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Membership Up Again

Over-all membership of the Guild keeps right on making new records on ANG books.

The dues paying membership total for March 1, for example, hit 27,164, the 15th time in 20 months that a new high figure was registered.

The March total is 117 higher than the preceding month, and 1,670 more than the March total a year ago.

Sixteen locals distinguished themselves in moving to or maintaining record levels.

Twelve of them set new records—Bay City, Charlotte, Cleveland, Elizabeth, Eugene, Greensboro, Lansing, Memphis, Rockford, San Jose, Toronto and Hampton Roads.

Three others held at record levels. They are Chattanooga, Erie and York. And one, Grand Rapids, climbed back to a record high figure after losing ground.

San Jose led the field by chalking up its ninth straight record monthly figure.

Item Employees Hold Line In Battle of New Orleans

New Orleans, La.—A coalition of Item Publishing Company management and two AFL labor unions continued this week to beset street sales and maintenance department employees who have sought to have the Guild represent them in collective bargaining.

Opposing the Guild's petition for two separate elections to determine the employees' union choice are the Teamsters and the AFL Building Service union. Both unions have the overt aid of Item management in their attempts to block the Guild.

Most recent attempts have been against the street sales department, where the Guild holds a strong majority of signed cards.

Management rearranged their work so as to cut individual incomes by from \$15 to \$45 a week. This was done by hiring new men and redistributing profitable street - corner locations. Pay in the department is chiefly through commissions.

Then all the street salesmen were called into the circulation manager's office and told that they had 30 days in which to save their jobs by joining the Teamsters union. That union holds a contract which calls for a "union shop" among drivers, and management is now encouraging the Teamsters union to claim street salesmen as being under its jurisdiction.

Until Guild preference had been expressed, no street salesman had known he was considered eligible for membership in, or deemed to be covered by the contract of, the Teamsters.

The Guild met this move by filing charges of union intimidation before the regional Labor Relations Board.

The Guild holds a contract with the Item for employees in the editorial and inside circulation departments. The two new groups would add about 20 to the Guild's contractual coverage.

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Wilkes-Barre Pickets Hold As Publisher Still Balks



EARLY MORNING SHIFT—Here's how the first picket lines set up around the \$2,500,000 building of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company looked as Guild Local 120 launched its strike against contract deterioration. Lines have been maintained since during day and night shift hours, except for three-hour periods on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—The Guild strike against the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, owners of the morning Record and the evening Times-Leader, News, moved into its third week of picketing yesterday, despite intensive effort by the State Labor Department to break the deadlock over management's insistence on breaking down the Guild's contract.

Negotiating meetings held Tuesday and Wednesday brought no concession from management, aside from an offer to boost its wage proposal by twenty-five cents "across the board." And on Wednesday afternoon, management told the Guild that it "was a shame to waste so nice an afternoon" in fruitless discussion. If further talks seemed called for, management would let the Guild know, the publisher's counsel said.

State Labor Secretary David M. Walker entered the picture at the request of Charles Weissman, chairman of the economic task force of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Industrial Development Commission and a close friend of Gov. John S. Fine. Weissman had telegraphed Walker that the shutdown of the two daily newspapers, had seriously impaired efforts to improve the region's economic condition. The strike left Wilkes-

Barre with one newspaper, the Sunday Independent. Negotiations are pending there.

Between April 13, when negotiations were adjourned at management's request, and Walker's arrival April 20, publishing com-

pany officials steadfastly held to the position that while they were not refusing to meet again, they saw little chance for progress unless the Guild local abandoned entirely its stand (Continued on Page Three)

Stafford Elected to IEB, Unofficial Tally Shows

Unofficial returns from 44 Guild locals indicate that Robert C. Stafford from Cleveland, is the choice for ANG vice president at large.

Running strongly against four other candidates, the reported totals show Stafford with a clear majority of the total votes cast—a requisite if a run-off election was to be avoided.

The totals:
Stafford 5,095
James J. Richard, Toledo 1,029
Frank R. Sauliere, San Jose 685
Don Davis, Denver 660
James D. White, Tri-City 462

Voting was light, with a few exceptions. The partial returns indicate that slightly more than 40 percent of those eligible cast ballots.

Official returns, held sealed at the ANG office, await a meeting next week of the National Ref-

erendum Committee before they are tabulated. The committee will also canvass the mail vote by members at large and the armed services, returned to a locked mail box at New York.

Last midnight was the deadline for postmarking official returns.

Stafford will fill the unexpired term of William M. Ware, also of Cleveland, who resigned because of a job promotion two months after he started a second two-year term on the Guild's governing board.

Stafford's candidacy, advanced by his local, gained the early second endorsement of a number of Guild locals, including Twin Cities, Milwaukee, Columbus, Washington, New York City, Buffalo and Hammond.

The group of nominees also included, at the outset, John R. Wright, of Boston, and Howard (Continued on Page Three)

Guild Starts Strike Paper For Wilkes-Barre Readers

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—The Guild's strike-duration newspaper, the Valley News, made its first appearance yesterday morning, an eight-page tabloid which had a press run of 25,000.

Printers and pressmen toiled all night Wednesday ironing out bugs in the mechanical processes. A long-unused press proved balky, with frequent stops in the run caused by paper breakage, but the papers were ready by 6 A. M. and went out to a large group of newstand and store dealers throughout the Wilkes-Barre area.

The first day's issue was a sell-out, with many orders for additional bundles unfilled.

That the venture will be self-supporting was indicated by the more than 200 inches of advertising sold for the first day's issue. A front page box carried an apology for inability to handle all the space contracted for by advertisers.

When the strike broke two weeks earlier, the Guild immediately set up the nucleus of a "news room" to furnish five radio and television stations with news programs. It became quickly evident, however, that area residents would welcome an interim paper, instead of depending on the single Sunday paper and radio-TV coverage for news of the community.

Mike Kolesar was named chairman of a committee to plan a Guild-operated daily. It will issue five days a week, omitting Saturday and Sunday, and paying its way through advertising and circulation income. Guild strikers were named to its staff, and locked-out mechanical craftsmen were recruited to handle the composition, stereotyping and press work.

The printing plant of the Pennsylvania Slovak Union is the shop headquarters, with extra linotype machines rented from another shop to handle the peak flow of copy.

The daily will be set up as a corporation under Pennsylvania law, and papers are being drafted. Kolesar will be designated publisher of the sheet and the corporate name will be "Valley News of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Inc."

Union scales are being paid to craftsmen needed for the daily, while Guild strikers continue to receive strike benefits. The corporate structure will be held within the ranks of Guildsmen, it was said.



ANG-TYPO LINE-UP—Wilkes-Barre strike's first weekend found ANG staffers converging on that day to aid in setting up strike operations. Here they are seen, with Wilkes-Barre's own Joseph F. Colcity to aid in setting up strike operations. Left to right, are Joe ANG president, meeting leaders of the Wilkes-Barre typographical union local. Left to right, are John J. Rigon, ITU local secretary; Ralph B. Novak, ANG executive vice president; Sterling Miller, vice president, and Charles P. Buhsmer, president, of the typographical local; J. William Blais, ANG director of organization; President Collis, and Ellis T. Baker, director of research and information.

Unofficial Election Returns

Returns from 44 locals representing 70 percent of the total eligible vote give Robert C. Stafford, of Cleveland, a commanding lead in the five-way election for an IEB vice presidency at large. His total is 60 percent of the number of votes tabulated, and outstanding returns seemed unlikely to disturb his relative position.

Official tabulation awaits a meeting of the referendum committee next week. As sent to the Guild Reporter by local officials, the partial returns were:

	Davis	Richard	Saunders	Stafford	White
Akron	2	4	0	27	1
Baltimore	4	10	2	0	2
Battle Creek	0	1	0	0	0
Bay City	5	10	1	45	5
Boston	40	23	101	183	60
Brockton	1	13	5	2	3
Buffalo	3	3	10	31	14
Chicago	25	37	13	58	16
Cincinnati	10	151	2	19	6
Cleveland	6	9	2	440	1
Columbus	23	30	9	134	12
Denver	79	0	0	0	0
Detroit	38	57	27	329	43
Elizabeth	9	10	1	40	4
Gary	2	6	0	15	0
Grand Rapids	3	22	3	14	2
Harrisburg	0	0	0	19	0
Hastings	1	0	0	3	3
Houston	4	62	1	3	3
Hudson County	7	4	1	3	1
Indianapolis	6	1	0	41	17
Kansas City	1	0	0	1	12
Kingsport	0	0	0	11	3
Lake Superior	0	32	0	0	0
Lima	4	43	2	5	5
Manchester	0	0	0	0	12
Newburgh-Beacon	0	0	0	0	0
New York	112	108	122	2,555	105
Philadelphia	7	5	14	165	1
Pueblo	37	2	0	2	21
Rochester	31	21	30	139	19
St. Louis	1	3	0	4	12
Salt Lake	6	0	0	0	0
San Diego	3	3	5	11	2
San Francisco-Oakland	118	24	198	168	46
San Jose	0	0	32	0	0
Sioux City	23	2	1	0	3
Stockton	10	9	19	35	6
Terre Haute	1	276	2	4	12
Toledo	1	19	4	311	4
Twin Cities	1	4	3	142	5
Washington	13	4	0	127	0
Wilkes-Barre	1	1	0	45	1
Youngstown	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	660	1,029	685	5,066	263

"Veto Powers" Endanger W-B Arbitration

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—One of the Wilkes-Barre local's strongest arguments against unlimited compulsory arbitration is based on the "veto" setup of the publishing company.

Following the six months' Guild strike in 1938-39, the three newspapers—Times-Leader, Record and Evening News—were merged into the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

Voting stock was distributed on the basis of 42 percent for the Times-Leader owners, 39 percent for the Record owners and 19 percent for the former Evening News interests. Each elected two directors to the board for a total of six.

Under the merger agreement, all decisions as to policy must be unanimous. Any one of the six voting directors can block the will of the majority. Thus, an agreement reached with the Guild in a subcommittee could be nullified by a director who did not participate in grievance discussions—forcing the issue to arbitration if so provided in a contract.

ANG Staff Lends W-B Strike Aid

International officers and representatives of the ANG were on the Wilkes-Barre scene early in the strike.

ANG President Joseph F. Collins, assistant managing editor of the struck Record, was joined on the picket line the second day by Ralph B. Novak, ANG executive vice president; J. William Blatz, ANG director of organization; and Ellis T. Baker III, ANG director of research and information.

Novak returned to New York City, but Baker and Blatz remained on the scene to help coordinate and advise the local in setting up an efficient strike organization.

Baker and Blatz were joined the first week-end by Edward Easton, Jr., an international vice president. Easton spent his off-days from the New York World-Telegram & Sun giving the local the benefit of experience gained in New York City, Portland and other strikes.

Collins, former president of Local 128, had kept out of negotiations in an effort to prove it was not his fault negotiations in previous years had dragged on month after month. However, when a showdown appeared imminent, Collins joined the talks on March 30—the 17th meeting since February 3.

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One maintenance employee was fired when he answered a subpoena to a recent NLRB hearing, and the Guild has lodged a complaint of unfair labor practices in his behalf.

The Louisiana State CIO Council, in a telegram to Item Publisher David Stern, pledged full support to the Guild, and asked to meet with the publisher to discuss the threats and dismissal. Stern refused to meet with the CIO committee.

Employees of both harassed departments held meetings subsequent to the new management-union moves and reaffirmed their desire to have the Guild speak for them in labor relations.

LITERALLY LOCKED OUT—Joseph Ulichny, center, international representative of the Typographical union, tries the locked door heading to the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company's mechanical department. It was shut tight, as it had been since the Guild strike began April 8. With him is Charles Buhman, local ITU president, left, and Frank McDonough, ITU scale committee man.

UMW Journal Raps Colonel For Selling Times-Herald

The United Mine Workers Journal editorializes in its current issue on the sell-out of the Washington Times-Herald, coming to the conclusion that the newspaper industry is "sick," and in passing paying its respects in reverse to Publisher McCormick for disposing of the property.

Says the UMW:

With a show of arrogance toward his employees that is typical of reactionary, millionaire employers, Col. Robert R. McCormick—known in Chicago as "the greatest mind of the 14th century"—has put the Washington Times-Herald out of business. The action threw 1,857 editorial, circulation, advertising, printing and other mechanical workers out of jobs without a word of warning.

The McCormick newspaper was purchased by the Washington Post, which some misinformed capital observers like to regard as a "liberal" newspaper. Perhaps in comparison with the Louis XIV type of thinking for which the henchmen of the Chicago Tribune-Washington Times-Herald were noted, the Post is "liberal."

The death of the Times-Herald caused much chortling among some of the pseudo-intellectuals in Washington. And it caused much anguish among the McCarthyite extremists who regarded the McCormick newspaper as their window on Washington. The colonel purchased the publication on July 1, 1949, with the announcement that he was going to "bring America to Washington." Washington, however, didn't seem to take to McCarthy's medieval philosophy and the Times-Herald lost ground steadily after he became its editor and publisher.

All of this is not too much immediate concern to the mine workers. Editorially, neither the Times-Herald nor the Post have been fair to the UMW. The combined publication probably won't change its attitude.

But there are two matters that do concern the UMW and all unions. One is the lesson—especially for McCormick's 1,800 employees—that rich employers have no regard for the people who work for them. The other is that the death of the Times-Herald represents an increasing trend toward monopoly in the newspaper business. Washington now has only one morning newspaper. Hundreds of other cities throughout the country have only one newspaper, or at the most two—one dominating the morning field and the other the afternoon field. And in almost every case these dominant newspapers, in some cities under the same management, are edited and published by rich businessmen who have neither sympathy nor understanding for the day-by-day problems of working people and make their attitude quite clear in their editorials and in their handling of labor news.

Competition among newspapers is in the interest of the people. For newspapers deal in ideas and unless there is competition of ideas the well-being of the nation's democratic tradition is threatened. And millions of Americans cannot be expected to permit effective competition of ideas.

We suggest that the newspaper industry is really "a sick industry" and that unless there is a trend back toward competition and away from monopoly the people will lose one of their greatest weapons in the show-down battle for democracy and freedom.

Toronto Cops Rough Up Photog, Then Apologize

Toronto, Ont.—Publisher John Bassett, of the Toronto Telegram, gained official plaudits from the Toronto Newspaper Guild after he had promptly protested against police interference with a Tely photographer, and won a public apology from the two police officers involved.

Photographers are not permitted to take pictures inside Ontario court rooms, but Guildsmen Albert Van, assigned to a case in which a police officer was arraigned on a charge of assault against a woman he had arrested, stationed himself in a public corridor outside the courtroom.

Publisher Bassett instructed the Telegram's law firm to file action against both police officers, and the public apology to Van followed. The suit was then discontinued, after Chief Constable John Chisholm had given assurance that there would be no further unjustified interference with photographers on duty.

The Toronto Guild at its membership meeting adopted a resolution noting that newspapermen are working "in the public interest" in carrying out their duties, and added:

"This general membership meeting of the Toronto Newspaper Guild commends John Bassett, chairman and publisher of the Telegram, for his prompt action in this case."

Give a back now to PAC for practical political action.



Bernard T. Campbell

St. Paul, Minn.—Bernard T. Campbell, 59, Twin Cities newspaperman for more than 30 years, and a member of the Dispatch unit of the Guild, died of a heart attack.

Campbell had been a reporter and feature writer for the Dispatch since 1948. For years prior to that he had been city editor of the Minneapolis Tribune and later the Minneapolis Times.

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Management Lavish With Cash For Publicity Purposes Only

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company management has been mighty careless in the use of figures, Guild strikers complain.

Most irksome example occurred in the pre-strike editions of the Record and Times-Leader, News, when management set out a table of "Guild wages" which caused some acute embarrassment at Guild homes.

Guildsmen, particularly library clerks, had a time explaining that there had been no holdout as to pay envelopes. Library clerks, by the management fabrication, were lumped with reporters and desk men, to create the wholly erroneous impression that they were being paid \$105.46 per week.

The Guild corrects call for a

top library clerk minimum of \$57.28, after four years' experience. Actually, the two incumbents of that job classification are on step-ups, and are paid \$51.45 each.

Management's listing of Guild wages, as compared with the Guild contract figures, follows:

JOB CLASSIFICATION	MANAGE-TRACT	GUILD CONTRACT
Reporters	\$105.46	\$102.75
Desk Men	105.46	105.25
Circulation	105.46	57.25
Librarians	63.31	58.75
Bookkeepers	58.45	58.75
Collectors	62.28	62.75
Juniors	61.58	62.75
Classified Ad	40.85	52.25
Telephone	54.99	49.75
Circulation	54.99	52.25
Secretaries	54.99	49.75
Communications	54.99	49.75
Messages	54.99	49.75

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against unlimited compulsory arbitration and a no-strike clause.

Efforts of Federal Mediator Thomas Martin of Scranton and State Mediator Philip Boles to fix a definite time for a meeting April 14 were unavailing. Atty. Max Roseman, publisher counsel, told them management desired that Walker meet first with the Guild and then the publishers before any commitment on a meeting would be made by their side.

Four sessions with management were held between April 8, the day of the strike, and April 13, when management broke off with the statement it would take the initiative should further discussions be desired. In those four meetings two concessions were offered by the Guild local, through ANG President Joseph F. Collins, member of the local, and President Carl A. Pesavento.

The local first proposed that the issue of arbitration be decided voluntarily at the time of the specific deadlock. Guild spokesmen pointed out that the local had a record of accepting arbitration, most recently last August. This proposition was rejected.

Collins then proposed that each side be permitted to take one grievance each to compulsory arbitration during the contract year, citing that last year only five grievances reached the conference room. Collins even offered to the publishers to waive the Guild's one-case right. Management turned down that compromise, insisting, as it had since February 3, that it had to be unlimited compulsory arbitration all the way.

In the three months between start of negotiations February 3 and breakout of talks April 7, management at no time wavered in its determination to remove from Guild contract grievance procedures first established in 1939 and incorporated in nine subsequent contracts.

The present contract expired March 6, but terms were continued under a retroactivity clause.

Also at issue at strike time were wages and vacations. Management first proposed reduction of present minimums, with no increases. Then, on April 7, it offered 75 cents to 28 members earning less than \$60, \$1 to 30 people earning between \$60 and \$79.50, and \$1.25 to people earning \$80 and over.

In wire stories carried since the eve of the strike, management said it had offered a top of \$175. Robert W. Johnson, editor of the Record and a management negotiator, later told the Guild he thought the \$175 offer had been made at a conference he did not attend.

On vacations, the final management offer was to reduce from five to three years the eligibility requirement for three weeks' paid vacation. This would have involved six persons immediately. The Guild's last counter on vacations was for four weeks after 15 years, affecting 60 members.

Meanwhile, on the battle front, strike headquarters were established in the Town Hall Building, two city blocks from the \$2,500,000 publishing company plant. Additional office space was acquired to house a kitchen, board meeting room, a newsroom for preparation of copy to be distributed to five radio and TV stations, and recreation facilities were provided in the CIO meeting hall. The hall also was used by mechanical unions for their meetings and the processing of claims with the State Unemployment Compensation office.

Picket schedules were set up for coverage of the plant from 6 A. M. to 8 P. M. with mass picketing from 6 to 8 A. M. and 6 to 8 P. M. By the end of the week, making allowance for sickness and age, only one of the 118 members of the Guild had failed to pull a trick on the picket line or help out at strike headquarters.

Committees were appointed by the executive board to process strike benefit claims, supervise the printing and distribution of strike bulletins to all Guild locals, set up strike paper, handle publicity and operate the strike headquarters.

Both sides took their cases to the public in advertisements published April 18 in the Sunday Independent. The Guild was required to meet a Thursday noon copy deadline, while the management had its copy delivered—in type and locked in a chase—from a nearby job shop at 5 P. M. Saturday, two days later. The early-bird Guild saw its 4-by-13 ad placed on the back page of the fifth section.

The publisher ad, a solid page, was placed on the back page of the best section: Sports, Amusement, TV.

News collected by the Guild is being provided daily to radio and TV stations WILK, WBRE and WBAX of Wilkes-Barre, WHWL at Nanticoke and WPT3 at Pittston.

Startling Texas Court Decision Reverses NLRB, Imperils Labor

Houston, Texas.—Union representatives fear revival of the hated "yellow dog" contract under the alias of the "independent" contract, as the result of a startling decision by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on April 8. The court denied the petition of the National Labor Relations Board to enforce an order against the Houston Chronicle, notorious opponent of the Guild.

The court ruled that the Chronicle was within the law when it blocked the Guild's organizing drive in October, 1950, by suddenly dismissing all of its city circulation district managers, then handing out 49 so-called "independent" contracts, cancellable on 30 days notice.

Five of the district managers, who had been leaders in the Guild organization drive, were discharged outright and not given "independent" contracts.

The NLRB, which had conducted a long investigation and a week-long formal hearing into the Chronicle's action, held that the newspaper was guilty of unfair labor practices, that it must restore the circulation men to employee status, must reimburse them for lost pay, must stop interfering with their right to organize into the Guild, and must bargain with the Guild as majority representative of all city circulation employees, including clerical employees.

But the appeals court seemed to have considered none of the evidence painstakingly gathered and presented at the NLRB hearing and held that the finding of unfair labor practices against the Chronicle was "not supported by substantial evidence," despite admissions by Chronicle management itself that the "independent contractor" system was put into effect hastily to block the Guild "for anyone else."

Unless the appeals court decision is overturned by the Supreme Court, it stands as a precedent inviting other publishers to destroy organizing efforts of circulation employees in the same manner, and with court sanction.

For the 5th Circuit, in its decision, observed: "If an ordinary act of business management can be set aside by the Board as being improperly motivated, then indeed our system of free enterprise, the only system under which either labor or management would have any rights, is on its way out. . . ."

By extension, the device of the "independent contract," used to block Guild organization on the Chronicle, could be used by other newspaper employers and other industries to prevent employees from exercising the right to organize. Houston labor representatives fear.

Merely by asserting that in his judgment the independent contractor system was the best way to do business, an employer could discharge local union leaders, block organization, destroy already existing collective bargaining units and make existing contracts meaningless. Houston labor representatives speculated.

The pattern set by the Chronicle already had been adopted by the Dallas Times-Herald when Times-Herald circulation employees tried to organize a Guild unit, several months after the Chronicle's action. The organizing drive was killed.

Beaumont, and elsewhere, publishers have been chipping away at the Guild's jurisdiction by unilaterally declaring certain employees and job classifications abolished and independent contracts substituted, in such jobs as farm editor, artist, cartoonist and so forth.

The 5th Circuit's decision is expected to encourage other similar and more widespread action to deprive employees of the rights of collective bargaining and union representation protected by law, labor representatives say apprehensively, not only in the area of the 5th Circuit but in other sections of the country.

The device could also be used to break strikes, it is believed. When employees went out on strike, the employer could substitute independent contractors who—not being employees—could be required as a condition of their contract not to belong to a union.

In other words, the Chronicle decision seems to imply employers in the newspaper industry, and probably in other industries as well, have a court-approved method of using the law to destroy the very protections the law is supposed to give to employees and their unions.

The 5th Circuit Court, which handed down the devastating decision, is notoriously unsympathetic to the philosophy that employees have the right of organization, and to bargain collectively with their employers. It has overruled the NLRB on so many cases that the Supreme Court on at least one occasion rebuked the 5th Circuit for decisions contrary to the obvious meaning of the law.

The ultra-conservative Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson of Houston is chief justice of the 5th Circuit. In addition to Hutcheson, other judges, Wayne G. Borah of New Orleans and Richard T. Rives of Montgomery, Alabama, heard the Chronicle case arguments last November 9 and joined in the decision.

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Clifford, of Seattle-Tacoma, but both withdrew from the contest.

Stafford brings to the IEB a diversified background of newspapering and union experience, which was reflected in his campaign statements and advertisements in the Guild Reporter.

His membership in the Guild dates back to its beginning when he was a charter member of the Akron Local No. 7, organized in 1924.

He has been with Scripps-Howard Newspapers 27 years, the last 20 on the editorial staff of the Cleveland Press. His colleagues say he was never much interested in "Guild politics" as such, but was always an active member. He has local reputation as a precise and industrious craftsman.

He served on local and unit committees, as local board member, vice president for a number of terms, and eventually as president of Cleveland local. He served on the Scripps-Howard Council and at the 1949 Columbus convention was chairman of the race relations committee.

His outside interests and activities have been varied. He helped organize the Cleveland branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, and is now on its governing board. He was one of the organizers and now a member of the Cleveland Clearing House on Civil Liberties, and is active in the Cleveland unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people, and of the Urban League, having served the latter organization on national committees.

In the news room he worked as reporter, copy reader, telegraph editor and assistant news editor. He is now military editor of the Press and its special writer on race relations and civil liberties.

His campaign platform was general, but varied from the norm of recent years, with references to "ethics" and "professional improvement" and called for "better journeymen" along with the demand for higher salaries.

Civil Liberties Union Sheds Tear for McCarthy

Washington, D. C.—American Civil Liberties Union announced support of Sen. Joseph McCarthy's right as a witness to cross-examine witnesses in McCarthy-Army row. McCarthy's committee fellows recommended a dose of his own medicine.



ROBERT C. STAFFORD Succeeds Ware on IEB

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Stafford also emphasized as a platform proposal more "action in national affairs," and "fearless defense of our freedoms." He called for a review of convention mandates and "prompt execution of convention directives" plus "more hustle and less hesitation."

He indicated his intention, if elected, to withdraw from local Guild offices and time-consuming activities and to devote his attention exclusively to his IEB duties.

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Coast WS Officers Chosen At SF Regional Conference

San Francisco, Calif.—The western regional wire service conference, held here March 13 and 14, heard a report on the National Wire Service Council program, and conducted round-table discussions of future negotiations, contract enforcement and the need for an expanded educational program.

The conference was the last of four regional conferences held across the country during the last few months.

Joe R. Wilson, UP, San Francisco, presided at the conference and was re-elected chairman of the Western Regional Wire Service Council. Other permanent officers elected were Paul Wells, AP, Seattle, vice president for the northern area; Phil Robertson, UP, Denver, vice president for the eastern area; and Howard C. Heyn, AP, Los Angeles, vice president for the southern area.

Paul A. Frey, Sacramento, ANG vice president, sat in with the conference as an official IEB representative.

Sam B. Eubanks, executive secretary of SFONG, in his welcoming address to 20 delegates from eight western cities, said he had arrived at the conclusion that wire service Guildsmen have reached the point where administrative affairs concerning the wire service should be handled in their own local.

He said that creation of a wire service local would have nothing to do with splitting the Guild and expressed the opinion that the question of a wire service division in the Guild had never been debated on its merits but had been obscured by emotional appeals that had no basis in fact.

Most of the first day was devoted to a seminar conducted by Steve Ripley, ANG wire service administrator, to explain wire service structure in the ANG and how his office operates in such fields as negotiations, contract enforcement and organization.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to round table discussions.

Leonard Millman, AP, San Francisco, president of the National Wire Service Council, reported on the council meeting in New York Feb. 27-28.

Guild membership gains in the west during the year were reported with Portland, Ore., in the driver's seat with 100 per cent sign-up on all three wire services.

Elimination of geographical differentials in salaries was a major topic of discussion. Paul Wells, AP, Seattle, won approval of his suggestion that bureaus below the top minimums prepare briefs in support of their cases for the information of national committees.

The conference recommended that bureaus protect themselves against understaffing or failure to assign reporters to important stories by submitting written protests immediately to the bureau chief or manager and follow up the protests with grievance sessions when advisable.

It was pointed out that at present senior newsmen are blamed, rather than the administrator responsible for the understaffing, when there is slow or inadequate coverage of a story.

Delegates attending the conference were Curtis P. Donnell, AP, Phoenix; Paul Wells, AP, Seattle; Earle L. Jester, AP, Salt Lake City; Howard C. Heyn, AP, Benson, Ariz.; and Stewart Sawyer, UP, all of Los Angeles; Alan Cline, AP, Sacramento; John Othun, AP, Portland; Phil Robertson, UP, Denver; and Leonard Millman.

AP: Douglas Lovelace, AP, Don Baldwin, AP, Phil Hising, AP, Roy Roberts, AP, Dick Hansen, AP, William J. Standfield, UP, Richard Harnett, UP, Joe R. Wilson, UP, Harry Bergman, INS-IMP, and Joe St. Amant, INS-IMP, all of San Francisco. Ed O'Connor, president of SFONG, and Al Dipman, of SFONG, ANG vice president, were present for part of the meetings.

Locals Elect, Pick Delegates For Los Angeles

New York City

Named without opposition by the executive board of the Los Angeles convention: Arthur Rosenstock, Thomas J. Fay, Joseph Kommer, William Burgess, Thomas J. Murphy, M. Michael Potok, Lawrence Benjamin, I. Kaufman, Joseph Murphy, James B. Egan, Ray Kallmeyer, Michael Andrews, Frank Marra and Wilfred Alexander.

The group was nominated by the executive board of the local, won approval of the representative assembly, and the April 15 deadline for other nominations without filing of an opposition slate.

Toledo

Toledo Guild has renamed Jim Richard, president, and Win Cram, vice president, to new terms which will end next January 1. The electoral term has heretofore expired April 1. The change is to facilitate preparation by new officers for negotiations which open in May.

Named to the executive board are Ken Rieger, Lee Harkin, Jim Richardson, Cletus Buckenmeyer, Phil Mine, Robert Chester, Ann Mauter, Leora Salisbury and Harold Willoughby.

The Guild meeting of this week was to name a secretary and treasurer, posts which have been held by Buckenmeyer and Fine. Mrs. Harkin, Richardson, Chester and Miss Mauter are newcomers to the executive board.

Columbus

Avery Dodge has been elected by Columbus Newspaper Guild to a third term as local president. Named with him are Eugene Grove, vice president; John Dobner, treasurer; and Walter Berkov, secretary. Jack Schlep was named chairman of the Citizen unit, Tom Hufford heads the Dispatch unit and the wire services unit has Larry Murphy as chairman.

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Jan Carnes, librarian at the Rocky Mountain News, gets a chance at the regional honors this month in the Junior Achievement contest for sales ability. She goes to San Francisco as Denver champ in the field of space sales for the Mile High Journal, a Denver project of the JA.

New daughter for Police Reporter Arthur W. Geiselman, of the York Gazette, John Carmichael, ANG international representative based in New Orleans, has been named recording secretary of the Louisiana State CIO Council. . . Serving on the State CIO executive board as Guild representative is Frank Faler, chairman of the New Orleans Guild's Catholic Action unit.

Jack Nilsson heads picnic committee for San Diego Guild, the affair being set for May 10.

. . . Born the first day of spring, new daughter to Bill Perry, San Diego union staffer, bears the charming name of Robin. . . Union editorial staff now includes with Helene from A to Z, Helen Abel, new fashion writer, and Helen Zugelder, general assignment reporter.

Tely Writer Wins Canadian Kudos

Toronto, Ontario — Canada's national newspaper award for top spot news reporting has been won by Guildswoman Judith Robinson of the Toronto Telegram. The award carries a citation and \$400 in cash, and is made annually by the Toronto Men's Press Club.

Miss Robinson's columns dealing with check-kiting in Saskatchewan were cited as winning her the award, covering work accomplished in 1953.

The Telegram has not failed for the five years since the award was set up to be represented by at least one top winner.

Miss Robinson has been in newspaper and magazine work since 1929. She is a daughter of "Black Jack" Robinson, longtime editor of the Telegram.

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Morale Low in Foreign Service, Says Editor of "Progressive"

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By MORRIS H. RUBIN, Editor, "The Progressive"

Interest in foreign affairs centers so largely in the explosive issues like the war in Indo China and great power haggling over the fate of Germany, that the public hasn't been kept informed on a less spectacular but equally vital development—the continuing deterioration of morale in our government's Foreign Service.

Recent statements by five distinguished ex-Ambassadors and by the U. S. Advisory Commission on Information have deepened the concern of thoughtful Americans, for both groups emphasized the fact that the operations of Senator Joseph McCarthy (Wis. Rep.) have not only impaired America's stature among our friends of the free world, but have critically weakened effectiveness of Americans who represent us around the world.

Thus, the U. S. Advisory Commission on Information, appointed by the President, warned that the propaganda value of such overseas programs as the Voice of America has been "largely offset, if not destroyed, by the counter-barrage of noisy investigations like McCarthy's."

Among the "sinister" results flowing from these reckless attacks, the five men maintained, was the fact that "a Foreign Service officer who reports on persons and events to the very best of his ability and who makes recommendations which at the time he conscientiously believes to be in the interests of the United States may subsequently find his loyalty and integrity challenged. . . . A premium therefore has been put upon reporting and upon recommendations which are ambiguously stated or so cautiously set forth as to be deceiving."

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Newspapers generally had a good year in 1953, and Editor & Publisher's typical 50,000-circulation daily was no exception. For the first time since 1950 the revenues of the paper increased by a greater percentage than its expenses.

Total income for the year was \$2,657,468, which was \$129,587 or 5.13% above 1952. Operating expenses totaled \$2,285,135, exceeding the 1952 figure by \$98,050 or 4.32%.

Since 1945, when E&P began its annual study of the typical daily, the paper's revenues have increased \$1,407,468 or 112.60%. Costs in 1953 were up \$1,340,896, or 145.08%, over 1945.

The paper's 1953 net profit after taxes was \$190,351, against \$178,414 in 1952. The operating profit of \$392,333 represented a gain of 3.74% over the previous year.

Newspaper and ink continued as the major cost item at \$254,021, an increase of 4.18% over 1952 and 233.34% over 1945.

Paper and ink plus all mechanical costs totaled \$1,182,223 last year, up 8.5% over the previous year and 120.5% over 1945.

In contrast, expenses of the major departments in the Guild's jurisdiction where payroll is the chief cost factor (advertising, business, circulation and editorial) totaled \$815,113 and were up only 1.3% over 1952 and 113.5% over 1945.

In two of these departments costs actually dropped. Editorial expenses were down 1.08% and circulation expenses were down 88%. Costs rose 6.61% in the advertising department and 4.27% in the business office.

Total editorial department expense was \$321,042. With 33,265 columns of reading matter used last year compared with 33,047 in 1952, cost per column dropped to \$9.65 against \$9.28 for the previous year and \$9.90 for 1951.

Advertising matter took 60.36% of total space, reading matter 29.15% and promotion matter 48%. In 1952 the proportions were: advertising 59.05%, reading 40.34% and promotion 61%.

Net paid circulation rose to \$6,821 against \$6,411 in 1952 and 49,845 in 1945.

The Commission is composed of Irwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor; Philip D. Reed, chairman of the board of the General Electric Company; Ben Hibbs, editor of the Saturday Evening Post; and Justin Miller, chairman of the National Association of Radio and Television Broadcasters.

Much the same theme was emphasized shortly before in a letter to the New York Times, by Joseph C. Grew, formerly our Ambassador to Switzerland, Turkey, and Japan; Norman Armour, formerly Ambassador to Chile, Argentina, and Spain; Robert Woods Bliss, formerly minister to Sweden and Ambassador to Argentina; G. Howland Shaw, formerly chief of the Division of Near Eastern Affairs of the State Department; and William Phillips, formerly Ambassador to Belgium and Italy and minister to Canada.

These former diplomats denounced attacks on the Foreign Service "from outside sources" as the "loyalty and moral standards" of the Foreign Service.

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San Francisco, Calif.—By a vote of 629 to 197, members of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild have turned down a proposal by the executive committee to purchase a downtown building for a local headquarters.

Two-day balloting last week brought disapproval from nine of the local's 13 units, with heaviest opposition showing in the four largest units representing the city's major dailies. The News unit voted 103 to 26, the Call-Bulletin 133 to 11, the Chronicle 105 to 55 and the Examiner 193 to 23, against the proposal.

Under its terms the Guild would have acquired, on long-term financing, a building at 729 Mission street, containing office space, room for meetings of groups of 100 or less, and tenant space for which occupants were available. Proponents said that aside from the more convenient location, the purchase would have been within reasonable financial reach of the local.

Huffed at St. Louis Papers, Fred Saigh Planning New Daily

St. Louis, Mo.—Fred M. Saigh, one-time owner of the St. Louis Cardinals, more recently paroled after serving six months for federal income tax evasion, got a brief fling in the headlines last week when he announced that he was trying to purchase the mechanical equipment of the defunct Washington Times-Herald.

The Times-Herald had been abruptly sold, and discontinued publication, when Publisher Robert R. McCormick accepted \$84 million from the Post.

Saigh has been at odds with St. Louis newspapers over publicly as to his income tax troubles, and threatened to launch a competitive daily here.

It developed quickly that not all of the T-H mechanical equipment was on the market, and Saigh had given as a condition of his purchase that he be all or none.

Colts Attends NY Award Luncheon

ANG President Joseph F. Collis was present for the Guild at a Waldorf-Astoria luncheon in honor of Dr. William Menninger, Kansas psychiatrist, when the CIO presented an award for his work at the Topeka institute which he heads.

The Guild invitation was extended to Collis by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, member of the New York Guild.

Strike Slump

Washington, D. C.—Fewer work stoppages due to labor-management disputes occurred in January 1954 than in any January since 1950, the Department of Labor reported.

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6 Contracts Closed With NYC Dailies

Six New York dailies have reached Guild settlements since the pattern-making Times award was handed down, it is noted in latest summaries of contract closings issued by the collective bargaining department at ANG. Five of the dailies followed the Times arbitration schedule and added the increase to the contract minimums; in the remaining contract, that at the World-Telegram & Sun, only the general increase was held operable and the increases do not apply to the minimum structure.

Highlights of the settlements:

New York Herald Tribune, Journal-American, Mirror, Post and News contracts carry general increases ranging from \$3.50 to \$4.50 applied by wage groups. Their reporter minimum has a top of \$134.50 after six years experience. Raises are retroactive to last November 1 at all but the Herald Tribune, where the increases are effective as of the third payroll week that month. Increases are added to all minimum step-ups as well as to the top.

The World-Telegram & Sun settlement retains a top reporter minimum at \$130, but the going rate for present employees is \$4.50 higher; other increases in the \$2.50-\$4.50 range apply in the same manner to other job classifications. The contract met with IEB committee disapproval because of the failure to apply increases to the minimum figures.

Only the Brooklyn Eagle contract remains open after major New York agreements, and results of an arbitration are expected there soon.

Albany. Times-Union wage reopener resulted in a general increase of \$2 to \$4.50, partly applied to the minimum structure. New top minimum for reporters is \$99, attained after five years, and the \$4.50 general increase applies to all earning \$60 or more per week. A three week vacation is now earned after five years, instead of ten.

Sacramento Ups Dues for Defense

Sacramento, Calif.—In a move to lock the barn door before the horse gets away, members of the Sacramento Newspaper Guild have voted to increase dues to raise a local defense fund.

Effective July 1 dues will produce from fifty cents to a dollar per month more than at present, and the increase, the membership has specified, must be set aside for defense fund purposes. The new local dues scale has a top of \$4.

Present at the meeting which approved the financing move was William J. Farson, ANG secretary-treasurer.

The Guild also was host to four members from the Stockton, Calif., local, including old-time Sacramento newsmen Harry Bagley, one of the organizers of the Guild in Sacramento.

It was an invitation from Bagley that started the Guildsmen toiling around the idea of a joint family style picnic this summer with Sacramento and Stockton Guildsmen. It will probably be held but the date has not yet been set.

A Page One Ball committee, headed by Ron Dieffenbacher, chairman, has decided to hold this year's affair in the mammoth Governor's Hall on the state fair ground. The date is October 2nd.

Dieffenbacher, a Sacramento Bee display admin., also was in charge of the arrangements last year. On the committee with him this year are Bill Glackin, local secretary-treasurer; Harold Hendricks, Bee merchandising; Ray Bach and Max Call, both of Bee display advertising.

Guildswoman Captures Photographic Honors

Pueblo, Col.—Mrs. Doris B. Kaplan, wife of Howard Kaplan, local Guild president, is the only woman to win an award in the Look Magazine all-sports photographic contest, splashed in that periodical's April 5 number.

Mrs. Kaplan is a reporter-photographer on the Pueblo Chieftain, and here was the only entry from a woman between Chicago and the west coast.

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NEWSPAPER people aren't professionals, the Guild has always held, sticking to the economic concept of that term as applied to doctors, lawyers and clergymen, and rejecting early attempts by publishers to palm off a "professional status" on newsmen in lieu of adequate pay.

But now comes Norman E. Isaacs, managing editor of the Louisville Times, who rates newspaper folks a notch above the traditional professions.

Speaking at a journalism day banquet at the University of Oklahoma, Isaacs avowed that newspaper people "carry more responsibility than ministers or doctors."

"The good newspapers today are run by men of character and good sense and good reading," he added. "Where the minister may have a congregation of several hundred, ours runs into the thousands and tens of thousands. Where the doctor treats the body, we deal with the most precious of man's functions—his mind. He deserves the best we can give him."

And, relating back to his criterion of character, he warned:

"Newspaper people must never place themselves in any position that would influence their handling of any story. If they accept favors, they will be expected to give favors."

IT USED TO BE said, in the days before Guild contracts brought a measure of economic respectability to newspaper men, that regardless of other drawbacks to the job of reporting, the newspaperman could be sure of one thing—a carefully written and reasonably sympathetic obit, when his earthly days were done.

And in this connection, we like the half column, with cut, which marked the passing of Arthur W. "Jeff" Davis, long time yachting editor of the Providence Evening Bulletin.

The Bulletin found in its "morgue", in Davis' envelope, a typed sheet of paper placed there in 1925 by Davis himself, "just in case." Of himself—and the story allowed that no better thumbnail description of the man was extant—Davis had written:

"Good natured old cuss. Never did anything particularly brilliant or startling. Tried to play the game on the square and generally enjoyed life 24 hours a day. Newspaperman because he liked the work and didn't care a lot about money so long as he got enough to get by with. Never ran for public office but had fun helping those who did.

"Born poor, lived poor, died poor, but if anyone got any more fun out of living, want to meet him in Heaven and find out how he did it."

Sounds like a fellow we'd have liked to know.

THE Guild Reporter pleads guilty to unintentionally compounding a felony. It appears that the "anonymous" author of the delightful story on the woes of a makeup editor, picked up from the Toronto Guild publication and printed in the April 9 Guild Reporter, wasn't the least bit anonymous, after all. As we have since learned from several sources, including the author himself, it was the handiwork of Ted Levine, of the New York World-Telegram & Sun.

Furthermore, it appeared first in the 1953 Page One Magazine, published by the New York Newspaper Guild, virtually at the GR's editorial elbow.

That revelation uncovered an unusual bit of neglect, which went unnoticed here until now. For the first time in years, the Guild Reporter failed to receive a copy of the magazine New York put out last year!

GR readers would long ere now have enjoyed the piece, properly credited, had it fallen sooner under GR editorial eyes. It was an excellent piece of shop-talk copy, and we're glad to bestow a hearty, if belated, accolade upon its rightful creator.

Seek Bargaining Rights At Philadelphia Weekly

Philadelphia, Pa. — Thirteen employees in all Guild jurisdiction departments of the Kensington Guide, a weekly newspaper published here, are seeking Guild representation through a petition filed by the Philadelphia Newspaper Guild with the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board. A hearing was to be held this week on the application.

The action is before the State authority because a previous petition, filed with the regional offices of the National Labor Relations Board, had resulted in a ruling that the enterprise was not engaged in interstate commerce and hence did not fall within the jurisdiction of the national labor laws.

Procedure before the State board is similar in most respects to that of the NLRB.

The Guide is a product of Guide Newspapers, Inc., and is neighborhood-distributed, circulating largely in the industrial sections of the city. The Philadelphia plant has about 40 employees in all.

Washington ROUNDUP



The Guild Reporter's Washington columnist is in Europe on assignment by his home newspaper, the Washington Post, and will cover the Geneva Conference on Asiatic problems.—Ed.

By CHALMERS M. ROBERTS Washington Guild

PARIS—You certainly get a different view of your Uncle Samuel from this side of the Atlantic. Now that the U. S. is sitting down with the Commies, both European and Asiatic, at Geneva, it may be worth considering how we stand with our long-time major allies, Britain and France. The relationship could be crucial at Geneva.

London and Paris in the spring are both entrancing. Both appear gay and prosperous in their own ways. Both are full of joys varied and sundry for the American visitor. If a fellow could enjoy these countries without considering the current batch of political headaches, all would be serene. Alas, you can't.

The simple fact is that Anglo-U. S. and Franco-U. S. relations are on the down side, and Geneva is going to be a mighty tough test of their enduring strength. Of course, Messrs. Molotov and Chou may save us from our own follies as the Soviets have done for the West in the past. But that's hardly a premise on which to run a foreign policy.

TWO THINGS have done it, it seems to me. One is the big talk back home in Washington about instant massive retaliation, the new military look, peripheral defense and other manifestations of American impatience with our Western European allies. All of these have in them the seeds of Taft's go-it-alone philosophy. And at the same time they represent to many that new twist on go-it-alone: the new American imperialism, the idea that if our allies won't go along with us, why, we will have to do it alone.

The second basic factor is the hydrogen bomb business. It is very difficult of course to generalize on how a nation reacts, especially a foreign nation. But Britain certainly and France to a lesser extent have seen in the H-bomb explosions what is taken over here to be unlimited physical power for destruction now in the hands of the United States.

What worries them is that this power might be combined with a do-it-alone philosophy. The result they see is Armageddon. The British figure the Soviets will a-bomb them in any war to

knock out the American atomic bomber bases in England, and the French have the same idea regarding American bases here. Neither is convinced, as Americans are, that the first blow would fall on Detroit, Pittsburgh, or some other U. S. city or cities.

This is why London and Paris were so exercised about talk that Secretary Dulles wanted to issue a "warning" to Red China before the Geneva Conference. Such a bluff, they said, if it were only that and who knows what the Americans would really do, might be called and then where would we be? You can take the argument from there.

OF COURSE THERE ARE elements of truth in all of this line of reasoning. But one result is that it tends to paralyze London and Paris. It brings on too much talk of finding a solution at Geneva on Indo-China if only to prevent the chances of the Americans widening that war into a larger one. Pretty soon it begins to sound like Munich, if you're old enough to remember that famous diplomatic stink.

Further, the Russki have the same H-bomb, it seems, with the same potential for world destruction but you don't hear great howls of calamity about that. This is not because Europeans are out of their minds and don't understand the Soviet menace. It is, at least in part, because we are so often inept and allow such things as the radiated Japanese fishermen and the crack about the H-bomb being almost out of control.

One kind of counter-propaganda which would be useful, it seems from here, would be to spread on the record the stories of that Soviet who jumped to our side in Japan and the one who recently jumped in Australia. Whatever happened to that guy in Japan, anyway?

How we will emerge from this vast tangle at Geneva, when we will be face to face with much of it, only a madman would attempt to predict. It ought to be fascinating, if frustrating, as a newspaper assignment.

Nothing could be more ironic, of course, than that the great powers, and a lot of the smaller ones too, are now sitting down at Geneva—or will when they get through arguing over who will sit and where he will sit.

Geneva was Woodrow Wilson's dream—a League of Nations where rational men could sit and settle their problems short of war. That was the age of machine guns and flying kites. You may draw your own comparisons with Geneva, A. D. 1954.

ITU Discontinues Five 'News-Digest' Dailies

Five of eight dailies published in scattered cities of the United States by ITU's subsidiary, Unitypoint Inc., went out of business this week, according to an AP story from Jamestown, N. Y., quoting a Thursday announcement of The Sun, one of the chain's survivors.

The papers affected, all named "The Daily News-Digest" were located in Meriden, Conn.; Texarkana, Ark.; Huntington, W. Va.; Allentown, Pa., and Monroe, La.

Lack of advertiser support was given by the Jamestown paper as the reason for the suspensions, but Don Hurd, ITU secretary-treasurer, was quoted as stating in Indianapolis, international headquarters, that political opposition within the union to Unitypoint operations, was also a consideration.

The ANG loses no units in the collapse of the Typo publications, as the Sun is the only paper it has been able to organize under contract. It was said that the Sun was being continued "due to its consistent growth."

The Hurd statement announced that the Miami (Fla.) Area Journal, and Labor's Daily in Charleston, W. Va., would continue operations, and also the Hamilton (Ont.) News, a weekly. In Charleston the majority of the staff are Guild members without contract.

It was stated that plant and publishing facilities were being retained by Unitypoint "for such further use as may be desired." The Jamestown Sun announcement, however, implied that the papers would resume if advertisers would give enough support.

ITU entered the publishing field in newspaper monopoly cities where bargaining had been unsuccessful with the publisher of the community's only newspaper. The enterprise, initiated by Woodruff Randolph, ITU president, lost money.

The union poured about \$5,000,000 into the publishing venture, of which approximately \$2,600,000 was transferred from the mortuary fund to "special defense."

This situation became a burning issue in ITU organization politics, which attained white heat in 1953 when a membership referendum amended the constitution to prevent the Executive Council from borrowing more than \$1,000,000 from the pension and mortuary fund—a proposal aimed at the use of such money for Unitypoint.

Randolph defended Unitypoint as an essential defense measure

and in his successful campaign for re-election charged his critics with attempting "to destroy our defense system by liquidating Unitypoint."

The question was debated in the current issue of The Typographical Journal with Randolph backing his publishing business, and George Bante, president of the Chicago local, his opponent for the international top office, attacking. Wrote Bante: "Unitypoint is a farce; it is a failure; it is a fake; it is the phoniest of phonies; it should be liquidated, it must be liquidated, it shall be liquidated."

CIO on Aid to Franco

Washington, D. C.—CIO has asked the government to cut off economic aid to Spain until Dictator Franco liberalizes his labor policy. Spain is in process of getting a quarter of billion in sundry U. S. aids by midyear.

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