors are underpaid and overworked. They persist because many of them are dedicated men and women. It is for them that I am glad the Sidney Hillman Foundation has created an award for labor journalism."

Block and Fagan are old Guild members. Fagan a charter member of the Philadelphia-Cumden Newspaper Guild. He was active in early Guild organizing, grievance work and bargaining through many years, and was for 10 years secretary of the Philadelphia CIO Council. Both Block and Fagan are now members of the Washington Guild.

Bargaining Rights Granted For Ottawa Editorial Staff

Toronto, Ont.—The Ottawa Newspaper Guild has been certified as bargaining agent for editorial department employees of the Ottawa Journal.

In issuing the certification, the Ontario Labour Relations Board, ruled that associate editors, managing editors, the editor of the Farm Journal division, general news editors, city editor, sports editor, night editor, social editor, the principal secretaries of the foregoing editors, the editorial secretary and the Renfrew, Ontario, reporter are outside of the bargaining unit.

The Board found that two employees of the Journal's Farm Journal division, through which its twice-weekly Farm Journal is published, belong in the unit, as does William McLaughlin, the afternoon daily's movie columnist. The Guild opposed inclusion of these employees in the unit.

The Board also opposed inclusion of the sports editor, night editor, and Renfrew reporter and the Board's order excludes them. It also excludes Rose Smith, son of Journal president, S. Norman Smith when the Guild asked exclusion on the ground that his interest in labor management affairs differs from that of other employees, and W. C. Jones, a full

time employee of Crabtree Gravure Ltd. The Guild opposed the company's wish that Jones be included, because he is a full time employee of an engraving firm which does the Journal's engraving and hasn't a proper identity with other editorial employees.

The application went before the Board Jan. 20. A number of people, including some clearly not in the unit, intervened. The Board appointed an examiner to examine into job classifications. Following the examiner's report the Board held another hearing April 22 for further evidence and argument on an appropriate unit, and the Board's decision followed.

The local has been bargaining agent since last July for circulation department employees of the Journal, and is negotiating a contract covering the group. The local will present proposals covering the new unit to management in the near future, said Charles A. Perlik, Jr., ANG international representative assigned to Canada.

Labor Press Merges, Too

Memphis, Tenn.—Two competing AFL labor papers, Memphis Labor Review, founded in 1917, and West Tennessee Labor News, started in 1950, are merged with WTLN the remaining masthead.



Among Ourselves

A special award for "outstanding contributions to journalism" has been made by St. Francis College to Ben Gould, Brooklyn Eagle sports writer and charter member of the Eagle unit of the NY Guild. "Twas his second in two years, having been recognized in 1952 by a George Polk award from LIU.

New editorial staffer at Lima News is Bob Sanders, from the Canton Repository and Columbia Journalism school. . . . Promotion for Joyce Link, copy carrier at Lima News, to reporter on news staff. . . . Betty Schulen is a new copy carrier in News advertising department.

Ross Ann Gutcher, for three years office manager for the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild, has been elected secretary of the local. She succeeds Lola Downes. Back at the Phila Inquirer is Joe Ball, editorial clerk, after a two-year truce in uniform, one year of which was in Germany. . . . Promotion for Russ Carmichael, who goes to the Inquirer library after six years as wire room attendant.

Jim Elliott, Richmond News **Dave Welty Heads Pittsburgh Local**

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Newly-named officers were installed here by the Pittsburgh Guild, for terms running from June 1.

Dave Welty, of the Sun-Telegraph editorial staff, succeeds Jack Hollister as president. Helen Miner and John Trogus were re-elected to their posts as secretary and treasurer, respectively. Named to vice presidencies were Daniel McGibbeny, Post-Gazette sports department; Jean O'Toole, of Sun-Telegraph advertising; and Frank Bolden, Courier editorial staff.

Unit elections at the Sun-Telegraph chose William McElwain as chairman, Robert Wickman as vice chairman, Zora Unkovich as secretary and Dorothy Williams treasurer. The unit elected Harold Dietrich and Charles McKinley to the local executive board.

Wire service members on the executive board are Joseph Bradus, AP; John Golightly, INS, and Rudy Cernikovich, UP.

Bay City Guild Sets High Mark in PAC Gift

The Bay City Newspaper Guild has made a contribution of \$65 to the PAC Trade Union Fund. It came in response to an appeal sent out by Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak after the last meeting of the International Executive Board, which had asked that all locals be notified of their right and opportunity to make contributions.

According to Novak, the Bay City contribution sets a record for such gifts. It is, says Novak, the largest per capita contribution for PAC which the Guild has ever received. It represents almost \$1.15 per member for the Michigan local. The "ideal" PAC contribution has always been pegged at a dollar, CIO unions being urged to use the slogan, "Give a Buck to PAC."

Nearly three million retired workers over 65 are now getting old-age benefit payments under social security.

Gale Decision Upheld by Canada Court

Ottawa, Ont.—The Canadian Supreme Court this week upheld the so-called "Gale decision," which revoked the Guild certification at the Toronto Globe & Mail for circulation department employees. The case was heard on an appeal taken by the Toronto Newspaper Guild, which had signed a majority of the employees and had been granted certification from the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

The court decision was by a split vote, five to two. The point on which the court ruled was that the Labor Board had exceeded its powers when it refused to allow Globe & Mail counsel to cross-examine Guild officials regarding reported "resignations" occurring after cards had been signed.

The case made legal history in Canada, as the first in which a labor board ruling had ever been reversed.

The decision was greeted editorially by some dailies under headlines reading "Boards with London workers' education. She has been director of interviewers for the Minnesota poll of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune.

New arrivals at Sacramento Bee are agricultural reporter John Brownson who moved from the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, and reporter-deskman Wilson K. Lythgoe who journeyed briefly on the Denver Post after a stretch at telegraph office of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Tricks of PR Trade Told To St. Louis Unionists

St. Louis, Mo.—Unions by adopting an active public relations program could obtain much better treatment in the news columns of most newspapers and on the radio, St. Louis Guildsmen told CIO leaders in an educational conference here.

The Guild led a workshop entitled "Public Relations for Union Leaders" at the annual St. Louis CIO Educational Conference at St. Louis University, under the chairmanship of Oscar Ehrhardt, CIO executive secretary.

The workshop panel was composed of Rollin Everett, Guild local secretary; Con Kelliher, Globe-Democrat assistant feature editor; and Kenneth Moore, KXOK newswriter.

The Guildsmen said it is true that many newspapers are hostile to unions in their editorial policies, and some even in their news columns slight the union side of labor stories.

But it often is the fault of the unions themselves that their side of the story is played down or omitted, Kelliher said. He ascribed this to distrust of newspapers by the unions and to a lack of understanding of deadlines and news-handling methods.

"Well-paid publicity men for companies get their side of a labor dispute into newspapers at the earliest moment in many cases," Kelliher said. "But the reporter has trouble finding a union leader authorized to speak or is met too often with a curt, 'No statement.' Even when he gets something from the union it is so late that but a small part of it can be printed, then the union leader charges he was not fully quoted."

Everett cited instances where in unions with an active public relations policy had reversed this situation by making public relations a part of strike-planning and having stories ready to give to the press and radio at

It Seems to Us...

Add: Department of Fuller Explanation

Editor: I have a comment and footnote to add to the Guild Reporter (May 8) regarding my friendly exchange of views with the IEB.

The comment—The GR concludes after a four-paragraph quote from President Harry Martin: "The Guild's position is clear, but WORKS could not see it." I've re-read these paragraphs. And I don't see how anybody would find them an explanation of why the IEB turned down the Boston Guild's proposal for a labor-management production committee at the Herald-Traveler.

I think that Ralph Novak's letter, which you quoted at length, stated the IEB case clearly for the first time. But his letter was written after the WORKS article appeared.

The footnote—An AFL business agent in the Jewelry Workers union had trouble getting an employer to agree to a union shop agreement. After having read Novak's letter to WORK, he used the argument on the basis, convinced him, and signed a union shop contract two days later.

Ed MARCYNIAK
Chicago Guild.

A Call for Courage in Defense of Rights

New York City
Editor: The "statement of conscience" approved by the NY Guild executive board and read recently at the NY membership meeting strikes me as a very pallid reflection indeed of the hell generated among newspaper workers by the McCarthy attack on James Wechsler and the NY Post. While Editor & Publisher, the employers' weekly, was alert to see that the issue of freedom of the press was clearly involved in the attack on the Post, the Guild has yet to act on this subject. While E&P, in a subsequent editorial, bluntly challenges the authority of the McCarthy committee to investigate the newspaper industry (as the Senator has threatened to do), the Guild "statement of conscience" shrinks from even mentioning McCarthy's direct threat to the jobs and reputations of newspaper workers.

Thus McCarthy, not conscience, makes cowards of us all. But not all, fortunately. There are Americans who recognize that it is futile to ask men like McCarthy and the other headline hunters to please modify their "techniques" while failing to challenge their objectives. McCarthy is inseparable from this technique, which is that of the "big lie," the "hit and run" smear.

It may be painful for many Guild members to face the fact that America can produce fascists as dangerous as those in Germany who unleashed the last world war. But until we face that fact and recognize McCarthy for the menace he is, our democratic rights will continue to be kicked around and decent Americans will be picked off one by one—right up to and including those who now plead for improved "techniques."

McCarthy's power lies in his ability to scare people. If the Guild and the rest of the labor movement were to come to the defense of McCarthy's victims—and that includes imprisoned editor Cedric Belfrage of the National Guardian as well as those who have been blacklisted—then McCarthy's power would be shattered. The atmosphere of fear that has become so strong that upholding the bill of rights (and its protection for unpopular minorities) is made to seem reprehensible. It's time we stopped being ashamed of our rights and started defending them.

MIRIAM KOLKIN
Labor Press unit.

Four in Harrisburg Take State Honors

Harrisburg, Pa.—Four honorable mention awards in this year's better-writing contest, conducted by the State Publishers' association, came the way of members of Harrisburg Guild. The winners are: Joseph Bienco, police reporter for the Evening News, for a series on "Funds for Disease Victims"; John Travers, local president, for his "Decision of Judges Unanimous," a story of the 23-year-old Charles Joe Walcott fight; Frances Keeney Jaques, for her story on "Friedrich Schlegel," and John H. Baer, political reporter for the Sunday Patriot News, for his "Supreme Court Decision Voids Amendments."

Labor's March Spurs Business, Says Prof.

Trade unions, according to some businessmen, are "a threat to the good old American system of free enterprise."

But Prof. Sumner Slichter, noted Harvard economist, doesn't see it quite that way. He feels, in fact, that America and American business have profited considerably from the labor movement. Recently he made these statements to a group of business executives:

"The U.S. possesses a large and powerful trade union movement which is concerned with the immediate betterment of the conditions of its members and which is pragmatic in the pursuit of its objectives."

"The American trade unions are just as distinctively American as is American business. Their objectives and methods mirror the practicality and the optimism of American culture, the strong faith that this is an expanding universe, and that the key to the better life is growth, innovation and invention."

"Trade unions have made

for better management of industry because they have been able to question the decisions of management. Hence, they have forced managements to base their decisions on policies and on facts."

"Trade unions have introduced a system of industrial jurisprudence into industry which gives workers rights as against managements."

"Trade unions have subjected managements to strong pressure to raise money wages and have thus stimulated managements to attempt to hold down labor costs by making improvements in methods of production."

"This trade unions have indirectly tended to raise the productivity of the economy and the level of consumption. Trade unions, of course, would not have been able to produce these results were managements not strongly determined to operate their enterprises profitably."

"If managers were not willing to increase their efforts to keep down labor costs whenever money wages increased."

"Most important of all, trade unions increase the sense of participation by workers (even by non-members) in the life of the community. In this day and age, when the influence of trade unions is strengthening the ties that hold the community together, trade unions add to the workers' sense of participation in various ways. Certainly, when the workers read in the newspapers of a wage agreement being negotiated in the coal industry, the rubber industry, or the steel industry, employees in all industries must feel a sort of vicarious participation in running the country."

"Furthermore, when prominent spokesmen from the ranks of labor speak out on national issues, all workers, whether they agree with the particular spokesman or not, must get satisfaction that labor is being heard from."

Now, who'll be the first publisher to cry "egg-head?"

Day Book

LABOR BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Recognition granted after oral check, May 27, Fresno Press Agency, 87 (25 in all depts.).
Representation election won, May 26, Portsmouth, Va. Star (edit.), 12 to 1.
Certification granted June 1, Ocala News (41 in all depts.).
Certification granted June 1, Fort Collins Star (72 depts. between and 18 paragraphs).
Representation election lost, June 4, Oakland Tribune (edit.), OT Edit. Assoc. 20-0-0.
Representation election set, June 16, Brooklyn Eagle (edit.), 12 to 1.
Representation election set, June 16, between Guild and AFL Teamsters.

CONTRACTS COMMITTEE
Buffalo Courier-Express, initial contract approved.
Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, wage recognition settlement approved.
Portland Oregonian & Oregon Journal (edit.), wage proposal held because low general increase (21 to 35) considered jeopardizing bargaining position of other units.

Richmond News Leader & Times-Dispatch, contract renewal approval withheld because of deletion of "for itself."

St. Louis KXOK, contract renewal approved.
San Jose Mercury & News, wage recognition settlement approved.
San Pedro News-Pilot, wage recognition settlement approved.
St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 2 weeks vacation supplement approved.

Washington: Bureau of National Affairs, contract renewal approval withheld because continued lack of standard automatic minimum schedule.
Deletion of certification to Guild on employees selected to all groups, including advertisers, commercial power and friends of newspapermen.

5. That newspapermen shall refuse to reveal confidences or disclose sources of confidential

Local Copy

Credit Unions? In Them There Is Strength, Too

Ammunition

Most Guildsmen are thrifty folk, or they'd like to be. Trouble is, with prices high and all kinds of tempting new products on the market, it's becoming increasingly difficult to save.

Much of this difficulty is removed, however, if there's a credit union in your plant—and there are now some 73 in newspapers covered by Guild contracts.

How does a typical credit union work?

George Rhodes, SPONG member and president of the Call-Bulletin Credit Union, recently described the operation of that plan in the Bay Guildsmen.

Members of the Call-Bulletin plan, he noted, actually welcome the regular payroll deduction for the credit union. Unlike other deductions, this one means money in the bank.

"Most of the members have become habitual savers," he said. "Some also have deductions made that apply toward repayment of Credit Union loans."

"But even deductions for loans save the borrowers money because of lower interest charges and because money can be borrowed in an emergency or to purchase needed objects from their own funds."

"Credit unions are chartered by the Federal Security Agency of the Social Security Administration."

"Actually they are cooperative savings and loan banks, organized for the purpose of promoting thrift among members and creating a source of credit for provident or productive purposes," according to the federal Credit Union Act passed by Congress.

"In other words they help groups of people to help themselves."

"The Call-Bulletin Credit Union paid a 4 percent dividend

in 1952. That's a good earning, and there's no risk.

"It is plant-wide—and Call-Bulletin employees, or members of management can join."

"There is a 25-cent membership fee, which is applied to the cost of doing business and for insurance purposes."

"I was elected president by the board of directors. My predecessors resigned—so they would be eligible for loans."

"Through a national credit union organization, the CUNA Mutual Insurance Society, all savings (or share) accounts are insured. Loans also are insured, at small cost, against the death of the borrower."

"But that pays dividends, too. For instance, if a member should have \$1,000 in share holdings when he dies, his heir would receive \$5,000."

"Again, if a member borrower should have, for instance, an unpaid balance on a loan—the loan would be paid off by the insurance company at no cost to the borrower's estate."

"Maximum interest on loans

is one percent on the loan balance, if secured by share balances equal to the amount of loan, then the interest rate is only one-half of one percent on the balance."

"Supposing that you borrowed \$1,000 to buy a car, and a few days later you became permanently disabled, your loan would be paid off in full and the car would be yours."

"You can't beat these benefits."

"If there is no credit union at your plant, write for information to the Bureau of Federal Credit Unions, Federal Security Agency, and ask how you can organize one."

Activities

SPONG Boosts Credit, Cincy Raises Dues

SPONG is going credit union. The News unit is the latest to enter such an employees' savings plan. Former SPONG Vice President Harry Press was named president. Employer on the Examiner and the Call-Bulletin have had credit unions for some time, and those on the Chronicle are showing interest.

Members of the Times unit of the Detroit Guild have an added reason for keeping printed copies of their new contract handy. The pocket-size booklet has calendars for 1953 and 1954 on the last page.

By increasing the top bracket of its dues schedule 50 cents, the Cincinnati Guild was able to hire a lawyer to lead negotiations with the Times-Star and the Post. He is Attorney Ben Gettler, who has also served as negotiator for radio and TV unions in the Cincinnati area.

The local's new dues top is \$5 a month for members earning \$100 or more a week.

Also in Cincinnati progress was reported by Grievance Committee Chairman Harry Reckner in the struggle for improved conditions in the gent's wash room at the Times-Star. A new sign on the washroom door reads: MEN. One committee member is still unhappy, though.

The sign, he says, should say "GENTLEMEN," even if it is in the editorial room.

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ACTION of the California legislature denying unemployment compensation to workers until their severance pay is used up should provide meaty pabulum for some serious thought by a growing number of Guild members who think collective bargaining is the sole or final answer to the employee's economic problem.

After a 20-year struggle for "porkchops" by the trade union method, California Guildsmen, who with the rest of us, can face layoffs and economy dismissals in the not distant future if the Eisenhower Administration and Congress fumble, now have part of their hard-won gains taken away by political legislation lobbied through their legislature by Hearst.

The only solution to the problem presented in California is an intelligent approach to, and an active participation in politics by Guild members and local officers everywhere, which in this case means better support of PAC.

The "pure trade unionist," the 100 percent "porkchopper" is as dated today as the great auk and the dodo. He is the Neanderthal of modern trade unionism.

He still does not grasp the simple and obvious fact of life, that what you win at the bargaining table today, you can lose tomorrow, or keep, according to how the election goes.

DOES your contract vacation clause have growing pains? Is your publisher "adamant" in resisting that fourth week after X number of years? Does it seem at times as if it isn't worth scrapping for, at the negotiation table?

Well, for such there is balm in Gilead, that is to say, the Chicago sector of Gilead.

From the Windy City this week comes a story that the AFL electrical workers' union there has just closed an agreement with the Hedco Manufacturing Corporation, makers of radios and phonographs, calling for a year's paid vacation after ten years of service with the firm.

That's right, a year's paid vacation. Twelve months. Three hundred and sixty-five days.

And there are no strings attached to the clause, even though it will be eight years before any Hedco employee can qualify for the sabbatical leave, none having presently been more than two years on the payroll.

Reasoning behind the arrangement, the first of its kind in IBEW experience—and presum-

ably elsewhere—is that with a long-term incentive to stay with the company, employees will hesitate before being lured away by offers of "a few cents more per hour" in other shops. Costly turnover will be cut down, production will stay high.

Immediate effect of the new contract was to have the hiring office swamped with new applications.

Oh yes. The rest of the vacation deal was to continue the presently-enjoyed two weeks' annual vacation with pay.

Anyone for Chicago?

BY A VOTE of almost four to one, Boston Guildsmen have turned down a proposal to fine members who absent themselves without cause from regular meetings.

Members at the March meeting adopted the proposal, in some indignation at those who weren't there. But the bylaws provide that such a measure had to go to the general membership by referendum.

And when the absentees were granted this opportunity to avoid penalty, they seized it. The score: 150 for the measure, 575 against it.

It would appear that Boston, like many other Guilds, will have to use moral suasion rather than financial force.

York Guildsman Is Nominee For School Board

York, Pa.—Democratic electors here have drafted Guildsman Chauncey T. Kling to run for a two-year term of school director on their ticket in November.

Voting in the May 19 primary election, the Democratic rank and file secured Kling's nomination with a sticker and write-in campaign, despite the veteran newspapermen's protests he was not interested in being a candidate for any office.

Political observers termed Kling's nomination a "grass-roots ground swell," pointing out he collected 611 votes despite his personal efforts to discourage friends from working and voting for him. His opponent, a Republican, mustered 374 votes in a sticker drive for the Democratic nomination.

Known for his independence, Kling has warned that he will not be a captive candidate should he decide to run for the non-paying school director's job in November.

Washington ROUNDUP

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THE DAYS OF CRISIS have descended upon the Eisenhower Administration. Korea, Red China and the UN, Big Three, Big Four abroad; McCarthy, tax extension and other legislative tangles, Taft on foreign policy, public school segregation and so on at home.

Oh, it was nice to play golf on Tuesday. Unfortunately the world in general and the U.S.A. in particular just won't go in the direction of Cal Coolidge and afternoon naps.

I have made two incursions into the Middle West in recent weeks and I certainly came back to the banks of the Potomac convinced that Ike is still the king of the castle, as the kids put it.

KOREAN PEACE, assuming Rhee does not make it impossible, will be the fulfillment of an Eisenhower campaign promise to many a voter. Even Senator Knowland, who a week before said the truce would not be an honorable one, did not want to take any responsibility for blocking it when the chips were down. Blood on the hands is not a political asset.

The general feeling here is that Korea and prosperity are the two big GOP political hurdles—if there is peace and prosperity, in other words, the Democrats are going to have a tough time winning any election in the foreseeable future. Now peace is in sight. And the dynamic American economy just doesn't want to slow down, it appears. That long-predicted recession keeps getting put off by the economic seers.

ONE COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED political hot potato landed in the Republicans' lap from the Supreme Court the other day, however. It is worth a look, for you are going to hear a good bit about it, I'm sure.

This was the curious manner in which the justices (eight Democrats and one Republican) postponed until next winter at the earliest a decision on the constitutionality of segregation in the public schools. Seventeen states practice complete school segregation and four others partial. The District of Columbia also has a completely dual system.

The justices tossed out five questions they said they wanted lawyers to discuss when the cases are reargued next October 12. The nature of the questions certainly gave the impression that the justices wanted a lot more public—not just legal—consideration and discussion of the effects of a legal blow at the segregated schools. They asked, for example, whether, should they eventually rule against segregation, they would have to order Negro students admitted at once to white schools or whether a gradual integration would be legally admissible. And they asked

in detail about just how such a gradual integration might be handled by the court.

It would seem that the justices do not want to be in the position of the court when Andy Jackson once told them "You have made your decision: now enforce it."

THE POLITICAL PACKAGE on Mr. Eisenhower's doorstep lies in the court's invitation to the Attorney General to join in next fall's argument. The cases were first heard while the Truman Administration was around, and the Truman Administration went all out for an end to the "separate-but-equal" doctrine.

Now Ike will have to decide whether to stick to such a strong civil rights position or retreat from it. Jimmy Byrnes, who led the conservative Southern Democrats into Ike's camp last November, is a bitter partisan in the school cases. He hired John W. Davis to fight an end to segregation. And he got the voters of his state to vote an end to the existing public school system should the court overturn segregation.

If Ike goes along with the previous Administration's position, he will certainly alienate his Southern supporters in large measure. If he backtracks, he will lose support elsewhere. The attorney general is a Dewey Republican with personal inclinations, I would think, to follow the Truman lead.

THE JUSTICES have pulled a clever one. They are going to force the Administration to share whatever progress they will order in ending school segregation. They are not going to let themselves be left out on the limb of an unpopular decision (unpopular in some areas, I mean).

I think that the questions the justices asked indicated that a majority want to move forward but there is no majority for a flat ban on the "separate-but-equal" doctrine.

There are serious legal and constitutional problems and questions as to whether the court could order a gradual end to segregation. But they are not insurmountable for a court which feels there is strong Administration and therefore public support for its position. That is what the justices are looking for, in my view.

I think this is reinforced by the unanimous ruling which ends segregation in the District of Columbia's restaurants. Here Ike has been very clear—he is for wiping out "every vestige" of segregation in the national capital. He has repeated this over and over. The court therefore knew the local city administration would back up its decision since the President runs the city through men he names as District Commissioners.

The net of all this would seem to be that the new Administration is now well into the woods. It is not clear, however, just how, or how fast, Ike will lead the GOP safari through the forest.

Polumbaum Case Is Referred to Grievance Body

Management of the United Press has been notified that the Guild deems the discharge of Theodore S. Polumbaum from the UP's picture bureau at Boston a violation of the Guild contract. This was in accordance with a decision made by the May meeting of the International Executive Board. The UP contract is between the American Newspaper Guild and United Press, and enforcement is the responsibility of the Guild's national office.

The UP contract this year for the first time contains provision for the orderly settlement of differences arising between the parties. The process starts with submission of the case to a joint grievance committee, to which

the Guild has named its general counsel, Irving Leuchter, and Stephen Ripley, wire service administrator.

Polumbaum was discharged shortly after he had been summoned to testify before a House un-American activities committee at Boston. He refused to answer questions concerning participation in communistic activities, on grounds of the First, Fifth and Sixth Amendments. He told the committee he did so because it was his only legal protection against being obliged

to become "an informer" against others.

He had answered a question on an employee-record form supplied him by UP management, to the effect that he had never been a member of the Communist Party. He was discharged, said UP, because he had cast doubt upon this point by his stand before the congressional body.

The UP-Guild contract provides that there shall be no discharge except for just and sufficient cause.

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Leavitt Is New V-P for SFONG

San Francisco, Calif.—Ray Leavitt, Chronicle city hall reporter, has been named first vice president of SFONG, succeeding Virgil Elliott, who has become local treasurer.

Leavitt took over the Veep post when three others nominated for the position declined to become candidates. He is a delegate to the ANG Convention in Boston and a pioneer SFONG member.