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Broun Award Honors to Houston Man

SERIES ON "MINUTE WOMEN OF THE U.S.A." IS ADJUDGED BEST OF 56 ENTRIES

Ralph S. O'Leary, a reporter for the Houston Post, named recently to its city editorship, is the winner of the 1953 Heywood Broun Award for the year's best newspaper job in the Broun tradition.

The award, given annually by the American Newspaper Guild in honor of the crusading New York columnist who was a founder and first president of the Guild, consists of a \$500 cash prize and a Guild citation. Broun died in 1939 after six terms as head of the newspapermen's union.

O'Leary's winning entry was a series of articles which appeared in the Post in October disclosing in detail the activities of the Houston chapter of the Minute Women of the U.S.A., Inc.

Fifty six entries were submitted. Wade Franklin of the Chicago Sun-Times was chairman of the Guild committee.

When it was learned that the Minute Women of Houston were exercising a considerable influence on the activities of the schools, churches and other civic institutions, O'Leary was assigned to investigate the organization.

He spent several months on the job and wrote a series of 11 articles for the paper which won national attention.

O'Leary found that the Minute Women were adding a great deal to the climate of fear in Houston with a new technique involving "individual" chain telephone calls.

Pressure thus was brought to bear on virtually every expression of liberal thought in the city. O'Leary summed up the results when he wrote:

"A new meaning has been given to the word 'controversial' here without any assistance from the lexicographers. It now often becomes a derogatory epithet, frequently synonymous with the word 'Communist'."

O'Leary found that investigating the Minute Women was no easy task. During the three years the organization had been active in Houston it had never been mentioned in his own paper, and had appeared in only three stories in other Houston papers, none of which told anything about the group.

In interviewing several women who had become disenchanted with the Minute Wo-

men, O'Leary was not able to take notes, nor was he allowed to use names. Those who gave him information were fearful of the consequences, and warned him they would deny everything if he revealed the source of his information.

He was, however, able to substantiate the information he obtained by cleverly interviewing two women who were officers of the national organization. The women, who did not allow O'Leary to take notes or bring a witness, recorded the interview but have never permitted the recording to become public. But they unwittingly confirmed what the reporter had learned elsewhere.

O'Leary's series caused a big awakening in Houston, and resulted in pages of letters the paper printed congratulating it for unveiling the organization and its effects on free thought in the city. The Minute Women's candidate in a school board election was defeated and a general atmosphere of freedom to discuss "controversial" issues re-established.

In finally choosing the winner of the award, the judges narrowed the entries to O'Leary's and the entry of Ben H. Bagdikian of the Providence Journal-Bulletin.

Bagdikian made an investigation of Facts Forum and wrote a series of stories which disclosed many facts not widely known

about the so-called non-partisan, non-political educational promotion in the field of mass communications.

Facts Forum has obtained millions of dollars worth of free radio and television time on national networks and purports to present both sides of national issues of the day.

Bagdikian revealed that H. L. Hunt, "probably the richest man

in America," is Facts Forum's "angel," and that it subtly distorts its presentation of "facts" to heavily support the extreme Right on important issues. The Forum, Bagdikian said, devotes much of its time to charging the liberal-moderate-conservative side with subversion, betrayal and treason.

Five other entries were se-

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Broun Winner Is New City Editor at Post



RALPH S. O'LEARY
Tops Among Fifty-six

Houston, Texas—Ralph S. O'Leary, chosen as winner of the 1953 Heywood Broun Award of the American Newspaper Guild, is the newly-appointed city editor of the Houston Post, a position to which he was named less than a month ago.

partly as a result of writing the series which won for him the coveted Guild honor.

O'Leary is 43 years old, and has been on the reporting staff only a year when the city desk assignment came his way. His predecessor, Harry M. Johnston, left the Post to join the Washington bureau of Time, Inc.

Honors are not new to the latest Broun Award winner. The Minute Women series which brought him the Broun Award had already been cited by the Texas AP Managing Editors Association for its 1953 community service award.

While in St. Louis, O'Leary and a fellow reporter, Julius M. Klein, took two awards in 1943 for investigative stories for the now-defunct Star-Times. One was from the National Headliners' Club of Atlantic City, the other from the journalist fraternity, Sigma Delta Chi. A year later the same news team gained honorable mention from Sigma Delta Chi for their efforts to trace the killers of a Mexican national who died in a St. Louis jail from a post-arrest beating.

O'Leary is a native of New Orleans, was graduated from St. (Continued on Page Three)

\$1,000,000 for Defense, \$250,000 as '55 Goal, New IEB Fiscal Program

An ANG defense fund of one million dollars as an ultimate goal—

A fund of \$250,000 within the next year—

This is the new defense finance policy proposed by the IEB at its March meeting.

The resolution incorporating the program was referred to the IEB finance committee to study and recommend methods of achieving it, for consideration of the Los Angeles convention.

The defense fund resolution was framed by a drafting committee of ANG Secretary-treasurer William J. Farson, and Vice Presidents Ed Easton and Ed Marciniak.

The board discussed the program for nearly two hours, surveying all aspects of the current situation. If approved, the program can mean:

1. Assessments over a period of months.
2. Raising per capita with increase applied to defense fund.
3. Application of a part of present general fund per capita receipts to defense fund purposes.

No one of these methods was discussed as definite or final, although it was certain assessments in some amount would be levied, if the convention approves the proposal. The ways and means recommendations will be reported by the finance committee at the June meeting of the board.

Factors which prompted a new look at defense finance included (a) intensified bargaining resistance of publishers during the past several months and patterned efforts to cut back previous contract gains; (b) the going rate of strike and lockout costs; (c) use of the publishers in negotiations of "economic uncertainty" as an argument against contract improvement; (d) job threats and scattered "economy discharges," includ-

ing a perceptible staff shrinkage nation wide.

Several board members reported they had received letters and suggestions from members and local officers who felt that the defense fund was not large enough.

Last month the Southern District Council adopted a resolution urging a defense fund of \$250,000, and the Milwaukee local, anticipating the need of strike funds, ordered two local assessments, to have quick money available in a national emergency.

Members of the board were unanimous in their view that the defense fund must be increased, but discussion indicated wide variety of opinion as to how much the immediate and ultimate objectives should be, and what methods should be pursued to achieve the goals.

Assessments are the "taxes" of union life, and IEB members, like Congressmen, are well aware that taxes are unpopular. But the conviction was expressed that if the full facts of the situation were laid before (Continued on Page Two)

IEB Sets Quarterly Budget At \$107,416

ANG expenditures for the third fiscal quarter, ending January 31, were \$99,221.65, as compared with a budget of \$106,727, it was reported to this week's IEB meeting by the finance committee.

For the fourth quarter the committee presented, and the board adopted, a budget totaling \$107,416. Under the budgetary subdivisions, the departmental totals for the current quarter are as follows:

Per capita taxes, \$7,112; organizing and servicing, \$25,466; collective bargaining, \$3,736; wire service administration, \$11,906; research and information, \$8,191; Guild Reporter, \$11,620; administration, \$17,255; executive, \$6,005, and other expenses, \$16,125.

Because the new fiscal year starts May 1, and the IEB has no scheduled meeting until June, the board empowered its finance committee to draft a tentative budget for the first quarter operations, subject to ratification at the June meeting.

IEB Defense Resolution

The text of the resolution adopted by the International Board on defense fund proposals read as follows:

Whereas, Guild negotiations during 1953-54 have indicated that serious efforts are being made to destroy past contract gains for working newspaper men and women; and

Whereas, the total cost of strike situations involving Guild members during the last year amounted to nearly \$400,000; and

Whereas the continued uncertainty of the national economy has been used by publishers to threaten the jobs of Guild members;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the ANG provide the insurance of an adequate defense fund, and

Be It Further Resolved, that the IEB instruct its finance committee to recommend to the next meeting of the IEB a definite program for raising and maintaining a minimum defense fund of \$250,000 within the next year, and a program for the ultimate establishment of a defense fund of \$1,000,000.

Ten UP Staffers Pick Up Chicago Overtime Cash

As a result of a passing question asked by a curious Guildsman ten men in the Chicago picture bureau of United Press will be paid overtime for work done on Christmas and New Year's Day.

It began when ANG staffer Ray Pitt visited the bureau recently and a Guildsman told him how he had worked a holiday and had been given three days off in the holiday week plus additional pay for half a day.

He wondered if that was right. It wasn't.

It happened that when the question was asked the unit was in the process of electing a new unit chairman and, for the first time, a grievance committee chairman, Kenneth De Vilbiss, unit chairman, and Harvey Johnson, grievance chairman, were informed of the facts.

They joined forces with Sheldon Garber, Chicago UP news-side unit chairman and a member of the UP National Committee, to process the grievance on the local level.

They based their claim for adjustment on the fact that the contract provides that work done on a holiday must be paid for in time and one-half in cash, or, by mutual agreement be-

tween the employer and the employee, by time off at the rate of time and one-half.

The grievance committee pointed out that the employee in question had not been asked if he wanted time off; he had been arbitrarily scheduled to take an extra day off and had been given the balance of his rights in cash. The committee asked that the full holiday overtime be paid in cash at overtime rates.

Time passed, news of the grievance spread through the unit and more Guildsmen became curious.

This week a wire was received at ANG headquarters in New York. It read:

"Holiday grievances Chicago pictureside settled. Ten men will be paid their overtime for Christmas and New Year's Day."

Says Pitt:

"Moral: The contract is there. When it is violated and the violation reported by the affected parties, and, where unit machinery exists for the purpose of handling grievances, working conditions improve, management respects the rights of our people, morale goes up, and 'holdouts' start thinking twice about staying out of an organization that works for them and gets results."

Candidates Make Their Bid for Votes

James D. White
Tri-City

By the end of this month, ballots will go out to Guild locals for the election of a vice president at large to fill the vacancy on the International Executive Board caused by the January resignation of William M. Ware, of Cleveland.

His successor will fill out a term ending November 1, 1955. Five candidates have been nominated to the position. Under Guild constitutional procedure, the Guild Reporter has allotted "equal space" to this five for a statement of their candidacy platforms. Herewith are their submissions:

Don Davis
Denver

I believe the American Newspaper Guild during the next eighteen months must vigorously bargain for increases in basic wages. As salary gains in recent years were wiped out almost instantly by increased living costs, now is the time to catch up to "stabilized prices."

There also must be continued effort to negotiate higher severance pay, four-week vacations, shorter work week and tighter job reduction clauses. The latter probably would tend to hold so-called economy cuts to a minimum.

Last year's strikes affecting Guild units indicated that the ANG \$100,000 defense fund was pitifully small. Therefore, I would recommend that the Los Angeles convention double, or possibly triple, the current defense fund.

I believe also that the ANG must develop a plan of action for obtaining pension plans on those newspapers whose employees are not now covered by such a program. Along this line, one possibility might be to have Guild units join with the craft unions in their plans in negotiating a pension. The craft and Guild would have to agree that these talks and their separate contract negotiations would be divorced and that there would be no raiding of wage increases for pension benefits.

Organizational drives must be intensified in those plants which are not now 100 percent Guild.

James J. Richard
Toledo

One of the most difficult chores I can think of is to try to prepare in 200 words or less a statement which can present an insight into what manner of man am I and at the same time induce Guildsmen across the continent to give me an opportunity to serve them as international vice president.

Rest assured that I'm not going to attempt to convince anyone that I possess a potion which will, upon my election, good publishers into signing the model contract with all locals. I've had my head clovered at the bargaining table often enough to have forsaken pipe dreams—but I'm not punchy yet.

So, in trying to explain my presumptuousness in believing I can acquit myself successfully as an IEB member and my audacity in requesting Guildsmen to mark an (x) by the name of Jim Richard, I find myself resorting to phrases which might be termed trite.

As a union of newspaper people, we have an overwhelming obligation to see that our membership is more fully informed than any other segment of the public.

I advocate continued study and revision of our collective bargaining program to separate principles from goals and development of a sound national program for financing necessary economic action. The economic well-being of our membership must be our prime purpose.

Frank R. Sauliere
San Jose

My record at three ANG conventions indicates leadership worthy of a union of newspaper men and women:

1. At San Francisco in 1948, I made the one-man minority collective bargaining committee report opposed to the "uke" "There shall be no frings for economy—period."

2. My view that this unreasonable position should be qualified was adopted four years later at my second convention, Portland; namely, no economy dismissals "unless the published proves survival of the property is at stake and all other means of economy have been exhausted."

3. Last year at Boston, my stand for a realistic approach to the \$150-a-week wage goal resulted in amendment that "proposals for minimums SHALL SEEK TO ACHIEVE that National Wage Program..." This permits local autonomy, without necessarily losing sight of the committed goal. All we are required to do is work toward achieving it, but not necessarily in one fell swoop.

4. Again, at Boston, I was in the vanguard of those few who opposed the IEB-endorsed finance committee majority report to impose the model wage schedule. This fight, lost on the convention floor, was thrown by us to national referendum, where we were vindicated.

Robert C. Stafford
Cleveland

The membership, through its conventions, is the highest authority in our democratic union. The International Executive Board is the governing body between conventions.

The board should be vigorous, prompt and efficient both in formulating interim policies and in executing directives of conventions. If elected to the IEB, I propose to initiate a thorough review of past convention mandates and recommendations. If the board has failed to function properly in obedience to the membership, I intend to see that corrections are made.

I shall strive for an expanded, impartial program of trade-unionism, professional advancement and participation in national affairs, in which I take a liberal position.

I shall separate myself insofar as possible from time-consuming local affairs, resigning local offices where necessary, so that I may:

(1) devote attention exclusively to the international office which I seek; and

(2) serve the Guild by giving assistance where it is desired within feasible travel distance of Cleveland.

I believe the 37,000 members of the Guild expect a reasonable, fearless, united governing body which stands above pettiness. To the best of my ability and to the extent of my authority as a board member, I shall do my human utmost to justify that expectation.

In considering the question of becoming a candidate for international vice president I had one big question to answer—what could I take to the position if elected?

I arrived at some answers that seemed to justify the action. I can take 42½ years of experience in the newspaper business on papers ranging from a semi-weekly to metropolitan dailies, such as in Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Toledo and Worcester, Mass., in between were papers in Lansing, Mich.; Johnston, Beaver Falls, Tarentum and Uniontown, Pa.; Youngstown, Alliance and Ash-Tarleton, Ohio. These, plus a short tour on an independent news bureau in Washington. Presently I am a copy reader on the Albany, N. Y., Knickerbocker News, where I have been for nearly 19 years, as makeup editor and copy reader.

I also can take an understanding of the problems of small locals. My own local is small and during a year with ANG as an international representative I serviced mostly small locals.

I believe the little fellows in our union have not had enough representation on the IEB. Under normal procedures our chances are small. During conventions, when candidates are nominated, the little people have very little chance.

All small locals have the same problems, so I believe I am in position to think like other grass rooters in the matters of organization, administration and negotiations. I have one other thought—I hope it is not necessary to have more than one referendum to get us a new IEB member. They are costly to ANG and for your local and mine, so I pledge myself, if I wind up two, three, or four in the first referendum, I'll do my best to save another vote by withdrawing.

IEB Candidates

Guild members in good standing as of March 1 (dues and assessments paid through February) will be eligible to vote in the referendum to choose a vice president at large, filling a vacancy on the 15-member executive board of the American Newspaper Guild. The official slate, as the names will appear on ballots:

Don Davis
James J. Richard
Frank R. Sauliere
Robert C. Stafford
James D. White

The referendum will be conducted by the same committee, appointed at the Boston Convention last July, which functioned during the elections held in September. Its chairman is ANG Secretary-Treasurer William J. Faxon and its members are Thomas Fay, New York; George A. Harris, Boston; William H. Pyne, Baltimore; and Donald Schram, Detroit.

Defense Goal

(Continued from Page One) The membership, and the whole matter studied well in advance of the required convention action, there would be support for the view that the Guild must have the wherewithal to defend itself and its locals against increasingly adverse circumstances.

ANG President Joseph F. Collins phrased it as part of the "tough times ahead" he predicted months ago.

"The action taken at this time," said Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak, "gives local members plenty of time to discuss the matter at their meetings, and send delegates to the convention prepared to give it adequate consideration."

This resolution represents the considered advice of the IEB to ANG membership. We would be shirking our duty as elected leaders if we did not spell it out in all its stark reality. This policy was proposed after thorough deliberation. We know that our local members and officers will also give it their own best consideration.

The defense fund, after expenditures of nearly \$400,000 on strikes and lockouts (including contributions) over the past year, stood at \$89,213.46, at the close of business February 28.

Strike cost figures which excluded borrowings and contributions covering the last ten strikes were impressive. Secretary-treasurer Faxon reported the following ANG defense outlays:

Seattle	\$ 79,667.17
Portland	29,274.43
San Francisco	11,512.60
Portland	11,512.60
Portland	12,225.74
Portland	3,449.49
San Jose	2,196.47
San Jose	2,196.47
Total	\$282,217.91

Milwaukee Guild Builds Reserve By Assessments

Milwaukee, Wis.—Milwaukee Guildsmen have voted to assess themselves for the months of February and March at the national assessment rate, the cash to go into the local's reserve fund, earmarked for the purpose of meeting any future ANG levies. The IEB assessments authorized in December were cancelled after January by subsequent vote of the board members.

By its action the Milwaukee Guild will be able to meet future emergency calls by drawing immediately on its treasury, a practice which is permitted by the ANG constitution, and which is in effect in a number of locals.

The Milwaukee Guild combined its annual meeting last month, at which officers were installed, with its first annual Heywood Broun Memorial banquet, held at the Wisconsin Hotel. More than 135 attended, and a former local president, Floyd J. Gonyea, was toastmaster. Honor guests included Sheriff Max A. Barczak of Milwaukee County; Joseph LaMonte, deputy county medical examiner, and Civil Judge Myron L. Gordon. Gonyea is police reporter for the Sentinel and serves as police judge of suburban Cudahy.

Buffalo Moves Two Grievances To Arbitration

Buffalo, N. Y.—The Buffalo Newspaper Guild has petitioned the New York State Board of Mediation to appoint a fifth member to a Board of Arbitration to settle two grievances against the Buffalo Courier-Express.

The matters were processed by the unit grievance committee and the joint standing committee, the latter consisting of two members of management and two Guildsmen, Local President Edward W. McCarthy and Unit Chairman James R. Cleary. The four and the State appointee will comprise the Board of Arbitration.

The cases concern a copyright fired without two weeks notice and without just cause, the Guild maintains, and a reporter not given full experience credit when hired.

Management said it acted within its contract rights, and asserted it was "throwing the book at the Guild." The Guild responded by invoking the contract clause calling for the State's designation of a fifth board member.

'Economic Matrimony'

Pittsburgh, Pa.—"For better or worse" the CIO Steel Workers and U. S. Steel Corporation "are inseparably bound together in a state of economic matrimony," U. S. Steel Board Chairman Benjamin Fairless declared at a huge testimonial dinner honoring David J. McDonald, USA president. Fairless said that union representation was necessary, and that if it disappeared, enlightened management would quickly welcome revival.

Ike Economy Causes Jobless Pay Delays

Newark, N. J.—Because the Eisenhower Congress slashed appropriations, thousands of New Jersey jobless are waiting as much as eight weeks for their first unemployment compensation benefit checks.

Carl Holderman, state CIO president, has urged Gov. Driscoll to take emergency action to speed up payment, pointing to the "fantastic delay" in payments, and declaring there is now a backlog of \$2,000 claims awaiting processing and writing of checks. Holderman outlined a program for state action.

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Broun Judges Find Entries Show "High Quality"



NARROWING DOWN THE CHOICE—Broun Award judges had an all-day shirt-sleeves job of deciding the 1953 competition's winner, but were unanimous in their selection. Left to right are Leo Lerner, Chicago; Eric Seaverid, Washington, and A. H. Raskin, New York, going through the entries.

Broun Tradition Still Vigorous In News Field, Say Award Judges

Written by A. H. Raskin and "copyread" without change by his fellow Broun Award judges, Leo Lerner and Eric Seaverid, is the following comment from the men who selected the 1953 award winner from the large array of entries:

In these days of concern over the impact of machine-mind conformity on every medium of free expression, exposure to the Heywood Broun Award entries is a better tonic than champagne. No one could waste through the fifty-six submissions for this year's prize without an exhilarating sense that American newspapers and the men and women who write for them had lost none of their appetite for fighting repression, greed and injustice.

Obviously the articles that are sent in for consideration by the Broun Award judges are not representatives of everything that appears in the press. Many a forest has been leveled in the interest of publishing tripe and trivia. But there is still a lot of material finding its way into type that reflects crusading vigor in the best Broun tradition.

Reporters are hunting out the things that are wrong in their communities and in the nation, and their papers are printing what they find. So long as that spirit stays alive, it is going to be awfully hard for any person or any group to stamp out independence of thought or action in this country.

The big problem that confronted the Broun judges was how to pick out one best from the avalanche of excellent articles that came before us. With only a handful of exceptions, every submission commended itself for serious consideration. Each reflected some originality of conception or execution; each bore the mark of careful planning and laborious effort to exhaust every facet of the subject; each made a contribution to intelligent understanding of vital social issues.

In making Ralph S. O'Leary's articles on the "Minute Women" our first choice, we were impelled not alone by the outstanding quality of the job Mr. O'Leary did but also by the difficulties he had to overcome in digging up information about this secret band of 200 percent "patriots" and its ties with other groups that utilize Communist-like tactics in what they represent as a war against communism.

The fact that Mr. O'Leary and his newspaper, The Houston

Post, had the courage to carry through this expose in an area in which the suppressionist spirit is especially strong added to the merit of the series. The articles were prominently displayed each day for a period of more than two weeks, and follow-up articles indicated they had a most salutary effect on the communist's attitude toward the whole movement.

But good as Mr. O'Leary's series was, his edge over several of the other entries was by no means clear-cut. Even after they had cited a half-dozen other entries for honorable mention, the judges were oppressed with the sense that they had been less than fair to many first-rate submissions to which no specific recognition could be given.

It was a matter of particular regret that the volume of other meritorious entries prevented any award to three daily newspapers in Washington, D. C., The Post, Star and News. All three supported General Eisenhower for the Presidency, yet each has been alert to tell its readers about the Administration's alas-too-frequent lapses from grace.

The Washington Daily News was fast on the uptake in spotting the character of the "security risk" figures given out by the Administration. The Post has been holding a microscope over Senator McCarthy's research into "treason" in the Army and the Government generally. The Star did much to block the railroad of Dr. Allen V. Astin as head of the Bureau of Standards.

The articles picked out for honorable mention were all top-

Winner

(Continued from Page One) Stanislaus College in Mississippi, for a year. In 1928 he became a copy boy for the New Orleans Item, and two months after hiring went on the reporting staff. By 1941 he had covered all news beats and held an assistant city editorship. A year later he went to the St. Louis Star-Times, and worked there until that paper suspended in June, 1951.

He had joined the Guild in New Orleans and continued his membership at St. Louis, being granted an "honorable withdrawal card" when the Sun-Times was suspended.

His first Houston job was as a rewrite man on the Houston Chronicle, a job he resigned in order to become a Post reporter. He is married and has two children.

notch, Ben H. Bagdikian did a particularly fine job of analyzing the sponsorship and shortcomings of "Facts Forum" for the Providence Journal-Bulletin, but the same could be said of every other selection. All in all, the year's crop of Broun Award articles were a reassuring reminder that the American newspaperman still has his ax sharpened for the exploiter, the bigot and the enemy of our freedoms.

Award

(Continued from Page One) Jected by the judges for honorable mention. They were:

An entry by the Chicago Daily News which revealed slum conditions in that city. The series of stories was written by a staff of eight reporters and illustrated by three photographers under the direction of Roy Fisher of local staff. The judges were impressed by the unusually effective techniques used, and by the experiments which demonstrated slum conditions could be corrected.

Four entries by the New York Post submitted on behalf of Mitchell Levitas, Oliver Pitt, William Y. Shannon, Robert Williams, Irving Lieberman, Arthur Schiff, Henry Beckett and Marcy Elias.

The Post stories covered the investigations of Sen. McCarthy at Fort Monmouth, blacklisting in radio and television, a series on the deportation of aliens and a particularly effective series on the problems of Puerto Ricans in New York.

The judges commended the Post for its effective reporting of minority problems and in the field of civil rights. They said the paper was following the best traditions of Heywood Broun.

William F. Gaines of the Greenville (S. C.) News also was praised by the judges for a series of stories describing the prison systems in the Carolinas and urging the abolition of chain gangs.

Doug Collins of the Calgary (Alberta) Herald won recognition for an entry in which he exposed the story of George DuPre as untrue. DuPre was the subject of the book, "The Man Who Wouldn't Talk," by Quentin Reynolds. He had represented himself as the hero of numerous exploits as an Allied spy in World War II.

Frederick E. Woltman of the New York World-Telegram & Sun also won honorable mention for a series of stories which disclosed police brutality and violation of civil rights by the New York police department.

Press Seeking Truth, Leo Lerner Asserts

"Thank God for American newspapers," said Leo Lerner, Chicago editor, speaking at an Abbey Hotel luncheon for Broun Award judges, at which members of the Guild's International Executive Board were hosts.

"This nation has all of its old troubles, with some new ones added," he told the board members, "but no more refreshing assurance is needed than the judges found in the group of Broun Award entries this year, that there is still an alert and vigorous determination to have the truth prevail."

"Increasingly," he said, "it seems to have become the function of the printed word to correct, and bring truth out of error, in the spoken word."

Commenting on the work of the award judges, he said that many of the entries reflected national problems which are continuing in nature. He cited civic corruption as an example.

But outstanding among the 56 manuscripts, the judges found a number which sharply accented a new national problem—that of the thinking and emotions aroused by this country's new position of world leadership, and the conflict between liberals who would foster such leadership and nationalists who would isolate us.

Both the winning entry and its close runner-up were written to show how pressure groups operate in this atmosphere of confused and conflicting views, to capture propaganda avenues or operate in organized fashion to foster fear and division, or to intimidate, out-shout and suppress opposing opinions, he declared.

It was hard for the judges to choose between the winning entry—from Houston, Texas—and its close rival, the Facts Forum series written for the Province Journal and Bulletin by Ben Bagdikian.

What tipped the scales for all three judges was the circumstance of the Houston series being published in a hostile-minded community, by a newspaper not noted for its liberal views or crusading zeal.

The city of Houston, owing to the activities of the Minute Women there, had become notorious as the nation's worst center of reaction. To buck and reverse this trend, the judges held, made the Post writer's entry an outstanding feat of journalism.

Lerner was introduced by Wade Franklin, also of Chicago, chairman of the Broun Award committee for the Guild. Joseph F. Collins, ANG president, presided.

Sorry, New Members

The IEB answered "no" to a request from San Francisco local that assessments be skipped as to new members in their first paper month. While board members regretted that a brand new member should be socked with an assessment, it was pointed out that a good many members had been paying dues and assessments for upwards of 20 years.

Senatorial Heresy

Lansing, Mich.—"Depressions are caused because workers do not get a just and fair share of what they produce so that they can buy back some of their production," U. S. Senator Wayne Morse told the annual meeting of the Michigan CIO Council.

EXPERIENCE - BALANCE - COURAGE - VISION

Robert C. Stafford

(CLEVELAND LOCAL NO. 1)

for international vice president-at-large succeeding Cleveland's own Bill Ware

20 years a Guildman

20 years of union maturity

20 years of unselfish service to the Guild

A respected member of his profession for 27 years

A man of civic standing in his city

HE STANDS FOR . . .

More hustle and less hesitation.

Prompt execution of convention directives.

Cash and courage to fight for our members.

Aggressive trade union leadership.

Active program for professional improvement and unimpeachable ethics.

Greater action in national affairs, fearless defense of our freedoms.

A VOTE ☒ FOR STAFFORD IS A VOTE FOR A GUILD WITH GUTS.

CLEVELAND COMMITTEE FOR STAFFORD.

EXPERIENCE - BALANCE - COURAGE - VISION

Labor Press Issue Sizzles as Tom Murphy Addresses IEB

"GODS MUST TALK TO GODS", NEW YORK GUILD LEADER TELLS BOARD

The currently hot issue of the national labor press and the Guild, brought into focus by the suspension of Labor Press Associated in Washington, sizzled at the March meeting of the IEB. As the all-labor news and feature service was calling its member-subscribers to Washington to approve its executive board's dissolution action, adopted last month, Thomas J. Murphy, executive vice president of the Newspaper Guild of New York, appeared before the Guild's top governing body to demand that ANG act to bring order into the relationships of the working labor press and their labor union employers.

The board also heard read a letter from the California CIO Council urging the CIO as a policy to use the special talents of ANG-CIO members only.

Net results in action was that the Guild's delegate to the CIO executive board, President Joseph F. Collis, was instructed to open the subject with CIO top officers.

The tenor of Murphy's talk was that the New York local had been unable to win standard

Novak Offers Aid In LPA Dispute

An offer to mediate, or to arbitrate with power of final and binding decision, the LPA-Guild dispute, was tendered both sides this week by Ralph B. Novak, ANG executive vice president.

The offer was phoned to Max E. H. Pyle, administrative officer of the Washington Newspaper Guild. Pyle said he would consult the local, which is a party to the controversy, and LPA management, and advise Novak of their position on his offer.

contractual pay and protections for Guild members working for large union offices, CIO and AFL, located in the New York area. He thought it was time for ANG to deal with the problem on a high level.

"We have a large labor press unit in New York, consisting of editors, writers, photographers, editorial assistants, reference librarians, clerks and some stenog-

raphers," Murphy said. "They work for some of the large international unions located in the New York area."

"New York local has tried to obtain contractual conditions in these offices. But we have encountered the same old stumbling block. They have avoided meeting with us. Guild standards are said to be too high compared with the wage standards of their industries. They say that these rates of pay belong to the commercial press, that CIO and AFL going rates are less than those of the commercial papers."

One of his difficulties in bargaining with AFL unions, Murphy stated, was that they pointed to the fact that ANG members were working for CIO unions at low rates.

"They argue," he said, "that you don't bargain with unions as you would bargain with the commercial press."

Murphy admitted that in union employment ordinary jobs security clauses appeared not to apply in all cases, as they do elsewhere in industry, because a unique element of "compatibility" was involved.

Some of his members, he related, had accused the Guild of avoiding meeting this issue "head on," and had called for action. The New York leader said he "didn't like the LPA fight" in Washington.

He mentioned, however, a Guild

convention resolution of 1953 demanding examination of the labor press field. He raised the question of whether it is wise to attempt to establish formal working relations with the labor press, and threw out the suggestion of a memorandum establishing wages and conditions.

"New York has drawn such a memorandum," Murphy stated, but the CIO has been too busy to discuss it. We approached AFL but they referred us to CIO.

"This problem will not disappear. It is the same as the LPA problem."

"I hope this thing will lay it on the table with CIO. I am firmly convinced that if the matter were laid on the table with CIO they would have to recognize it."

"We are just a local, and I am just a local leader, and I can't talk to God. I think the time has come when the gods have to do some talking to the gods."

ANG Vice President Ralph B. Novak said ANG had the memorandum on the subject but that it had never been presented to CIO. Novak said that in discussing such a national memorandum, he had encountered the argument that all the international unions are autonomous.

Murphy mentioned that all unions paid the scale when they hired carpenters or other crafts-

work to union shops, but refused to pay the scale directly to newsmen.

"They seem to be wearing two hats at the same time. The path is very, very tough, but they must eventually face the facts of life."

Murphy was accompanied to the IEB meeting by Bernard Seaman, the nation's foremost labor press cartoonist, whose product had been syndicated by LPA, and by Sam Thompson, assistant editor of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers official organ, an AFL paper.

When it was stated that James B. Carey, CIO secretary-treasurer of the CIO, was "very angry" over the LPA debacle, Murphy repeated:

"Your gods have to talk to the gods."

Seaman complained that the Guild and the unions had been kicking the problem around for 15 years. He said that newspaper work on labor papers was considerably more difficult than public press work.

"We have been approaching this thing in a hand-dog fashion," the artist charged. "We feel that we should have a contract or some other arrangement. It is time some action was taken."

Contrasting with this somber picture of Guild-labor press relations, the communication from the California CIO urged unions to hire Guildsmen, and Guildsmen to cooperate with all unions.

Wire Service Council Talks Budget, Estimates \$54,960 Needed for 1955

The National Wire Service Council, at its first meeting since nationwide elections, adopted budget proposals totaling \$54,960 for the next fiscal year.

The budget was submitted to the IEB for study and recommendation to the ANG convention.

Ralph Novak, ANG executive vice president, and William J. Farson, ANG secretary-treasurer, conferred with council members during their two-day meeting in the Abbey Hotel, New York.

Novak said the wire services would need an increase of \$5,000 next year to furnish the same amount of service as the current budget provides. Most of the additional cost will be the salary of the assistant wire service administrator who was on the payroll only the last half of the present fiscal year, plus the expense of national council meetings.

Farson, reporting per capita income and expenditures for the first three quarters of the year, estimated the fiscal year would end April 30 with wire service members paying about \$108,000 in dues, of which \$52,000 will reach ANG through the \$2.50 per capita.

The council's proposals increased funds for negotiations, the national council, regional conferences to permit two meetings a year in each region, and included a new item of \$3,000 for organizing. Amounts asked were \$16,000 for negotiations, \$7,000 for the council, and \$4,000 for regional conferences.

Felix Wold, Detroit, IEB vice president and chairman of the wire services committee, sat with the council.

The council submitted three plans for IEB consideration as ways to transfer a larger proportion of wire service dues to the ANG treasury.

One plan would increase the present wire service per capita of \$2.50 by 50 cents to \$3.00. The

second would increase the wire service per capita to \$3.75. The third would provide a reverse per capita structure with the first \$2.30 of wire service dues belonging to ANG, the next \$1.40 to the local, with all above \$3.70 going to ANG. Plan two would anticipate a \$1,000 annual refund to the Washington local to compensate for its unusually high percentage of wire service members.

Leonard Millman, AP, San Francisco, new council president, fixed major council objectives as: (1) additional money for wire service activities, (2) greater control by wire service members over their own affairs, and (3) wire service representation at ANG conventions on a permanent basis.

He said the council is responsible only to wire service membership, subject to ANG constitutional and convention restrictions. The council's policy, he said, is one of full cooperation with the ANG staff with no dictatorship one way or the other.

The council unanimously adopted a resolution of thanks and appreciation to Steve Ripley, ANG wire service administrator, and Ray Pitt, assistant wire service administrator, for the excellence of the performance of their duties.

Ripley reported continued progress in processing of grievances. He said AP appeared to be making a genuine effort to maintain good relations. Grievances in both the AP and INS-UP are being settled promptly. The major exception in INS-UP was the recent fringes, but in this case the company acted under its contract rights to "reduce the force." He said UP was slowest and most difficult, but there was steady improvement.

Pitt reported wire service membership had increased five percent in the last six months. He reconvened coordination of the ANG office and all wire service organizations and groups for a combined and intelligent drive to hammer away at signing up new members.

The council decided to merge the present national mimeographed wire service publications—Unipresser for UP, INSIGHTER for INS-UP, and "IT" for AP—into one publication for general wire service distribution. Sol Fox, New York, vice president of UP on the council, was appointed editor. In addition, the council endorsed efforts to produce regional or local wire service publications, a number of which are in existence.

Much of the meeting was devoted to discussion of general wire service problems. It was decided to use wire service members, in addition to council members, as committee members to study a variety of subjects.

Committees, which will report to the next council meeting, were created to study organization, education, regional conferences and councils, national committees, national wire service council structure, a wire service information program, Guild-CTU cooperation, and negotiations and contracts.

The council voted to hold its next meeting in Chicago during mid-May and mid-June.

Council members present in addition to Millman and Fox were: Joe R. Wilson, UP San Francisco, secretary-treasurer; Ronald W. Gilbert, Indianapolis, vice president for AP; Jerry L. Sullivan, Kansas City, delegate for AP; Robert Parkin, St. Louis, delegate for UP; Joseph L. Pearlman, New York, vice president for INS-UP; and Alvin Sivak, Washington, delegate for INS-UP.

Visitors included Edward Easton, New York, IEB vice president; Ray Henry, AP Washington; Charlotte Moulton, UP Washington; Sol Horn, New York AP unit chairman; George Muldowney, New York UP unit chairman; Richard O. Coons, New York, member of AP national committee; Bill Corley, AP New York; Sol Richman, AP New York; and Victor Yopes, UP New York.

Old-Time Weekly File Shows Low Prices, High Humor

Long Beach, Calif.—Way back beyond the turn of the century, when the election of Grover Cleveland was news and "personal journalism" was still the rule in the newspaper world, the little community of Colton in San Bernardino County had a weekly newspaper called the "Colton Chronicle."

Its editor was Robert McKie, great-grandfather of Guildman Newt Todd, who continues the printer's ink tradition in the family by serving as police reporter on the Independent-Press-Telegram, and is a member of the Long Beach unit of the Los Angeles Guild.

His ancestor, says Todd, would doubtless have been in the Guild had he lived in the current era. An ardent champion of labor, he envisioned every 75 years ago an organization of news men as necessary to attain the basic purposes later set forth by the Guild.

Todd has an almost complete file of the weekly, and its musing pages are rewarding reading, evoking an accurate picture of the rough-and-tumble struggling town and providing a perfect example of the lusty journalism practices of that period.

The advertising, says Todd, is literally out of this world. High button shoes, shirtwaists, long underwear, and fast-black hosiery are among the staple items, and the prices listed are fantastic.

Shoes were quoted at from 80 cents to \$3.50 a pair. Men's suits and overcoats brought \$4.95, and parents could outfit their youngsters with a new suit

for \$3.45. Mother could get a new corset for \$1, and could sport fancy-striped all-wool undies at a cost of 80 cents per garment, all over, that is.

Food stuffs brought rates which roughly compare with tips paid to the present-day youth who totes your shopping bag from supermarket to car door.

Two dozen ranch eggs were priced at 25 cents. Bacon sold at 11 cents a pound, you could get 10 pounds of sugar for \$1, de-feathered turkeys went for 12 1/2 cents a pound, butter was 50 cents a roll and two pounds of coffee cost 45 cents. And if you were expecting company, you could pick up a gallon of claret for 50 cents.

The reading columns were far from dull. From the bulk of space given to neighborhood chat and oddments, it is apparent that Editor McKie was not merely close to his readership, but shared fully in all its foibles.

Todd has culled the following clips as being typical, though not exhaustive, of the home-spun entertainment provided by the Chronicle:

A young man in Riverside came near getting into trouble the other day by sending a present to his girl who rides a bicycle. His note ran: "I send you a pair of bloomers. Wear them for my sake." The young lady was very angry, but smiled when, on opening the box, she found two fine roses.

The man who has been borrowing the Chronicle for four years from his neighbor, has patented an invention for cooking his food with the smoke from his neighbor's chimney.

A young lady from San Francisco has opened a dental office in that city. We suspect her object is to get near the gentlemen's lips.

Watermelons are on the market and cramps and tramps may soon be expected.

Red bicycle costumes, to be worn with black bloomers, have been introduced in New York City. Many a time have men, after eating mince pie and lobster salad, dreamed of seeing such

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things, but they never expected to actually see them. Boston manufacturers more glibly than any other city of the world and a large number of girls, as well as their boss, are supported by the industry.

These clouds Tuesday got the drop on us sure.

L. L. Rogers, an alleged preacher of the slimsy delirious persuasion, was in Colton this week.

This hot spell would be a good time to die. A man would hardly notice the change of climate.

A lady with a new dress that is becoming, isn't satisfied until the man she likes best and the woman she hates the most have seen it.

The editor of a neighboring paper is in hiding at present. His foreman is trying to fix matters so he can come home without fear of being pulverized.

In writing up a visit to a lady's home he described her elegant selection of house plants. He wrote in this way: "Mrs. Blank has the prettiest and most artistically arranged plants in town."

In making up the form the letter "L" dropped out of the word "plants" and the mistake was not discovered until the papers were distributed.

The footpads, thieves and burglars of the country should hasten to San Francisco. A city of 300,000 people, with no street lights at night, is a fine place to hold for their operations that should not be neglected.

A railroad will carry a man from New York to San Francisco for \$60. They will carry a hog weighing the same for \$6. Congressmen free. The advantage then of being a dog is \$74 and the advantage of being a congressman is \$80. We believe we had rather not be a congressman. We had rather pay the \$6.

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that a little wise sometimes is good to fabricate the physical mechanism, but all the same we desire to inform the W.C.T.U. (Woman's Christian Temperance Union) that statistics show there are now 135 saloons in Jerusalem and when the W.C.T.U. was first organized there was not one.

The ladies who go up into the mountains nearly all ride cloth-cupin fashion.

John Brown, Jr., the San Bernardino attorney, politician and statesman was in Colton yesterday and conversed in a philosophical-scientific way on the true inwardness of life—its prophetic beginnings, its primordial inception, its evanescent genesis and its evolutionary progress toward the absolute.

There are no lies on John, Jr.'s discourses.

According to the New York Sun, Mrs. Frank Leslie sleeps between black silk sheets, the top one hemstitched and run with coral ribbons to match her night robe of ebony silk. This information is decidedly inter-

esting but it naturally suggests to the inquiring Californian this query: "How did Brother Dana, the old man who edits the Sun, get these facts?"

A fellow by the name of Black-see, a member of the Legislature, is charged by his wife in the divorce proceedings with selling his vote to Joseph Brown of this county for \$100. We believe it is a lie, a vile and malicious slander on our Joseph Brown. Joe never would have paid over \$10 for that vote.

A Riverside woman sent a dollar to a San Francisco advertiser who promised to tell her how to keep the smell of boiling cabbage from penetrating through the house. The answer was to eat the cabbage raw.

Dr. Mary Walker, attired in a full black suit of masculine clothes and fur bound overcoat and play hat, called at the White House during the holidays. The tailor makes the man, and he has done everything for Dr. Mary, who would not be heard of if she were to leave her pants off.

petition called a membership meeting, which voted, against ANG advice, to drop the case. The whole situation washed up before IEB for discussion.

The board seemed agreed that charges could be filed against the local, but it was also pointed out that Miss Scott had other employment and is not pressing her grievance. No action was taken except to reaffirm Novak's advice to the local.

One board member, Felix Wold, opposed dropping the case, although no motion was offered to force prosecution.

"It is a hell of a thing and everybody knows it," Wold said. "It is a moral issue before us. I don't like to see the board duck it."

In December the local asked further advice as to prosecuting the case. Again Novak consulted counsel, and wrote the local a detailed explanation of why the case endangered the Albany contract and should be pressed.

Subsequently a rank-and-file

1953 Bargaining Gets Good Overall Results

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Memphis Guild Honors Medical College Head As Citizen of the Year



CIVIC HONORS FOR MEMPHIAN—Dr. O. W. Hyman, dean of medical college at the University of Tennessee, receives honorary stick of type from Richard Lane, Memphis Guild president. Occasion was the choice of Citizen of the Year, at the Memphis Guild spring party.

Memphis, Tenn.—Memphis Guildmen honored Dr. O. W. Hyman, dean of Tennessee university's College of Medicine, as Memphis' citizen of the year, by presenting him with a citation and a mounted stick of type carrying a news story of the award.

The choice was announced at the annual spring party of the local held at the Peabody Hotel, by Richard Lane, Guild local president.

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Bob Van Wagoner New P-O-I Head

Columbus, Ohio — Bob Van Wagoner, of Buffalo, as elected president of the P-O-I District Council, succeeding William M. Ware, Cleveland, at the annual council's meeting.

Ware, president of the council for three years, was honored by the 40 council's delegates at a testimonial dinner in the Desler Hilton Hotel. A scroll and two pipes were presented to him in appreciation of his service. He resigned his post and other Guild positions in January after being given an executive position on the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Van Wagoner was first vice president of the council before his election as president.

Highlight of the meeting was a discussion led by ANG Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak on local servicing. Novak, pointing out that 14 Guild locals have executive help but that 81 locals have none, suggested that various locals band together to hire executive officers for servicing.

With the increasing complexity of negotiating contracts and processing grievances, Novak said the hiring of expert help by locals is necessary to secure better contracts.

"It's going to come sooner or later," he told the delegates. In addition to securing better contracts, Novak said, the plan would enable local officers to devote more time to policing contracts and strengthening local organization, while maintaining local autonomy.

Within the P-O-I Council, he proposed these tentative groupings: Toledo, Erie and Buffalo, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Terre Haute. These two groups of locals have enough membership to hire a full-time executive officer at an approximate cost of \$1 per month per member, he estimated.

The proposals were discussed by the various delegates, but no definite conclusion was reached.

Included in the agenda was a talk by John Rooney, attorney for the Ohio CIO Council, and a negotiations seminar by Ed Scott, Detroit; Bill Davy, Cleveland, and Frank Klein, Lima.

The delegates turned down a proposal, 49-11, to change the name of the council to Central Eastern District Council. A change was felt necessary by some since Buffalo and Detroit joined the council.

Other officers elected included: Helen Minear, Pittsburgh, first vice president; Dick Riley, Youngstown, second vice president; Evelyn Ulrich, Indianapolis, re-elected secretary; Leon Rottiger, Columbus, re-named treasurer; and Bruce McIntyre, Erie, and Bill Davy, Cleveland, members of the policy committee.

For better legislation keep an eye on your congressman.

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More Local Elections

Detroit

Charles Weber, of the Free Press, has been re-elected president of the Detroit local for another year. Named with him were the following: Vice president, Sam McGuire, Times; secretary, William Jones, Times; succeeding Frances D'Hondt; treasurer, Donald F. Schram, Free Press, a reelection; members of the executive board, Ted Peck, Times; Arthur O'Shea, Free Press, and Clint Wilkinson, Free Press.

Buffalo

Buffalo, N. Y.—Edward W. McCarthy, a City Hall reporter of the Courier-Express, has been re-elected president of Buffalo Newspaper Guild Local 26.

McCarthy, veteran reporter and radio news editor, was elected to his first term as president. He was the first chairman of the Buffalo Evening News. McCarthy was the first chairman of the Courier-Express unit, organized in February, 1953.

Charles J. Dineen, swing editor of the Niagara Falls Gazette, was re-elected vice-president of the local.

Scott Hayden, also a Courier-Express City Hall reporter, was elected secretary to succeed Mrs. Charles A. Perik, Jr. of the Buffalo Union Leader. Bob Buyer, News reporter, was elected treasurer to succeed William F. Thomas Jr., News assistant copy editor. Mrs. Perik, wife of the ANG international organizer, and Thomas declined re-nomination to their offices.

Reno

Reno Local 208 has elected William Friel president. Friel

has been treasurer for a previous term, and is the "swing" man on the Reno Evening Gazette, active in both sports and city desks.

Vice-president is Katherine Mergen, society editor of the Gazette. Shirley Dean, proofreader on the Gazette is the new secretary, while John Burns, courthouse reporter for the Nevada State Journal, is the treasurer. All have been active in guild activities since the local's formation in 1949.

Retiring president is William J. Henley, Jr., courthouse reporter for the Gazette, while the other outgoing officers are Max Jensen, Gazette wire editor, vice president; Mrs. Mergen, secretary; and Ed Silgland, police beat reporter for the Gazette, treasurer.

Milwaukee

Henry T. Garvey has been re-elected president of the Milwaukee Guild, with the following other officers, each reelected with the exception of the secretary-treasurer:

Vice presidents, Paul E. Gustafson and Sherburn Stroebel; executive vice president, Clayton L. Dickey; secretary-treasurer, Lorraine Rogi.

Eight members of the executive board were re-named and five new members chosen. Those re-elected: Elsa McCleod, Robert J. Higgins, Harold Klesing, Sidney Kaufman, Harry Carlson, Frank Hoffman, Harold Loppnow and Theresa Ehlers. The new members: Ed Zeidler, George Place, Rose Howard, Dorothy Bielsmeier and Jack Varick.

The local chose Stroebel and Dickey as Hearst Chain Council delegates, Garvey and Dickey as Midwest District Council delegates, and Rose Howard, Kathryn Koch, Donald Brieger and Robert Braun as delegates to the Milwaukee CIO Council.

Constitution Outmoded On "Unit" Definition

Redrafting of the ANG constitutional definition of a "unit," to make it conform to other provisions of the constitution which broaden its powers beyond those inherent in the definitive clause, is being undertaken by the IEB committee headed by Ed Easton, New York, preparatory to submission at the Los Angeles convention.

Its report to the board this week noted that the restrictive language is no longer appropriate, since units are actually exercising certain collective bargaining powers, proper under the language of other parts of the constitution.

Article VIII, Section 16, now reads: "A unit shall consist of the members in an individual shop in which there are not fewer than seven full-time employed members or in a shop having a contract with the Guild."

"Within the discretion of the local, a unit may consist of members employed in more than one shop where one or more of the shops involved employs less than seven members or where the shops are under the same management."

"The unit shall have such officers as are prescribed by local by-laws, who shall be selected, shall serve, and may be removed, as prescribed by local by-laws. It shall exist only for administrative purposes, and for representation of its members within the local. It shall not have a separate constitution or by-laws. It shall not enter into any agreement. It shall not have relations with any person or organization outside the ANG without permission of the local or the local governing body."

Amplifying references to the functions of the unit contained in Articles XVIII and XIX relate to unit members serving on negotiating committees, ratification of a contract by the unit membership and the functions of a unit in strike situations.

The committee also has before it a Boston convention reference regarding district councils.

It was to hear from District Council on views as to the permissible duties, responsibilities and limitations of district councils, and thus far has heard from one, the Canadian Council. That body believes that councils should not have the power to force action on any local, that they should not use their funds to support political activity, and that they should give guidance and leadership. These objectives, the IEB committee holds, are already provided in present constitutional language.

To a suggestion that all locals be required to join a district council, the committee returned a unanimous "No" vote.

With Easton on the committee are Vice Presidents Joseph Besuciere, Ed Marchiak and Adolph Rahm.

Killed in Kentucky

Louisville, Ky. — "Right-to-work" legislation presented before the Kentucky legislature, died in committee, despite its support by the Associated Industries of Kentucky.

NLRB Dismisses Appeal In Newport News Case, New Appeal Filed

Newport News, Va.—An abortive attempt to decertify the ANG as collective bargaining representative of the editorial employees of the Newport News Daily Press and the Times-Herald was recently knocked out by the NLRB.

The latest maneuver, in an attempt to further impede Guild negotiations, is the filing of a petition for certification in substantially the same unit in which the Guild is already the duly certified bargaining agent, by the "independent" union.

The only difference between the unit for which the Guild won bargaining rights and the unit claimed by the "independent" is that the latter includes most, but not all, the supervisors excluded from the original unit.

The Guild has filed a motion to dismiss the "independent's" petition on the ground that it is barred by the NLRB's rule that no petition can be received within 12 months of a certification.

On November 5, 1943 a consent election agreement was entered into between the publisher and the Guild, after a conference with an NLRB hearing officer. Last November 19, pursuant to the agreement, an election was held which the Guild won 50 to 7.

Within a short time there was an attempt by a group of supervisory employees, who were excluded from the unit, and a couple not excluded, to form an "independent union." Their efforts did not meet with very great success, the publisher mak-

ing it clear in a statement posted on the company bulletin board by the Guild after a joint meeting that it would not recognize any union but the Guild for the period provided by the Labor Relations Act.

Evidently still hoping to be able to hurt the Guild, one of the excluded supervisors filed a decertification petition with the regional NLRB. That petition was dismissed. The matter did not end there, however. The same petitioner then filed a request for review on appeal with the NLRB in Washington, in which he alleged: that the election of November 19 was not representative in that he and others who were excluded were not in fact supervisory employees; that the board was all wrong in allowing employers and unions to agree on exclusions without consulting the employees who might be excluded and the action of the board in allowing this procedure both in the instant case and all previous representation cases was "arbitrary and capricious."

In the motion for review on appeal the original petitioner was subsequently joined by five other excluded supervisors, who asked to be allowed to intervene.

The board in its decision on the motion for review allowed the five others to intervene but denied a request for oral argument and also sustained the regional director's action in dismissing the decertification petition as being "proper."

Negotiations of the contract were held up by the publisher pending the decision of the NLRB action, although there is nothing in the law or NLRB regulations that would have prevented their continuance.

Stockton Record Adman Promoted

Stockton, Calif. — Stockton Newspaper Guild lost another member recently by the one route the Guild doesn't mind—promotion to a managerial post.

John Truax, Guildman and display advertising salesman, was named local display manager of the Stockton Record, succeeding Leo C. O'R, who was promoted to advertising manager.

Lloyd Drury, advertising manager for nine years, was placed in the newly created position of advertising director.

Truax joined the Record Sept. 1, 1951, from the Little Falls, Minn., Transcript. He is the second Guildman advanced to a managerial spot on the Record within little over a year, his promotion coming just 14 months after N. S. De Motte was promoted from reporter to managing editor.

Vern Fox Heads Midwest Council

Chicago, Ill.—Vern H. Fox, of Sheboygan, was reelected president of the Midwest District Council at its annual meeting held here. Others reelected include Clayton L. Dickey, Milwaukee, recording secretary; Chandler Forman, Chicago, corresponding secretary; and Douglas E. Adams, Rockford, treasurer. Fran Kent, Hammond, and Bob Bournem, Gary, were elected vice presidents in place of Jack Ferkko and Ken Barnett, both of Gary.

The council session continued discussion on methods of financing those district locals which do not have full-time officers. The suggestion had been made last November by ANG Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak.

Milwaukee suggested that as the largest local involved—Chicago—undertake to employ a full-time executive who would be available to participating locals on an annual retainer basis. This would involve increasing dues in some of the smaller locals, it was said.



DOUBLE DEDUCTION—Born December 31, just in time to count as double credits in filing 1953 tax returns, are the Schreiber twins, Ronald and Donald, shown here with their parents and big sister Debra. Kenneth Schreiber, their delighted father, is secretary of the Houston Guild local.

Dues Collectors Honored By Twin Cities Officers



HONORING LONG SERVICE—Harold Chucker, Twin Cities Guild treasurer, presents a plaque to Lucille Cassidy, dues collector for six years. Cassidy, who has been a dues collector for eight years.

Twin Cities Minn.—Dues collectors were guests of Twin Cities Newspaper Guild at a dinner party, as the local expressed its appreciation for the work. Board members also were guests.

President Frank Murray expressed the Guild's appreciation "for the fine work you people do," noting that the Guild has advanced and prospered because of a lot of Guild work performed by committee members, delegates to affiliated bodies, and dues collectors.

During the steak dinner for the 36 guests, Murray, Harold Chucker, treasurer, and Bill Bade, executive secretary, spoke briefly on assessments, where the dues money goes, and good standing.

Mary Hartmann, Guild office secretary, explained the process of dues posting and filling out of various forms, together with local aids for collectors, so that collectors and the Guild office could work together more closely.

A question and answer period on collectors' problems closed the meeting.

Extended Study Ordered For Pension Proposals

The IEB decided to take more time to study the all-Guild pension plan reported by its pensions evaluation committee which studied the report of Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak ordered by the Boston Convention.

The committee itself recommended further actuarial analysis and legal study. Board deliberation on the matter will be continued at its June meeting. Following is the text of the committee's report to the board:

The pensions evaluation committee spent nearly three hours on Tuesday hearing an explanation of the proposed pension plan from William Haight, of Kidder Peabody and Philip McClellan of the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co. The committee recommends:

1.—That the proposed plan be studied by the Guild's counsel with a report on its legal aspects to be ready for the June IEB meeting.

2.—That Murray Lattimer or some other actuarial consultant study the plan and report for the June meeting.

3.—That comparative figures be obtained showing the prospective returns from this plan, and the returns to be expected from the same amount of money invested in endowment insurance, or in a straight annuity plan.

The features of the plan, as outlined by Mr. Haight and Mr. McClellan, that appealed to the committee were:

1.—Complete and immediate "vesting" in the employee of all money placed in the plan by the employer and by himself, if it should be a contributory plan. This would enable the employee to change jobs if opportunity offered without losing pension benefits paid for by his former employer.

2.—Administration of the plan by a board representing ANG and management would make it possible for a number of employers to adopt this plan for their employees, enabling employees to remain in the plan while working for more than one employer.

3.—The apparently greater return from this plan, over that from an ordinary annuity, by the investment of half the monthly payments in shares of Massachusetts Life Fund, an investment trust which places its funds in a diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds. It was estimated that the portion invested in these shares would, when withdrawn in a lump sum on retirement at 65, purchase an annuity approximately double that paid for by the portion invested in a straight annuity

"The Workman Looks at the Boss"

By ERIC HOFFER

THERE ARE MANY OF US who have been workmen all our lives and, whether we know it or not, remain workmen till we die. Whether there be a God in heaven or not; whether we be free or regimented; whether our standard of living be high or low—I and my like will go on doing more or less what we are doing now. This sober realization need not be unduly depressing to people who have acquired the habit of work and who, like the American workman, have the ingredients of a fairly enjoyable life within their reach. Still, the awareness of being an eternal workman colors one's attitude; and it might be of some interest to indicate briefly what the relations between management and labor look like when seen from his point of view.

To the eternal workman management is substantially the same whether it is made up of profit-seekers, idealists, technicians, or bureaucrats. The allegiance of the manager is to the task and the results. However noble his motives he cannot help but view the workers as a means to an end. He will always try to get the utmost out of them; and it matters not whether he does it for the sake of profit, for a holy cause, or for the sheer principle of efficiency.

One need not view management as an enemy or feel self-righteous about doing an honest day's work to realize that things

Author Eric Hoffer is a college-educated longshoreman in San Francisco, who has written one book, "The True Believer," and who works as a manual laborer by choice.

Says he: "If you work with your hands, you sell your hands; if you work with your brain, you sell your brain."

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are likely to get tough when management can take the work or for granted; when it can plan and operate without having to worry about what the worker will say or do.

THE IMPORTANT POINT is that this taking of the worker for granted occurs not only when management has unlimited power to coerce but also when the division between management and labor ceases to be self-evident. Any doctrine which preaches the oneness of management and labor—whether it stresses their unity in a party, class, race, nation, or even religion—can be used to turn the worker into a compliant instrument in the hands of management. Both communism and fascism postulate the oneness of management and labor, and both are devices for the extraction of maximum performance from an underpaid labor force. The preachment of racial unity facilitated the exploitation of labor in our South, in French Canada, and in South Africa. Pressure for nationalist and religious unity served, and still serves, a similar purpose elsewhere.

Seen from this point of view,

the nationalization of the means of production is more a threat than a promise. For we shall be homed and managed by someone, no matter who owns the means of production—and we can have no defenses against those who can tell us in all truth that we, the workers, own everything in sight and they, our taskmasters, are driving us for our own good. The battle between socialism and capitalism is to a large extent a battle between the worker's independence as a potential boss.

ONE NEED NOT CALL TO MIND the example of Communist Russia to realize that the idealist has the making of a most formidable taskmaster. The ruthlessness sustained by dedication to a holy cause. "God wishes," said Calvin, "that one should put aside all humanity when it is a question of striving for his glory." So it is better to be blessed by men of little faith, who set their hearts on toys, than by men animated by lofty ideals who are ready to sacrifice themselves and others for a cause. The most formidable employer is he who, like Stalin, casts himself in the role of a representative and champion of the workers.

Our sole protection lies in keeping the division between management and labor obvious and matter-of-fact. We want management to manage the best it can, and the workers to protect the workers.

The Southern Regional Wire Service Conference, held in Memphis Feb. 12-14, was hailed by attending delegates as one of the most successful wire service meetings in recent years to be held in the south.

Theme of the conference, the third in a series of four which are held regionally to permit attendance by wire service Guildmen throughout the nation, was education and organization. The group followed a detailed agenda on the place and function of wire service personnel in the Guild.

Those attending were Harry Culver, UP, Oklahoma City; Bill Order, AP, Memphis; Russ Daley, UP, Memphis; Ernest G. Fischer, AP, New Orleans; George Hackett, AP, Louisville; Archie Martin, Jr., AP, Jacksonville; Robert E. Parkin, UP, St. Louis; Jerry E. Sullivan, AP, Kansas City, and Richard Taylor, UP, Dallas.

The meeting was conducted by Steve Ripley, ANG Wire Service Administrator, and Ray Pitt, his assistant. John Carmichael, International Representative from New Orleans, also sat with the conference for the two-day meeting.

The group, at the conclusion of the conference, constituted themselves as the Southern Regional Council and elected Ernest Fischer as their chairman. Dick Taylor was elected vice chairman and Russ Daley, secretary. The council agreed to function on a year-around basis as an extension of the ANG in the southern states for the purpose of policy contracts and organizing.

MANCHESTER LINE-UP—New officers take over for the Manchester, N. H., Guild, and for picture purposes concentrate on proposed year's program being represented by J. Leo Dery, new president. Others seated are Elmer Peterson, executive board member, and Mrs. Jessie Mullen, secretary. Standing are Roland Drouin, vice president; Eleanor Clark, executive committee, and Joseph L. Dery, treasurer.

No More Than That! Time Magazine reports William Beebe, the naturalist, has discovered 33 species of reptiles, 15,000 species of insects, and 260 varieties of fish in the Manhattan area.

fect their interests the best they can. No social order will seem to us free if it makes it difficult for the worker to maintain a considerable degree of independence from management.

The things which bolster this independence are not utopian. Effective labor unions, free movement over a relatively large area, a savings account, a tradition of individual self-respect—these are some of them. They are within the worker's reach in this country and most of the free world, but are either absent or greatly weakened in totalitarian states.

In the present Communist regimes unions are tools of management, worker mobility is discouraged by every means, and there is periodically wiped out by changes in currency, and individual self-respect is extirpated by the fearful technique of terror. Thus it seems that the worker's independence is as good an index as any for measuring the freedom of a society.

THE NEXT QUESTION is whether an independent labor force is compatible with efficient production. For if the attitude of the workers tends to interfere with the full unfolding of the productive process, then the workman's independence becomes meaningless.

It has been my observation for years on the docks of San Francisco that, while a wholly independent labor force does not contribute to management's peace of mind, it can get good management to perfect its organization and to keep ever on the lookout for more efficient ways of doing things. Management on the San Francisco waterfront is busy twenty-four hours a day figuring out ways of loading and discharging ships with as few men as possible.

Mechanization became very marked on the waterfront after

the organization of the present militant labor union in 1934. The fork lift and the pallet board are almost in universal use. There are special machines for handling sugar, newspaper, and cotton bales. There are new methods for handling coffee, rice, and wool. New arrangements and refinements appear almost every day. Here nobody has to be told that management is continually on the job. Certainly, there are other factors behind this incessant alertness, and some of them play perhaps a more crucial role in the process of mechanization. But it is quite obvious that a fiercely independent labor force is not incompatible with efficient production.

CONTRARY to the doctrine propounded by some in the heyday of the Industrial Revolution, mechanization has not taught docility to "the refractory hand of labor." At least here on the docks, no one worries lest the machines cut down our earnings. We know that we shall manage to get our full share no matter what happens. And it is a dull workman who does not see in the machine the only key to the true millennium. For only mechanization can mitigate—if not cure—"the disease of work," as de Tocqueville calls it, which has tortured humanity since the first day of its existence.

It is true, of course, that the cleavage between management and labor is a source of strain and strife. But it is questionable whether tranquility is the boon it is made out to be. The late William Randolph Hearst shrewdly observed that "what ever begins to be tranquil is gobbled up by something that is not tranquil." The constant effort to improve and advance is neither automatic nor the result of a leisurely choice between alternatives. In human affairs, the best stimulus for running ahead is to have something we must run from. The chances are that the millennial society, where the wolf and the lamb shall dwell together, will be a stagnant society.

CIO Newspapers Put Stress on Human Relations

A recent Jewish Labor Committee study, prepared by Field Representative Aaron Aronin indicates that the CIO papers devote 1% to 14% of their space to intergroup relations and civil rights. The average for all the issues studied was 4%. The papers averaged two such articles per issue; the articles included editorials, news, cartoons, and pictures.

One-fourth of the articles were comprehensive, covering the entire field of intergroup relations and civil rights. These were taken largely from speeches by CIO leaders or from summaries of conferences. Nineteen of the 116 articles were on fair employment practices, 18 on desegregation, 13 on education opportunities, 5 on public accommodations (mainly medical services and travel), 3 on housing. Ten of the articles were on the Water Resources Act and related bills. McCarran Act and related bills.

Labor Reports, published by the Jewish Labor Committee, was found very useful, as were releases from the Chicago JLC office. Forty-nine such articles were used. The majority of the 116 articles, 67, were taken from other sources.

Wire Service Budget Is Studied by IEB

Proposals of the National Wire Services Council for administering and financing that group's Guild affairs for the upcoming fiscal year received the close attention of the wire services committee of the IEB, of which Vice President Felix Wold, Detroit, is chairman. The proposals are reported elsewhere in this issue of the Guild Reporter.

It was noted that although the wire service membership still seeks what it terms "more authority" over its affairs, the spokesmen have abandoned the position held so strongly for the past two years—and turned down by both the Portland and Boston conventions—of advocating structural status which would give wire service members across the country powers equivalent to those of a chartered local. Arguments which prevailed in the debates at conventions were based largely on the view that such a situation would tend to divide and isolate, rather than integrate, wire service members into the general membership of the Guild.

The board's committee, Wold reported, was unanimous in recommending that the present administrative set-up and operation be retained in the form adopted at the Boston convention. The committee further recommended changes in the budget, similar to those proposed.

Contracts Continue \$5 Increase Pattern

Recent contract settlements as listed by the collective bargaining department at ANG continue the pattern established earlier in the season of showing minimum increases reaching \$5 at the top classifications.

Highlights of the settlements: Battle Creek Enquirer & News. Minimums increased from \$2 to \$5, conforming to a 4.56 percent formula rounded out to the nearest 25¢ figure. Top reporter minimum is \$107, reached after five years, with rewrite and deskmen \$3 above that figure; stenographers receiving \$66 after four years, and copyboys \$44.25 after two years. Increases were made in night differential pay, now \$1.50 per shift, and the holiday pay guarantee is improved.

Two Are Promoted In Columbus Guild

Columbus, Ohio.—Two members of the Columbus Newspaper Guild, Local 13, have recently been promoted to executive positions with the Scripps Howard Columbus Citizen. Jack Keller has taken over as managing editor. Ernest L. Arms succeeds Keller as news editor. Keller is a charter member and former secretary of the Columbus local. He is a graduate of Ohio State University and attained national prominence in track and field events while at OSU. He was a member of the 1932 Olympic team and set several records in the high hurdles which still stand. He is a native of Columbus.

Arms who succeeds Keller as news editor has been a member of the Columbus Local since he joined the Citizen from the Akron Beacon-Journal in 1947. He is a native of that city.

They Can Stand Some!

Washington, D. C.—National Association for the Advancement of White People, a Delaware corporation, is now doing business here, getting members by mail at \$5 a head. Its egalitarian principle is "segregation with equal facilities for people of any color."

Labor Board Ends Hearings In West Coast T-H Cases

Los Angeles, Calif.—Hearings conducted over a period of four months, of unfair labor practice charges against the Los Angeles Examiner, have been concluded, and the resulting massive transcript of testimony is ready for analysis and report by the National Labor Relations Board.

The action against Examiner management was brought after the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild had attempted to organize employees of the newspaper's classified advertising department, and was met with mass discharges of Guild card signers, together with unwarranted activity by a dormant employee association, which even attempted to counsel, in an apparently unconscious courtroom slip, referred to as a "company union."

After investigation of the Guild's complaints, the NLRB regional office issued three charges of violating the Taft-Hartley Act, by discharging employees who had attempted to form their own Guild unit, by fostering the "company union," and by coercing employees as to union affiliation.

The hearings were conducted by Examiner Howard Myers, with E. Don Wilson as counsel for the Labor Board and Robert Rissman appearing for the Los Angeles Guild.

Philip H. Price, Washington, and Paul A. Freye, Sacramento, are other members of the wire service committee.

Novak Is Named ANG Delegate To IFJ Session

The American Newspaper Guild will be represented at the Bordeaux, France, meeting of the International Federation of Journalists next month by Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak, which listed varying anniversary dates for making the increases effective. Instead, the board after a closed caucus discussion decided on a single effective date, the payroll week closest to the Los Angeles convention. Convention approval is to be sought.

In a further recommendation to the board, Novak urged that the salary level of top-experienced international representatives be increased as soon as possible to the \$150 level, a \$10 increase over prevailing pay. The executive vice president pointed out that in 1946 after the Scranton wage objective of \$100 had been set for newsmen top minimum, the Guild increased its own staff wages to that figure within a short time. The Scranton figure has now been advanced to \$150. Said Novak: "The least they (the staff) can expect from us is that the board practice what the ANG preaches."

The adjustments finally approved carry increases of \$15 for three staffers, \$10 for three and \$5 for five. Nine staff members receive no increase under the proposal.

One of the \$5 increases and the three for \$10 go to international representatives who have not reached the top minimum of \$140, by length of experience. Seven international representatives are now at the \$140 level, and the other two for whom no increases are slated are the Guild Reporter editor and the statistician in the research and information department.

Booster of \$5 each are also proposed for the director of organization and the director of research and information, for the secretary of the contracts

management, subpoenaed by the Labor Board counsel as a result of statements they had made in the course of the government's investigations.

The department manager, for example, as one of several explanations for dismissing an employee who had headed the organization, said he had discharged her "because she dared to call a meeting that concerned the department without first consulting me."

His reference was to a session last May called to discuss working condition grievances, a meeting which other witnesses said they had been warned not to attend on penalty of discharge. The employees who later held a meeting at the home of one, and who signed Guild applications at that time, were discharged within a short time. They had signed a large group of others within a few days, most of them dissatisfied with the representation afforded them by the employees association.

The association members were assembled thereafter in the telephone sales room, witnesses related, for what was ostensibly to be a pep talk on sales methods, but which was quickly

turned into an election of a new association president and announcement of a later membership meeting.

Witnesses described the membership session as acrimonious, with small regard for democratic or parliamentary procedures. It was the first session of the organization in two years, the last having been marked, witnesses said, by a "surprise announcement" from management of an increase in pay.

After the membership meeting, various employees testified to having been assured by supervisors that "all the trouble makers" had been fired, and that others' jobs were safe. But the firings continued.

Among exhibits supporting the charge of company unionism were minutes of the association, showing consisting use of management time and property and frequent activity in its affairs of management supervisors. The minutes contained no record of negotiations by the association, although a new contract, drafted and signed last June, shortly after the Guild-inspired shake-up in association affairs. The Examiner is a Hearst newspaper.

Staff Salary Boosts Approved by Board; Need Convention OK

Salary adjustments for members of the ANG staff to become effective August 1 and involving a total of \$3,560 in "new money" for the three quarters then remaining in the fiscal year were approved by the IEB this week.

The board received a set of recommendations from Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak, which listed varying anniversary dates for making the increases effective. Instead, the board after a closed caucus discussion decided on a single effective date, the payroll week closest to the Los Angeles convention. Convention approval is to be sought.

In a further recommendation to the board, Novak urged that the salary level of top-experienced international representatives be increased as soon as possible to the \$150 level, a \$10 increase over prevailing pay. The executive vice president pointed out that in 1946 after the Scranton wage objective of \$100 had been set for newsmen top minimum, the Guild increased its own staff wages to that figure within a short time. The Scranton figure has now been advanced to \$150. Said Novak: "The least they (the staff) can expect from us is that the board practice what the ANG preaches."

The adjustments finally approved carry increases of \$15 for three staffers, \$10 for three and \$5 for five. Nine staff members receive no increase under the proposal.

One of the \$5 increases and the three for \$10 go to international representatives who have not reached the top minimum of \$140, by length of experience. Seven international representatives are now at the \$140 level, and the other two for whom no increases are slated are the Guild Reporter editor and the statistician in the research and information department.

Booster of \$5 each are also proposed for the director of organization and the director of research and information, for the secretary of the contracts

committee and the contracts analyst.

The \$15 increases are slated for the office manager, assistant GR editor and assistant director of research and information. The board received a communication from the Cleveland local executive board, asking that the assistant GR editor, a member of that local, be paid in accordance with his newsmen experience, at the prevailing wage in New York commercial newspaper contracts. The board required the letter to its caucus on the whole matter of wage adjustments.

This Cleveland request was not complied with.

The recommended salary levels as set up by the adoption of the proposal would be:

Director of organization, \$170; director of research and information, and GR editor, \$155; office manager, \$125.

International representatives, which includes a rating for both the wire services administrator and his assistant, would be paid on a four-year progression as to experience, starting at \$110 and going to \$140 by \$10 step-ups.

The group of administrative assistants comprising the contracts committee secretary, contracts analyst, assistant GR editor and assistant research director would be on a similar four-year scale, starting at \$95 and progressing by \$10 per year to \$125.

Departmental assistants would have a salary schedule starting at \$80 and progressing by \$10 steps to \$110. The research statistician is the only employee now listed in this grouping.

The board approved payment in cash to International Representative Justin L. McCarthy for a 1953 vacation period he was prevented from taking by emergency assignments. The rule adopted a year ago was that vacations must be taken if possible, in the calendar year in which they are earned, and that exceptions must be approved by IEB action.

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THE GUILD'S governing body, the International Executive Board, performed a chore during its four-day session which had a ring of unashamed sentiment about it.

At the board's direction, there was drafted a message to be sent to William M. Ware, Cleveland, whose unexpected resignation from the vice presidency he has held since November, 1951, left a vacancy in the 15-member group that is shortly to be filled by a national referendum election.

Ware came to the board as a one-time spokesman for an anti-administration group, as a result of a peace pact reached by delegates to the Pittsburgh Convention. For the first time in the memory of Guildsmen, a board was named without a contest. Ware's election was a part of the settlement reached between the rival factions, when they realized that both had actually been travelling the same road, but under separate leadership.

At the end of another year, the caucus which Ware had headed formally disbanded, on his forthright declaration that he had found during his months on the board that all its members were striving for Guild betterment, that no division existed as to principle, and that honest differences as to methods could be honestly debated and resolved.

Ware won the earnest respect of his fellow board members for his ability to analyze problems, his incisive debate, and his willingness to test new ideas and methods.

So there was no hollow formality connected with the approval voted by the remaining board members in adopting the message of appreciation and good wishes which is on its way to Cleveland this weekend.

The IEB will honestly miss Bill Ware.

POLITICS, and Republican politics at that, rears its ugly head in the record of proceedings transcribed at last month's hearing of unfair labor practice charges in connection with the Utica Guild's demand for wage data, for use in negotiations.

The NLRB trial examiner, Loren H. Laughlin, a self-confessed Republican, had been hearing the publishers' defense of refusal to give complete wage data, after management had canvassed the employees individually and learned that four objected to having the Guild officials know how much they were paid.

This is the examiner speaking, as shown in the transcript:

"Here for years, as I see the

record, this company has had the policy of not giving out its employees' wage data information.

"As a matter of personal confidence—and of course that strikes a chord with me because I don't like this business of working for the government or the army, and having everybody know how much you make, or whether your wife shouldn't have a fur coat and all that sort of thing.

"That has caused so much commotion in Washington before my party took over."

There was more, of course, but that gives a general idea.

Any doubt as to how the ruling in the case went?

BOARD member Felix B. Wold, of Detroit, who can unfold his spare frame to a total length of six feet plus, stepped into an elevator at the Abbey Hotel this week just after an IEB session, to find himself in the midst of a group of heavily-coated youths, each of whom topped Wold by from six inches to a foot.

The phenomenon of both bulk and height was easily explained. The hotel was housing three basketball teams, in town for the 17th annual National Invitation basketball tourney. Felix had suddenly become associated with undergraduates of Duquesne, Dayton and St. Francis of Pennsylvania.

"Never before in my life," said Wold afterward, "have I deemed myself diminutive, but that experience did it."

Minneapolis Labor Writer Gets Award

Minneapolis, Minn. — Ed Schaefer, labor writer for the Minneapolis Star and a veteran Guildsman, is the 1953 winner of the Halloran memorial award.

Schaefer was cited for a series on labor union activity in the Twin Cities area, covering the AFL, CIO and railroad brotherhoods.

The award, carrying a cash gift of \$50, is offered annually by Gideon Seymour, executive editor of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, in memory of the late M. W. (Mike) Halloran, for many years the Star's political writer.

It goes to the Star reporter who, in opinion of judges, does the best job of handling a controversial subject, an assignment in which Halloran excelled.

The award was inaugurated last year, when Al Woodruff and Frank Murray shared it for a series on probation.

Washington Roundup

Washington Columnist Robertis writes for this issue from Rome, which he visited following his coverage of the Four Power meeting in Berlin. He plans to touch other Mediterranean countries before returning to the U.S.—Ed.

By CHALMERS M. ROBERTS

Washington Guild

ROME—THIS CITY is of course a dual capital of the Italian nation and of the Catholic world. I want to say something about both and in reverse order.

As of this writing, every newspaperman in Rome who represents an American news service, daily paper or radio network is on a 24-hour alert because of the Pope's grievous illness. And yet it is amazing to find out what a difficult job it is to cover such important news and, beyond that, to cover the affairs of the Vatican itself.

Of course no government, and the Vatican is a temporal as well as a spiritual state, likes to talk about the failing health of its leading figure. But newspapermen have come to expect governments this side of the Iron Curtain to tell the facts and tell them impartially and to all reporters. We must dig for more than surface announcements, naturally, but nowhere else that I know of does a government permit its employees to run a paid tipster system, which is the case at the Vatican.

There is a press office at the Vatican but the universal verdict of the many correspondents to whom I have talked here is that it is of less value than those of any Western foreign office. This is especially so in the case of the Pope's illness. This seems to me shocking, for the illness of His Holiness is a matter of vital interest and grave concern to millions around the globe and deserves dignified and competent news handling.

YET THE TWO BIGGEST American news services to my knowledge, and I would imagine the third one, too, as well as the American dailies and some of the radio representatives are forced to pay weekly sums to Vatican officials who act as tipsters. It is estimated that between six and a dozen persons in the Vatican sell information by phone, by frequent or even daily typed sheets, or through personal contact. The amounts of money paid are guarded secrets but do not appear to be large. One estimate is from \$15 to \$50 a month or more in some cases depending on the type of service.

Reporters have been busy, during the Pope's illness, in checking these pipelines and adding others in hopes of getting the first flash on the Pope's death. Everyone assumes that the break will come through a tipster, perhaps from a certain one who is daily close to His Holiness and who is known to be receiving money from more than one American hopeful.

THIS SAME STATE of affairs applies to the normal flow of religious news from the Vatican. There is no adequate system of having a spokesman who can meet the press. What appears in our papers as "Vatican sources" generally refers to the paid tipsters. Things are certainly improved, I am told, over the days years ago when one tipster, since discharged, put out stories to some reporters and sold denials of his own stories to others. But reporters ruefully tell of how one Pope's death was first learned from a member of the Vatican fire department who had been told to get out the black bunting.

These facts are reported here because they seem to me to concern the press in general. They have been written about before but the Pope's illness gives them new emphasis. The universal hope of correspondents in Rome is that the Vatican will put an end to the tipster system and inform the press, and thus the world, of its affairs of public interest on a more dignified and rational basis.

No Depression Here!

Washington, D. C. — Corporation dividends hit an all time high of \$8.55 billion last year, 2½ over 1952, and as high as 13 percent in some industries, despite the fact many companies paid December dividends in January to take advantage of the lower tax rate. Industry in Washington pounded the slogan that the 1953 rate was "ruinous."

"Subversion" at Loyola

Chicago, Ill. — City health department nurses meeting to discuss how to get more money for their work heard Rev. Ralph J. Gallagher, dean of Loyola University, advise them that it was a good idea to join a union.

NOW ABOUT ITALY.

A lot of fire bells have been ringing recently about the rise of Communism here. Some of the important bell ringers had the ear of Congress in mind, in hopes of getting more economic aid for Italy. But it is perfectly clear that Communism is very strong here, that the Reds work at it day and night and are financed out of Moscow in part and that the center parties forming the current government are about as lackadaisical as our own, except when an election is around the corner. In fact, the Christian Democrats of DeGasperi and Scelba are supposed to be \$2½ million in the hole at the moment.

American criticism heard here of the Italian governments of recent years is that they have not tried to crack down on the commies. This kind of talk from high places irritated DeGasperi to the point of blaming it on what he called the "Roosevelt atmosphere" of early post-war days, which shows you how ideas cross oceans.

At any rate your Uncle Sam is pushing the Scelba regime (in power at this writing, at least) to begin harassing the commies, with which I couldn't agree more. But it looks to me as though our people here are encouraging the idea that if the left-of-center Scelba regime can't cope with Communism, then Italy will need a right-of-center regime including the Monarchists.

DESPITE THE APPROXIMATELY 33½ billions we have put into Italy since the shooting ended, this country is still the corporate state of Mussolini, economically speaking. That is, the government owns most of the big businesses and a lot of fat cats have lucrative jobs they don't want to lose. European economies are generally based on the low-volume, high-item-profit theory which does little to build domestic purchasing power as we know it.

There is progress, of course. Our agriculture program here appears to have made some real headway and hybrid corn (remember Henry Wallace?) is proving a boon, for example. Italy has tapped important natural gas deposits and appears to be on the point of major oil discoveries in Sicily which, if properly used, would bring great gains.

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AT THIS WRITING, however, there seems to be no real political direction in Italy. All the anti-Communist forces appear to fear another election because they think the Reds are on the upswing and Moscow has decided to work hard to take over here via the ballot box.

The fear of a center-left united front with the Reds is the rationale for talk of taking the Monarchists into a future government (if the current one falls as all seem to think it will in time). But many Americans here, in and out of our embassy, see the Fascist shadow looming off stage to right.

Italy is certainly a case in point in the education of America in the conduct of world affairs. We have fumbled along trying to find out how to exercise our influence in our own national interest. We have not failed but neither have we succeeded. In a country where over a third of the population votes Red and yet in which most of those 9½ million voters are faithful Catholics that is not enough. Given the current state of affairs at home, it would be a rash man who would predict the future of Italy or our ability to deeply affect that future.

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