# UP Settles On Eve Of Strike

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## Pact Provides Seniority, Pension Study, $139 Top Among Other Improvements

Agreement was reached Wednesday on a new two-year United Press contract including major improvements in job and union security and in wage minimums, and creating a joint study committee to establish a UP pension plan.

Settlement came after seven weeks of negotiations in New York City when management bowed to the pressure of nation-wide preparations for what would have been the Guild's first strike against a major wire service.

The new contract, retroactive to March 1, contains substantial improvements in 17 of the 22 articles of the old agreement.

All local presidents have been sent bulletins outlining the settlement terms, together with a note from ANG Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak, thanking the locals for their active cooperation in making preparations for the strike, if needed.

The agreement is subject to ratification by the UP membership of the Guild, and machinery to poll the members is being set up.

Key improvements include seniority protection in economy firings, agreement for the pension study, boosting newsman and photographers minimums from $2.50 to $3.50 on the step-up scale with a $139 top, contractual guarantee against discrimination for Guild membership or activity, and upgrading of 18 bureaus. The general increase is $1.50 to $2.50.

New top for the nine Class I (New York, Chicago, Washington, San Francisco, Detroit, Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh) bureaus is $139. Top for 23 Class II bureaus goes to $127.50 with the Class III top set at $117.50.

The contract has a reopener after 12 months for wage minimums, general increase and night and overnight differentials.

Settlement was reached in a mediation session under the auspices of Federal Mediator Walter Maggiolo. The mediator entered the negotiations March 14 when an impasse was reached on the basic issues of seniority protection money.

**When the company refused to budge on its opposition to provide any form of seniority protection in economy firings, the UP negotiating committee was authorized by Novak, to take a strike vote March 2. Ninety percent of UP Guild members voted in favor of the strike authorization. Novak authorized the strike vote after participating in a negotiating session which indicated the company's adamant position.**

Under the pressure of the strike vote, management, in mediation, agreed to the seniority and anti-discrimination provisions. But, with almost the entire contract settled, management refused to meet the AP newsmen and photographer minimums.

The Guild intensified strike preparations. Locals throughout the country threw their full sup-

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## Publisher Says 'I Quit,' Eagle Strike Continues

The Guild strike against the Brooklyn Eagle, called January 29 in protest against a substandard wage offer, continues in the fact of last week's emotion-charged announcement by Publisher Frank D. Schroth that he "intends" never to reopen the plant, closed since the first day of the strike.

Pickets maintain their lines, strike headquarters continue its busy schedule, and this week at a meeting of the unit, at Hotel St. George, strikers went on record as solidly approving the strike policy, after Guild leaders had reported on the week's developments.

Ten days ago, Publisher Schroth sent a letter to the New York Guild local, in which he declared his intention not to resume publication. He coupled it with charges that the Guild had terminated contractual relations by refusing to negotiate, and left the inference that he considers severance obligations also terminated.

That was promptly met by an answering letter sent by Thomas J. Murphy, New York's executive vice president. He repeated the Guild's often-stated willingness to negotiate in good faith, noting that good faith had been obviously absent in recent appearances of management before federal mediators. Murphy also notified the publisher that the Guild deems severance provision still in full effect, if the Eagle does in fact terminate its existence.

There was understandable doubt that Schroth means to kill a business which, in spite of his protestations, has been a profitable one. The physical plant in Johnson street stands intact, ready to reopen on short notice. Work proceeds on a new building to which the Eagle had announced intention to move next month. Schroth was silent on plans for disposing of the Eagle assets, except for one statement that the enterprise is for sale. Prospective buyers, it is reported, have been unable to obtain a statement of assets or a selling price.

Brooklyn is New York City's most populous borough, and one which has maintained the highest

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### Assessments Stand

**Nothing in the developments — or lack of them — in the Brooklyn Eagle strike alters the levying of three monthly assessments, for March, April and May, against Guild membership, it is noted this week in a memorandum sent to all local officers by William J. Farson, ANG secretary-treasurer.**

## Albany Suggests Early Convention Hotel Bids

The Guild's twenty-second annual constitutional convention is just three months away. It will open in Albany on Monday, June 27, at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel, with the Albany Newspaper Guild as the host local.

Paul Vadnais, local president, said this week that the hotel will be grateful for early room reservations, and to that end has furnished registration request cards which Vadnais has sent to all local presidents. The cards are returnable direct to the hotel, which will acknowledge them and confirm the space allotted.

Members of the International Executive Board will meet several days in advance of the convention opening, and the Albany local will welcome delegates at a cocktail party on Sunday, June 26.

Number of delegates, and voting strength of locals, are determined by the constitution and are based on the average good standing—dues paid—record of each local during the fiscal year closing April 30.

## Toronto Sees Opposition In Tely Circulation Move

**Toronto, Ont.** — Backed by a heavy majority of membership cards signed by circulation department employes of the Toronto Telegram, the Toronto Guild has applied to the Ontario labor board for certification as bargaining agent for the approximately 300 men and women involved.

The board has set next Thursday, March 31, as a date for a formal hearing, and this week there seemed likelihood of an intervention move in the name of dissenting employes.

There has been activity in all the divisions of the circulation department, in an attempt to mobilize anti-Guild sentiment, and Guild members detect some indications of company-sponsorship. The anti-Guild group, for example, has named as its attorney-spokesman a lawyer who in the past has represented Telegram management and who at no time previously has spoken for organized labor.

Further background for suspecting management control is supplied by the extra-legal "election" conducted by management some weeks ago, which the Guild declined to recognize as valid, and which resulted adversely to management, in the vote count.

The ballots called for a Yes or No vote on the proposal to set up a grievance committee, advanced by some as an alternative to Guild contractual protections. Open only to circulation drivers, the ballots showed 46 opposed to the committee plan and only 22 favoring it.

Telegram management is expected to ask for the usual exemptions from the bargaining unit of those holding bona fide supervisory positions, but the Guild's card-holdings have taken such exclusions into account in estimating its present majority.

The membership-signing process, carried on extensively during the past month, will be continued up to the date of the hearing. Should the Guild's valid cards exceed 55 percent of the total number in the unit as determined by the labor board, the Guild would be certified without the formality of an election, and its consequent delays.

Meantime, on another Toronto organizing front, at the Globe & Mail, details have been completed in the new ownership deal at that morning daily. The company has a new corporate title, Globe

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## St. Louis Globe-Democrat Added To Newhouse Chain

**St. Louis, Mo.** — Some 450 Guild members employed by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat found themselves working for a new owner this week.

Samuel I. Newhouse, in his biggest deal to date, acquired the 103-year-old daily Wednesday for a reported $6,250,000. He also got 23 percent of the stock in television station KWK and agreed to assume $1,500,000 of the station's financial obligations.

Announcement of the sale came as a complete surprise to St. Louis Guild members.

The Globe - Democrat, a morning paper, becomes the 11th daily on the Newhouse string, which he began assembling 35 years ago. Its circulation, as of last September, was 291,962 daily and 354,354 Sunday. The Post-Dispatch, evenings and Sunday, is the only other daily in St. Louis.

Without considering the value of the television outlet, the purchase price amounts to about $21 per Globe-Democrat customer.

Newhouse also owns two other television stations and has a half-interest in a third.

He purchased the Globe-Democrat from E. Lansing Ray, publisher, editor and chairman of the board, whose family had held control for more than three generations. Mr. Ray's name and titles will remain on the masthead.

What the sale will mean to the Guild, in its relations with the Globe-Democrat, was not immediately apparent.

Publisher Ray, however, said Newhouse had pledged to keep intact "our able and loyal staff which has contributed so much to this newspaper's greatness." The Globe-Democrat has more than 1,000 employes in all departments.

St. Louis Guild leaders, in a statement to Globe-Democrat unit members, pointed out they will be fully protected by the

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—Cartoon by J. F. Meehan, NY Guild

# . . . And The Picketing Goes On!




## Edward R. Murrow Wins Third N.Y. Page One Award

Edward R. Murrow emerged a three-time winner as the New York Guild announced its 1955 Page One Awards to be presented at the local's annual Page One Ball, April 29, at the Sheraton-Astor Hotel.

Murrow, who has been cited by the local twice before, and Fred Friendly are joint winners in the radio-TV field for their "See It Now" documentaries.

Journalism awards were voted to reporter Seymour Marks of the Long Island Press for a series on slum housing and to the New York Post for a series by Fern Marja, Peter J. McElroy and William Duffy on the case of two youths falsely accused of rape.

AFL President George Meany will receive the award in the field of labor for his vision and statesmanship in the AFL-CIO merger talks. A special award was voted to Arthur Rosenstock for outstanding service to the cause of labor and independent journalism as president of the New York Guild.

In all, awards were voted in ten fields, at a luncheon at the local's Heywood Broun room. Separate panels of distinguished newspapermen made the selections based on outstanding work in each field.

Each Page One Award consists of a stick of type, mounted and bronze-coated, and an accompanying citation explaining the nature of the award.

Miss Page One will be chosen next Monday evening. Later that night she and her ladies in waiting will appear on Steve Allen's television show.

The complete list of awards follows:

**JOURNALISM** — Individual award to Seymour Marks, Long Island Press; Newspaper award to The York Post; Special citation to Sidney Frigand, for his series in the Brooklyn Eagle on "The Negro in Brooklyn." Commendations for outstanding writing in the field of civil liberties: The Alsop Brothers, Associated Press, Murray Kempton of the Post, Peter Kihss of the Times, Frederick Woltman of the World-Telegram and Sun, and Margaret Parton of the Herald Tribune.

**LABOR**—George Meany, with a special award to Arthur Rosenstock.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS**—National Award to Thurgood Marshall, general counsel of the NAACP; local Award to Police Commissioner Francis W. H. Adams.

**SCIENCE**—Dr. Jonas E. Salk, for his pioneering in the development of a triple anti-polio vaccine; Special citation to Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, director, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, for his leadership in science and defense of the ideals of scientific inquiry.

**LITERATURE** — Marguerite Yourcenar's "Hadrian's Memoirs."

**MOVIES**—"On the Waterfront" as the outstanding film of 1954.

**RADIO-TV**—Edward Murrow and Fred Friendly for "See It Now;" special citation to Ben Gross, radio and TV critic of the New York Daily News.

**GRAPHIC ARTS**—Sam Goldstein, INP, for photograph of former President Harry S. Truman and Musicians Union President James C. Petrillo, titled "Wow of a Bow;" special citation to the "Family of Man" photography exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art.

**SPORTS**—Roger Bannister of England, first man to break the four-minute mile mark.

**THEATRE**—Joint award to Kim Stanley for her performances in "The Traveling Lady" and "Bus Stop" and Albert Salmi for his acting in "The Rainmaker" and "Bus Stop."

## Northside Weeklies Sign New Contract

Chicago, Ill. — Minimums for the Chicago Northside Newspapers, a chain of neighborhood weeklies, have been raised by $1 to $2 by a new one-year contract negotiated by the Chicago Guild. Starting reporter minimum is increased from $51 to $52; minimum after four years' experience goes from $93 to $95. Raises are retroactive to Oct. 31, 1954. Daniel T. Sullivan was chief negotiator.

## . . . Toronto

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& Mail, Ltd., and Reginald H. Webster, Montreal business man whose offer of $10,900,000 was high when the business was sold, is listed as chairman of the board. This week it was announced that $5 millions of G&M stock had been acquired by Dominion Securities, Ltd., but it is understood that Webster personally retains majority holdings.

Guild negotiations for a contract covering the editorial department, which achieved Guild organization at the time ownership changes were certain, will resume with G&M management next week.

## "Editorially Speaking . . ."

The Journal-American wept over the demise of the Brooklyn Eagle, recounted its century-old services, expressed no opinion on "the merits of the disagreement," and recovered its emotional balance in time to give a thought to circulation revenues.

Its last paragraph:

"Because Brooklyn residents . . . will be lost without this coverage, the Journal-American will continue to extend itself to supply this need through its own Brooklyn Section, which has known Brooklyn intimately and has served it for more than half a century."

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The Herald Tribune opined:

"The Brooklyn Eagle was brought to this pass by the demands of a Guild unit which would not compromise. The Guild has arguments on its side, but it insisted on pushing with ruinous results the Manhattan pattern of wages in a situation where it was inapplicable . . . This newspaper expresses its profound regrets at such an end."

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Said the Wall Street Journal:

"The union thought it could simply demand more from a paper that lost money in 1954; and demanding, get. The union only had to be 'tough enough.' Well, the union was tough enough."

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The New York Post:

"Schroth asserted that the Guild's proposals 'would have doubled the (Eagle's) great financial loss of, 1954.' Certainly this statement is open to documentation or disproof. The full facts would have great bearing on any appraisal of the rights and wrongs in the conflict."

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Newsweek said:

"In some quarters there was a feeling that The Eagle operation was doomed, anyhow, and that the Guild might have walked into a trap in giving management an out before it got into deeper trouble."

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The New York Times:

"Brooklyn would not be the same without the Eagle. We hope that this bad news can be changed by events still to come."

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Time Magazine:

"When Schroth announced he was folding . . . Guildsmen at first still considered it 'bluff,' and continued to picket the plant. They were wrong."

## . . . Strike Continues

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degree of community consciousness. The smaller neighboring borough of Queens supports two dailies in flourishing condition, one with larger circulation than the Eagle.

The Eagle publisher has been pleading poverty, but has at no time divulged any operating figures which would substantiate the plea. And he refused to submit the wage issue to arbitration, a process which would have called for authentic financial data.

Schroth did say that the Guild's present money demands would "double last year's losses." Arithmetic on this statement, taken at its face value, would work out the loss last year as being far less than the $300,000 the Eagle picked up late in 1954, by jacking up its Sunday prices.

Tending to support the Schroth announcement of finality is the bustle among Manhattan dailies, notably the World-Telegram & Sun, to fill the readership void existing since the Eagle suspended eight weeks ago. The W-T&S placed a Brooklyn edition on that borough's newsstands soon after the Schroth letter became public. Some 40 circulation department employes, a dozen editorial staffers and, according to report, a few executives from the Eagle personnel, have gone to work for the new Brooklyn section of the Scripps-Howard paper.

The Guild gave its blessings to such employment among striking Guildsmen, as relieving the strike benefit burden. Strikers have been enrolled for State unemployment benefits starting last week, another form of financial relief to the Guild. International assessments went into effect this month, the first of three monthly levies authorized by the IEB when the strike was called.

Manhattan dailies gave full space to the Schroth announcement, most of the stories mourning the passing of a century old journalistic institution which was once edited by Poet Walt Whitman, and which always personified the tight insularity which has characterized Brooklyn borough.

The Times editorially voiced the hope — and perhaps echoed the inherent doubts inspired by the Schroth statement — that the decision was not a final one, and that a way could be found to save the publication.

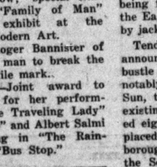
The Post pointed out in its editorial that at least Schroth's claim of financial difficulties was subject to confirmation or disproof.

Guildsmen recalled that a few years back the Herald Tribune was actively negotiating to buy the Eagle, a move which failed to materialize.




**Fred Martin**

Seattle, Wash. — Fred Martin, 40 years old, executive secretary of the Seattle-Tacoma Newspaper Guild since the summer of 1952, died suddenly here March 17, of a heart attack.



MARTIN

The seizure was the second he suffered, the first having hospitalized him several months ago. Since that time he sought to regain health, dieting to reduce his weight by 60 pounds. But on his last day, he put in 12 hours of work at the Guild office, and, said other Guild leaders, "He came back to work too soon, and he worked too hard."

His widow, Mrs. Dorothy Martin, says, "Fred lived and breathed for newspapers and the Guild. He was doing what he wanted to do; he got so much happiness out of it."

His Guild job recently had involved a Post-Intelligencer arbitration case, negotiations at the Tacoma News-Tribune, pending negotiations at the Times, and organization work here and in British Columbia. Martin had completed arrangements for the ANG training institute for local Guildsmen, with delegates attending from Canada, Portland and Eugene.

He was born in Oklahoma City, served in the Navy in World War II and held the rank of lieutenant in the Naval Reserve. He was a district circulation manager for the Post-Intelligencer before he took leave to become the Guild local's full-time executive head.

His wife and four children survive him, as do his parents and a brother. Burial was to be in Oklahoma City.

## Uncle Wants to Know

Local treasurers will soon receive from the ANG office copies of Form 990, the blank on which each local must report its financial status to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, says ANG Secretary-treasurer William J. Farson.

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## Court Orders Cash Repaid In LA News Bankrupt Case

**Los Angeles, Calif.**—Return of $4,792.50 paid to Robert L. Smith by Publisher Clinton D. McKinnon, of the bankrupt Daily News, after the paper had sold out in mid-December, has been ordered by Referee David B. Head.

The Daily News closed its doors when McKinnon sold part of its assets to the Chandler-owned Mirror. Two days thereafter McKinnon paid Smith for "personal services" performed during the year that McKinnon had been publisher, after buying the News from Smith, its former publisher.

"There is no question in my mind," said Head, "but what this sum constitutes a voidable preference.

"Mr. Smith either had knowledge or was charged with knowledge of the insolvency of the bankrupt (corporation) at that time. These payments were then made on a past-due obligation, and further, of course, there is the element in California law of his position as director of the bankrupt."

Smith had been retained on the payroll, although not holding the status of an employe, to aid McKinnon in retaining advertising contracts.

Testimony had disclosed that Smith also was assigned, after the unexpected sale of the paper, some $39,000 in accounts receivable, presumably to serve as security against a $79,000 loan he made to the corporation soon after he had sold out to McKinnon.

This $39,000 is also deemed recoverable by Receiver George T. Goggin, who has requested that it be ruled in the same category as the compensation for personal services, and returned to the assets column of the bankrupt daily.

When Attorney Richard B. Ragland, counsel for Smith, filed a 20-page argument opposing this step, the court allowed five days for Goggin's counsel, Hubert L. Laugharn, to make answer.

The closing of the Daily News threw more than 300 members of the Los Angeles Guild out of work, and it was on petition of three of their number that the bankruptcy action was instituted.

## *Guild Wins Case For Pay Increase To Man On Leave*

An employe of the United Press who was absent on leave when a Guild-negotiated increase became effective is entitled to that increase, amounting in his case to $6 per week, an arbitrator has decided.

The arbitrator, Abram H. Stockman, directed that the increase be made retroactive to last October, the date when the case was first brought to the attention of management as a Guild grievance.

The Guild, in its presentation, sought to have retroactivity ordered effective in March, 1953, when the staff member obtained his leave, in order to complete writing a book, but this was disallowed.

Witnesses for the Guild were the staff member; Sol Fox, of the New York UP bureau, and Steve Ripley, ANG wire service administrator. James Garner, company counsel, and Ross Downing represented UP management.

**For better legislation keep your eye on your Congressman.**

## Midwest Paper Pays $7,800 For Overtime Law Violation

A Minnesota newspaper, not otherwise identified by the U.S. Department of Labor's news release, but clearly one without the provisions of a Guild contract, has paid $7,804.99 in back wages to seven present and four former news staffers, as the result of wage and hour law violations.

The Labor department reports that one employe got $2,171.13, another $1,704.49 and a third $1,341.10 under the settlement, which was reached voluntarily by the publisher.

A recent investigation by the department's wage and hour division disclosed that the newspaper, acting on inaccurate advice from sources other than the division, had established a guaranteed weekly salary plan that was invalid under the overtime provisions of the Act.

When a Labor Department investigator explained to the management how the plan failed to comply with the Act and supplemented his explanation with the Division's interpretative bulletins, the management acknowledged its infraction, volunteered immediate compliance, and agreed to pay the back wages under the supervision of the Department of Labor.

The news men were purportedly under a guaranteed salary for a 48-hour workweek, based on a straight-time hourly rate for 48 hours, plus an additional one-half times the hourly rate for the eight hours beyond 40. It was found, however, that they worked with considerable frequency more than 48 hours a week.

In such weeks they were paid overtime on a rate arrived at by dividing the total straight-time pay, at the established rate for 48 hours, by the total hours worked in the workweek. One-half time was paid at this rate for the hours in excess of 48. Thus, the employes were not properly paid at time-and-a-half their regular rate of pay, for the overtime hours.

Because excessively long hours were worked—more than 70 in occasional weeks—these employes sometimes received less than 50 cents an hour for the hours beyond 48.

## . . . Strike Threat Brings UP Contract Gains

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port behind the UP contract fight. Publishers were informed of intentions to honor picket lines, observe struck work clauses and refuse to handle "hot" copy.

Many UP clients told the company that United Press printers would be turned off in event of a walkout. Other publishers whose buildings housed UP bureaus told the UP their offices would have to be moved.

Finally, as Guild preparations for the strike neared completion, the UP agreed to match the five AP minimums on the stepup scale which were the same as those in the United Press before the October AP contract settlement.

In 1953 similar Guild strike preparations were necessary to win basic job security guarantees, including arbitration of grievances.

Representing the Guild during the wrapup mediation sessions were Negotiating Committee Chairman Benson Srere, of Los Angeles; Sol Fox, New York; Lloyd Lapham, Washington; and Steve Ripley, ANG Wire Service Administrator. Also participating in part of the negotiations for the Guild were Sheldon Garber, UP, Chicago, and Ray Webster, St. Louis. Management representatives included company attorney Ezra Bryan, Assistant General Business Manager Ross Downing and Assistant General News Manager Mert Akers.

Improvements include:

**JOB SECURITY**—In economy firings, management must give MAJOR consideration to the employes' length of service. If a senior employe is discharged in an economy layoff, the burden of proof for not firing the junior staffer would fall on the company in any subsequent arbitration.

**UNION SECURITY**—The company agrees it shall not discriminate against any staffer for Guild membership or activity.

**WAGE MINIMUMS**—A top minimum of $139 set for nine Class I bureaus. Nationwide starting minimum boosted $2.50 to $60 with all other stepups raised from $2.50 to $3.50.

**UPGRADING** — Pittsburgh upgraded from Class II into top wage minimum level ($139). Seventeen bureaus upgraded from Class III ($114) to Class II with a new top of $127.50. Bureaus affected are Albany, Baltimore, Buffalo, Columbus, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, Grand Rapids, Harrisburg, Hartford, Indianapolis, Miami, Milwaukee, Newark, Oklahoma City, Portland, Ore., and Seattle.

**PENSION**—Company agreed to make joint study with Guild of pensions during the next months and, if Guild desires, to use part or all of any wage increase negotiated in 1956 to set up pension plan.

**ROTATION OF SHIFTS**—First contractual guarantee in wire services for rotation of shifts. Staffers serving six months on "shifts they find undesirable" will be rotated to new shifts (for at least an equal period), barring serious conflict with "the basic interests of the service."

**SCHEDULING**—Staffers may be scheduled for not more than two starting times in one week if they work in two tricks, or three starting times in one trick if those times fall within any three-hour period (such as 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.). In addition to current one-week advance on schedule posting, the company agrees to try for earlier posting where practical.

**OVERTIME**—Staffers called to work overtime after leaving for day will receive a minimum of three hours overtime pay. Staffers called to work on their days off will receive at least eight hours at overtime rate.

**HOSPITALIZATION AND SURGICAL INSURANCE** — Company boosts monthly payments for married employes from $3 to $4 and agrees to pay full cost for single men up to $4.

**HOLIDAYS**—Christmas Eve (7 p.m. to midnight) shall be considered holiday work and paid at the overtime rate.

**FIVE DAY WEEK**—Eight news bureaus—Baltimore, Cheyenne, Fresno, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, Springfield, Ill., and Tallahassee—and all picture bureaus of more than two staffers (14 staffers in four bureaus immediately affected) go on five-day week from current six-day, 40-hour schedule. Four positions—Chicago night manager and financial editor, Kansas City night manager and New York night domestic cable editor—taken off six-day week. Positional exemptions raised from $10 to $12.50 above minimum.

**VACATIONS** — "Older" employes to "be given preference" in selecting vacation times. Staffers can take any vacation time which will be earned within 15 weeks of the end of the proposed vacation.

**SEVERANCE**—Severance pay ceiling boosted four weeks to 48 weeks after 21 years.

**PAYROLL DATA**—Company to give added employe data to Guild, including information on employes who are fired.

**MILITARY SERVICE**—Staffers going on military leave to get three full years payment of life insurance premiums (company's and staffer's share) at rate of insurance held by staffer on departure. Annual payments to be made starting with staffer's departure. Staffers promoted to fill vacancy created by military departure to be returned to previous job, if necessary, rather than being fired on return of serviceman.

**EXPENSES** — Photographers required to use automobiles guaranteed a $3 per day minimum for car use. Company agrees to maintain present policy for motorcycle riders.

**PICTURES CLASSIFICATIONS**—Special Service Salesmen in New York and Chicago brought within minimum provisions of contract for first time with clause stating company will continue its present practice on rates of commission and provide a $50 weekly guarantee. Sick leave pay for salesmen will be computed on basis of average commissions for preceding calendar year.

Bureau assistants to receive from $1.50 to $2.50 in addition to general increase. Telephoto operators get $2 increase in addition to general increase. Photo printers receive an additional $1 to general increase in seventh year to make their top $125. Sixth year of photo printer scale extended to Cleveland and Atlanta.

Company agrees to promote four bureau assistants (two in Cleveland, one in Boston, and one in Atlanta) to higher classifications. In letter, company agrees bureau assistants will not be used in New York.

Captions writers to get same minimums as newsmen in first four years with a new top of $100 in fifth year.

Classification of Chief Pictures Librarian (applicable in New York) written into contract with one-year scale of $125.

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**—Leaves of absence for Guild service will not impair any contract benefits for staffer involved if leave does not exceed 90 days. Also, staffer taking such leave may use any vacation time in connection with the leave.

**EXPERIENCE DEFINITIONS**—Current bar on radio experience earned in radio newsroom with less than three newsmen eliminated. Any United States radio experience now counts in determining minimum level.

**COPY BOYS**—In outside-of-contract agreement, company will pay copy boys used as "sports ticker boys" an additional $5 weekly.

## Things Tough All Over— UP 'Bound By Contract'

With some identifications deleted and with no unnecessary comment, there is quoted here a letter signed by an executive of the United Press, sent in response to a job application:

**UNITED PRESS ASSOCIATIONS**
**Southwestern Division**
**Headquarters**
**Dallas**

March 14, 1955

Dear .....:

Preston McGraw is out of the city on a special assignment or he would have answered your letter.

It often works to a fellow's disadvantage to build up experience in journalism because of wage scales set by the Newspaper Guild. I mean by this that our company as well as the other two wire services which operate under Guild contracts must pay according to the number of years a fellow has worked.

In your case, we would be required to pay more than we can lay out at this time. We do not have an opening now on the staff, but if we did, I'm afraid the truth of the matter is that we would try to find some one with less experience because of the top-heavy scale. It simply means, the youngsters in this case get all the breaks. It makes it real tough for a fellow with a few years experience to break into wire service work. And unfortunately we are bound by the contract and can make no deals to hire someone for less than their experience rating.

Cordially,

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# LOCALS NAME NEW LEADERS FOR 1955

### Toronto

Toronto, Ont. — Fred Jones, of the Telegram editorial staff, has been reelected president of the Guild local, in a three-way contest. Other nominees were Donald Dunk, Star circulation, and Cy Radford, Star editorial.

Naza Bozinoff, of the Star unit, was chosen by acclamation for another term as local secretary. Mike Russell defeated Ross Miller for the vice presidential post, both men being from Star circulation ranks. As treasurer, the members favored Ron Thompson, of the Star business office, over Howard Retsey, of the Telegram editorial staff.

Telegram unit members named Gerald Toner as chairman, Frank Kaplan as vice chairman and Don Hunt as secretary.

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### Midwest District Council

Chicago, Ill. — Vern H. Fox, Sheboygan, has been reelected president of the Midwest District Council, at the first 1955 meeting held at the Chicago Guild office.

Other officers elected were:

First vice president, Don Pilette, Gary; second vice president, LeRoy Anderson, Kenosha; recording secretary, Trueman Farris, Milwaukee; corresponding secretary, Daniel Sullivan, Chicago; treasurer, Douglas Adams, Rockford.

The council appropriated $200 for aid of the Brooklyn Eagle strikers, and set May 22, at Milwaukee, as the date of its next meeting.

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### Seattle-Tacoma

Seattle, Wash.—After several years as local secretary and later as executive board member, Mabel R. Riedel, of the Post-Intelligencer classified department, has been installed as president of the Seattle-Tacoma Newspaper Guild.

Serving 1955 terms with her are: Secretary, Sar-Ann Richstad, reelected; treasurer, Robert D. West, reelected; and vice presidents John Lyon (P-I), Elizabeth O'Reilly (P-I), Eugene Rickles (P-I), Hugh Harrison (Times) and John Sullivan (Tacoma News Tribune).

Unit chairmen at the dailies are Joe Frisino (P-I), Leonard Itter (Times) and Leonard Saari (News Tribune).

Seattle, Wash.—Gordon Green has been named chairman of the AP unit of the Seattle-Tacoma local, replacing Paul Wells. Also chosen were Wells as vice chairman, Don Parks as secretary-treasurer, and Ed Q. Anderson as executive board member. Green will represent local wire service Guildsmen at the regional conference in San Francisco next month.

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terms of the contract, which contains a full Guild shop and is binding on management's successors. The contract expires next December.

Local leadership also noted that negotiations between the Guild and the Globe-Democrat had always been conducted in a sound, business-like manner and that relations between the parties had reached their highest level in recent years.

An alert, strong Guild is the best guarantee that these good relations will continue, the statement said.

C. Arthur Weis, with whom the Guild has dealt in negotiations, was appointed president of the publishing company. The former president, James M. Burkham, was named vice president and assistant editor. These were the only major executive changes announced.

Ray gave his health, his advancing years and the death of his son in 1946 as his reasons for selling the paper. He declared, however, that in accepting Newhouse's invitation to remain with the Globe-Democrat, he will continue to set the political and editorial policies of the paper.

He said he accepted Newhouse's offer in preference to a higher bid because of Newhouse's policy of permitting each of his newspapers to remain "complete master" of its destiny.

Newhouse has established a reputation of ruling his newspaper empire by conference, chiefly on business matters, leaving local editorial policies to be set by the executives of each paper.

His papers also differ from other chains in that there is no general office and no single place which Newhouse calls headquarters.

Other Newhouse papers which have contracts with the Guild are the Long Island Press, the Long Island Star-Journal, the Jersey Journal, the Harrisburg News and Patriot, and the Portland Oregonian.

His remaining properties are the Staten Island Advance, the Newark Star-Ledger, the Syracuse Post-Standard and Herald-Journal (all of which once were under Guild contract), and television stations WSYR in Syracuse and WTTA-TV in Harrisburg. He has a half-interest in KOIN, a radio and television Station in Portland, Ore.

The first strike action in the history of the Guild was against a Newhouse paper — the Staten Island Advance. A one-man strike was staged in August, 1934, by the only Guild member on the paper, editorial writer Alexander Crosby. He had been with the paper five years and was fired ten days after he joined the Guild. Crosby joined members of mechanical unions who were also picketing the paper for the right to organize. The case wound up in a deadlock on the Newspaper Industrial Board of the NRA.

## Hearst Appeals J-A Arbitration

Hearst's New York Journal-American has gone to court again to prevent arbitration of the merits of its firing of 14 messengers so that the work could be farmed out.

Turned down in Supreme Court, the Hearst management has now turned to the Appellate Division in its effort to prevent arbitration on the merits of the dismissals. The only court in the state above the Appellate Division is the Court of Appeals.

At issue is a decision by Prof. Herman A. Gray, as chairman of the arbitration board, that the dismissals are arbitrable as a dispute over interpretation of the contract. Guild members of the arbitration board concurred. Management members insisted that the matter was not arbitrable because the contract permits the Publisher to determine the size of the staff.

Supreme Court Justice Henry Clay Greenberg had held that the award was justified since it merely ruled on the arbitrability, not the merits of the case.

### Hampton Roads

Norfolk, Va.—James E. Mays, photographer for the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, is president of the Hampton Roads Guild local, succeeding Fred S. Holley, who was named secretary.

Others elected include: Treasurer, Jeanne S. May, Norfolk; vice president, W. Nash Stublen, Portsmouth; executive committee members, George M. Kelley, Charles K. Marshall and Richard R. Cobb, all of Norfolk and Robert C. Smith, of Virginia Beach.

Smith was elected a vice president of the Southern District Council at its recent Richmond meeting, attended by five Hampton Roads delegates.

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### Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio—NEA unit officers have been elected as follows: Chairman, William Cobbledick; vice chairman, Al Karalfa; treasurer, Thomas Peoples; delegate to Cleveland local, Eva Kiehl.

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### Charlotte

Charlotte, N. C.—Glen McCullough has been elected chairman of the AP unit of the Charlotte Guild, succeeding Austin Adkinson in that post. Daniel J. Coughlin was named secretary in place of McCullough.

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### Houston

Houston, Tex.—Keith Ozmore, of the Houston Press copydesk, was unanimous choice of the Houston Guild membership for another term as local president. Installed with him are: Vice presidents, Jack Hudson and Ray Lackler, Press circulation, and Elizabeth Dryden, circulation accounting; secretary-treasurer, Edward Norton, reporter. On the executive committee are H. L. Oltman, Pat Kintz, Joe Patronella and E. L. Skains, all of circulation.

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### Portland, Me.

Portland, Me.—All officers of the Portland Guild have been reelected for 1955. They are: President, Blaine E. Davis; vice president, Walter E. Martelle; secretary, J. Frances Hapgood, and treasurer, Harold Bulger. The local has also chosen Warren Walworth, of the AP, as vice chairman for wire services; Coleman Bicknell is chairman of the Press-Herald-Express unit, and Merton Doyle is unit secretary.

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### Empire State DC

Rochester, N. Y.—Thomas J. Murphy, of the Rochester local, is the new president of the Empire State District Council, as a result of elections at the council's sessions here February 12 and 13. Murphy succeeds Walter J. Mordaunt, of Albany, who goes on leave from his Times-Union job to serve on the press staff of Governor Harriman.

The council named the Utica local president, Phil Spartano, as council vice president, and reelected M. Michael Potoker, New York secretary-treasurer, to a third term as council secretary. George Kearney, Albany, was elected to a third term as council treasurer.

Council delegates were guests at the Rochester local's 21st annual breakfast, at which Potoker was guest speaker. He discussed the decline in the number of daily newspapers in this country as constituting a problem common to the Guild and to publishers.

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### Sacramento

Sacramento, Calif.—Joseph J. Lipper, of the Associated Press bureau, has been elected president of Sacramento Local 92, succeeding William C. Glackin.

Other new officers are Harold Hendricks, of the Sacramento Bee, secretary - treasurer; and Julian Colby of the Bee, Alan Cline of the Associated Press, and Larry Bacon of the Sacramento Union, vice presidents.

On the executive committee are the officers and Charles Driscoll, Ron Dieffenbacher, Frances Duval, McIntyre Bree, Duane Robinson, Wilson K. Lythgoe, Jerry McDonald, Mrs. Lillian Hickey and Opal York, all of the Bee, and Bob McCarty, of the Union.



GUEST OAKLEYS—US Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell, right, receives his tickets to the Washington Guild's Page One Ball from Local President Ray Henry. Mitchell will present $550 in Guild awards to newsmen at WNG's annual affair, set for April 15.

### Twin Cities

Minneapolis, Minn.—Mike Ranney, makeup editor of the Minneapolis Tribune has been reelected unit chairman of the Star and Tribune unit. Other officers named are: Archie Love, circulation vice chairman; Walter Grannes, editorial vice chairman; Sam Romer, secretary, and Donald Brostrom, treasurer.

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### Detroit

Detroit, Mich.—Samuel R. McGuire, editorial page editor for Hearst's Times, has been installed as new president of the Detroit Newspaper Guild, succeeding Charles C. Weber, of the Free Press, who served for two years. Others assuming office at last week's ceremonies were:

Vice president, Arvid Petersen, Free Press; secretary, William Jones, Times; and treasurer, Don Schram, Free Press.

Executive board members are Molly Milkin, Vincent P. Walker, Frank Simmons, Rose Batlemento, Ray Guerin, William Kwart, Patricia McGuckin, Jefferson Knowles, Pete Dobson, Don Gillard, Jerry Kabel, Don McKrell, Dwight Jarrell, Wilson Kerner, Betty Salisbury, Ray Girardin, Roy Bash, Frances D'Hondt, Jim Savage, Frances Givens, Pat Dennis, James Tanner, Doyle Smith, Al Spreder, Louis Cook, Robert Perrin, Ray Courage, Frank Beckman, Collins George and Bud Goodman.

Delegates at large on the board are Ted Peck, Ken Thompson and Ed Winge.

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### Battle Creek

Battle Creek, Mich.—Guild Local 148 has elected as its new president Donald E. Thomas, city staff reporter assigned to Civil Defense headquarters here. He succeeds Richard F. Gibbons, desk man.

Other officers were reelected, as follows: Vice president, Stan Kaufman, photographer; secretary Rozanna Sayre, reporter; treasurer, Harold F. Allemon, reporter; delegate to the city CIO council, Robert W. Dilworth.

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### Buffalo

Buffalo, N. Y.—Edward W. McCarthy, of the Courier-Express unit, has been reelected president of the Buffalo Newspaper Guild, in a contest in which Bob Van Wagoner, of the Evening News unit, was his opponent.

The mail-ballot referendum also seated Len Delmar, of the Niagara Falls Gazette unit, as vice president, who defeated Ernie Gross, of the News unit.

Previously elected without opposition were Bob Buyer, of the News, as treasurer and Scott Hayden of the Courier-Express, as secretary.

## European Churchman Lauds US Reporting

Oslo, Norway—A very large bouquet has been handed to American newsmen by Bishop Eivind Berggrav of the Norwegian State Church, who returned recently from an extended visit to the United States.

The bishop told a group of foreign students at the University of Oslo that he had been warned about American journalists before going to the States, "so I was prepared for the worst."

But he said he found the 600 reporters who covered the meeting of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Ill., last summer to be "fair, factual and kind" in their reporting on the meeting.



# Peril From 'Right' Is Seen As Menacing Press Freedoms

Cleveland, Ohio — The greatest current danger to freedom of the press comes from the right rather than the left, ANG International Vice President Robert C. Stafford told a recent church program on civil liberties.

"We have become accustomed lately to viewing the left as the chief enemy of our freedoms—that is, communist dictatorship, communist subversion, Red infiltration," Stafford said.

"We of the press, however, must recognize that our foremost threats at the present time are from the other direction—governmental censorship, bureaucratic controls, financial manipulations, super-patriots and the pressure groups."

Stafford, who was chairman of the Human Right Committee at the 1954 ANG Convention, is military editor of the Cleveland Press and its special writer on race relations and civil liberties. He shared the platform at the West Shore Unitarian Church in Rocky River, a Cleveland suburb, with a sociology professor and the chairman of the Cleveland Civil Liberties Union.

Here, in summary, are his other remarks:

**Pressure Groups** — "So many are for freedom of the press so long as it is their freedom. This is the effect of McCarthyism. They want the papers and the commentators to be what they are. They are so sure they are right. There is no merit in printing the other side. They are antisubversive, hence anyone who opposes them must be subversive. This is the philosophy of black-and-whitesm—no middle color at all — the irresistible din of small voices that can deafen any editor. They apply pressure. It comes through criticism, and the press is extremely sensitive to criticism. It must be popular to sell. A paper that doesn't sell can't exist. It comes through boycott, through letters, through cancelled ads."

**Bureaucratic Controls** — "I mean closed and secret meetings of public bodies, handouts of carefully selected information, excessive security regulations ostensibly for the nation's own good. The government's use of a continuing emergency is a form of press control. And I mean, for instance, the edited television shows from the White House."

**Governmental Censorship** — "The first tiny step toward fettering the press comes by killing a comic book by law, or by police power—that is, by precensorship. No matter how horrid or how obscene, that comic book wounds freedom of the press by its demise."

**The One-Party Press** — "This is the creations of the publishers themselves. They are big business. They support the big business party with a unique unity. This, I assure you, puts a severe strain on impartial editing."

**The Courts** — "Now I come to the courts and the closed shop union monopoly known as the bar. The famous Canon 35 — part of the code of judicial ethics which binds many of the union's locals —is in my mind an unreasonable restraint. In the name of dignity and decorum it bans the taking of photographs during or between court sessions, and bars broadcasting of court proceedings. Even worse, the bar is now considering a further restriction by revising its Canon 20. As it stands, Canon 20 cautions lawyers against making newspaper statements about cases in court. It is proposed to ban any pretrial discussion, similar to rules now in force in England."

**Financial Manipulations**—"Perhaps the greatest threat of all is financial. We see it in mergers of papers, in the sale and closing of papers and radio and TV stations, the collapse of magazines, the failures of publishers. We have monopoly towns where a single owner or corporation owns and directs every newspaper and every radio-TV outlet. Surely no atmosphere in which to breathe freedom. The hazards are obvious."



SYMBOLS OF SERVICE — Middle Atlantic District Council's reelected treasurer and its retiring president received gold Guild pins at the recent Philadelphia meeting, for their untiring efforts in the council's behalf. Left to right are William J. Farson; ANG secretary-treasurer; Council Treasurer John Farson, of the Greater Philadelphia local; Harold Brislin, of the Scranton Guild, who steps down as council president, and Joseph F. Collis, Wilkes-Barre, ANG president.

## N. O. Item Appeals Ruling On Unfair Labor Practice

New Orleans, La.—Management of the New Orleans Item has joined with the Teamsters union in appealing to the full membership of the National Labor Relations Board an intermediate report by an NLRB hearing officer in which both are found guilty of unfair labor practices.

The case was instituted by the New Orleans Guild, which sought to represent twelve "street-salers" in the Item's circulation department, who had signed Guild cards. The Guild is organized in the Item's editorial department and also represents branch managers and circulation clerks.

The hearing officer found that Item management had directed streetsalers to join the Teamsters union, and that the union had invoked its union shop contract with circulation drivers, as covering the group which had joined the Guild.

These steps amounted to illegal coercion under the labor laws, the officer held, and recommended a "cease and desist" order to both management and the union. Management was directed to quit bargaining with the Teamsters and the Teamsters were ordered to return initiation fees and dues, which the employes had paid, under protest, in order to hold their jobs.

The same intermediate report refused reinstatement of Ronald Green, an Item porter, dismissed when he appeared to testify in an NLRB hearing. This portion of the report is being appealed to the full board by the Guild.

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## New York Boosts Local Staff Pay

Salaries of $200 per week have been voted by the New York executive board and Representative Assembly for the local's two top officers, Thomas J. Murphy, executive vice president, and M. Michael Potoker, secretary-treasurer. The new salaries, highest in the Guild, represent increases of $29.50 per week for each of the two officers. Additionally both continue to receive $40 per week expense allowances.

At the same time the two local bodies approved increases of $7.50 for staff organizers, setting a top minimum of $150 per week after three years for this classification, plus $15 per week expense allowance.

All of the local salaries will be raised by another $3 in February 1956.

Weekly salaries for American Newspaper Guild officers currently are $200 for Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak, and $185 for Secretary-Treasurer William J. Farson. These salaries are set by the convention, and have not been raised since the Boston convention in 1953.

ANG international representatives get a top minimum of $145 after three years. These and other staff salaries are set by the IEB. Present ANG staff salaries were adopted a year ago. At its February meeting the IEB deferred action on a policy statement to cover minimums and working conditions for the ANG staff during the past year, which had been the subject of negotiations between the IEB and a staff committee since the Los Angeles convention.

## Reporters, Cops Air Problems

Cleveland, Ohio—Through arrangements made by the Cleveland Newspaper Guild, reporters and policemen got together last month for the first time in a police classroom, and lectured each other on their mutual problems.

Participants in the panel were 31 student-sergeants taking refresher training; Sanford Watzman of the Plain Dealer; Forrest Allen, Press; Sanford Sobul, News, and William M. Davy, CNG executive secretary.

Capt. James K. Dodge, the moderator, termed the program a success and said it would be repeated in future classes.

Both the newsmen and the police let off steam, the reporters pointing out how police public relations might be improved and the student police asking for fairer and more balanced coverage of their police activities.

## Mid-Atlantic Council Bestows 1954 Awards

Philadelphia, Pa. — Members of the Greater Philadelphia local received two of the four 1954 Middle Atlantic District Council awards as winners were announced at the annual election meeting at the Guild headquarters, 152 North 15th street.

Kos Semonski, local president, won the prize for "best news story or series" for his Inquirer series which spiked attempts of finance companies to collect long out-dated automobile loans, years after the borrowers had surrendered their cars and presumed the debt discharged.

Al McCaughey, Inquirer photographer, won "best picture" prize with his shot of a grieving father and child awaiting news, in a hospital reception room, of the child's mother, injured in an explosion.

Dan Delaney, of Wilkes-Barre, was honored for "outstanding service to the Guild" for his work as editor of the Wilkes-Barre Guild's strike bulletin.

Ray Knapp won the award for "outstanding service to the community" for his fine record as founder and chairman of the Allentown Call-Chronicle Red Feather Council.

Bernard Barkan, partner of M. H. Goldstein, Guild attorney, was lauded for his fine exposition of proper contract enforcement given Council delegates at the Saturday afternoon session.

Gold ANG pins were given Harold Brislin, of Scranton, retiring president and John Farson, Philadelphia, re-elected treasurer, in recognition of their services to the Council. Brislin is succeeded by Dan McLaughlin, Elizabeth. Nick Krill, of Wilkes-Barre was elected vice president. Barney Williamson, of Elizabeth, succeeds Krill as secretary.

## LA Guild Pries Open Hearst Merger Report

Los Angeles, Calif.—The Los Angeles Newspaper Guild's local publication, The Guildsman, has scored a neat journalistic scoop by printing, a week in advance of official, if grudging, confirmation, a story that the two Hearst newspapers here plan to merge their mechanical facilities before the end of the year.

The Guild story had organizational overtones, as well as the facts concerning plans which had been rumored for months. The Guild holds a contract with one of the dailies, the evening Herald & Express, throughout complete Guild jurisdiction. At the other Hearst paper, the morning Examiner, a federally-chartered editorial union is under a contract which expressly provides that gains won by the Guild on the Herald & Express shall automatically accrue to Examiner staffers.

The Guild ran into violent management opposition during the past two years when Examiner circulation employes tried to join the Guild, and the NLRB proceedings which followed are still awaiting final determination. An intermediate hearing officer recommended dismissal of all the Guild's unfair labor practice complaints, by the device of crediting all management testimony and discrediting that of the Guild-signed employes.

And last summer there was interest among Examiner editorial employes in correcting the anomaly of being dependent on Guild Herald-Express negotiations for their own financial gains.

The Guildsman printed a front page story of the proposed merger of mechanical operations, making it clear that it was doing so only to safeguard employe interests in both papers. The Guild circulated the issue to all Hearst employes.

Management spokesmen for both dailies reacted snappishly. In letters posted on the bulletin boards, and in communications to the unions involved, management noted with resentment, naming the Guild as the offender, the "unfounded rumors" which had been floated, and then confirmed, word for word, the facts related in the lead paragraph of The Guildsman's scoop.

Hearst papers will continue to operate separate and "competing" editorial, advertising, circulation and administrative departments. Eight new press units will be installed in the fall, in the Examiner pressroom, which is larger and more modern than that at the Herald & Express. Hearst executives said that the new presses were planned "primarily" to enable the Examiner to meet the expected growth in Sunday circulation, but the officials go on to point out the many advantages of the combined mechanical operation, hedging only by saying that the plan is "still under careful study."




### Here's Chance to Give To Bade Memorial Fund

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**Editor:** The Twin Cities Guild has received several queries from Guildsmen who knew the late Bill Bade, asking what they can do to contribute to the memorial being established for him.

As you know, Twin Cities pledged at the Los Angeles convention to contribute the first $500 prize money for the ANG-sponsored Bade Award. This will be our own memorial to Bill.

Any of Bill's friends who wish to do so may send along whatever contribution they wish, and it will be included with the funds set up locally for this purpose. Anybody who wants to get into the first pot with us should contact Harold Chucker, Twin Cities treasurer, 204 Times Annex, Minneapolis 1, Minn.

WILLIAM BROOKS, JR.
Secretary, Twin Cities Guild

### Liked Novak's Reply To Guild Critics

ST. LOUIS, MO.

**Editor:** This is the first letter I ever wrote to any editor.

I do it now because I want to thank Ralph Novak so much for his magnificent reply to Flynn, Isaacs, et al., which even Editor & Publisher had the grace to reprint in part.

I just wish I'd had the stuff to write it.

JOHN FLETCHER
Post-Dispatch unit

### Tosses A Spring Bouquet For the GR of Marcn 11

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

**Editor:** May I congratulate the Guild Reporter staff for its March 11 publication? As member of the Southern District Council's Guild Reporter committee it became my duty to turn a critical eye to the Reporter. You are aware of my report.

However, I am glad to report now that after digesting the March 11 issue I am proud all over. The edition contained news and much help. I was glad to read details of SDC's Richmond meeting, which I was unable to attend.

The story about United Press contract negotiations gave me a full picture of that situation—something the dailies in these parts seldom if ever mention.

As chairman of my unit's grievance committee—and we're in the toils of grievances now—the article on effective grievance procedure was of exceeding help. And I think the play on the Wilbur E. Bade Memorial Award, with details, will serve to build Guild interest and put zip into local efforts.

But then the entire publication was informative and good reading. Congratulations again, and more issues like that one!

WILLARD YARBROUGH
Knoxville Guild

### Right Name, But Wrong Department

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.

**Editor:** In the interests of accuracy and especially for the edification of our fellow Guild members in Erie, Pa., let it be known that the Edward J. Boga referred to in the Random Shots column of the March 11 Guild Reporter is the classified advertising manager of the Niagara Falls Gazette, not the circulation manager.

NIAGARA FALLS UNIT
Buffalo Guild

**Letters shall be limited to 300 words and shall avoid libel and subjects detrimental to the Guild. Members subjected to personal attack shall be given opportunity to reply in the same issue, but publication of either attack or reply shall not, be delayed longer than one issue.**

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




**Milton Miller,** former editor of the New York Guild's Frontpage, now editor of Local 338 News, monthly publication of the CIO Retail, Wholesale, Chain Store Food Employes union in New York.

**Bob Buyer,** Buffalo Guild treasurer, wed last week to Sue **Fruchtbaum,** also of the Evening News staff. Both are Guild members.

Guildsmen can acquire Frank Mallén's "Sauce for the Gander," inside story of the defunct New York Graphic of three decades ago, for a mere $1, under special arrangement by the author with Baldwin Books, 86 Orawampum street, White Plains, N. Y. Orders should go to that address, with Guild designation of the buyer indicated. List price is $3.50.

A son, their third child, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Lee, Portland Oregonian editorial staff.

**John Adams,** Boston Post staffer, awarded honors by the Christophers for his story on three women labor leaders.

**Harrison E. Salisbury,** former Moscow correspondent for the NY Times, will be guest speaker at Boston Press Club's annual dinner April 11.

**Manon Slothower,** Sacremento Bee's wire room, married at Reno, Nev., to Arthur Maria.

Silver wedding anniversaries this month for two of the several husband-and-wife teams employed at the NY Post. Celebrants were Mae and Al Levine, of classified and circulation respectively; and Mary and Moe **Fassberg,** also of those departments, in the order named.

## LOCAL CONTRACT PROGRESS

### Charlotte Cuts Week To 37½ Hrs.

Greensboro, N. C.—The first shorter work week in the south has been won by the Greensboro Guild in a renewal contract with the News and Record. The settlement reduces hours from 40 to 37½ per week.

Improvements in job security, a $2 general increase added to all minimums, improved experience credit provisions and other changes also were negotiated by the local. The agreement is effective as of Mar. 7, and expires next Nov. 26, the normal expiration date of previous contracts.

Job security gains include a provision that the company shall solict voluntary resignations with severance pay before making any dismissals for economy. Advance notice to the Guild and employe is extended to all types of dismissals, and a provision is added prohibiting discrimination or dismissal for Guild membership or activity.

New minimums for the various key classifications are: $96 after five years for reporters, photographers and similar categories, with $82 to start, and $61 after two years for office boys.

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### Battle Creek Gets $6 In 2-Year Pact

Battle Creek, Mich.—A two-year renewal contract providing for wage increases of $2 retroactive to Oct. 19, 1954 and $4 effective next October, improved night differential and milage provisions has been signed by the Battle Creek Guild with the Enquirer & News.

Top minimum for reporters and photographers goes to $109 after five years as of last October and to $113 next October, with the starting rate raised to $51.75 and $55.75, respectively. Rewrite and deskmen go to $112 and $116 after five years, stenographers to $68 and $72 after four years. Copy boys are upped from $44.25 to $45 after two years as of last October and go to $46 next October.

The night differential is raised from $1.50 to $2 per shift, and the weekly maximum from $4 to $5. A minimum of 50 cents per day is added for employes using their cars on duty, the milage rate continuing at 9 cents.

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### Great Falls Sets $104.88 Minimum

Great Falls, Mont.—Increases in minimums ranging from $1.10 to $2.28, with employes above minimums maintaining differentials, have been negotiated by wage reopening of its contract the Great Falls local under a with the Tribune and Leader. The increases are retroactive to Jan. 1.

Top minimum for reporters, photographers, display salesmen and similar classifications is raised from $102.60 to $104.88 after five years, the starting rate from $54.15 to $55.47. Circulation managers and roadmen are up from $79.93 to $81.69, classified inside salesmen from $64.28, to $65.82, stenographers and telephone operators from $61.06 to $62.60, all after five years.

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### Chattanooga Adds 3rd Vacation Week

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Addition of a third week of vacation and general increases of $2 in each year are features of a two-year contract which the Chattanooga Guild has negotiated with the Chattanooga Times.

Provision for three weeks vacation after 5 years' service cuts to eight the number of newspaper contracts that provide only two-week vacations.

The general increases ($2 each on Nov. 16 of 1954 and 1955) are not fully added to minimums. Reporter starting minimum stays at $60; top minimum (after 5 years' experience) goes from $100 to $102.50.

The new contract limits death benefit payments of severance pay to a 26-week maximum, except for employes who already have qualified for more. This limitation and failure to incorporate the general increases into the minimums caused the ANG Contracts Committee to withhold approval of the settlement.

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### Joint Job Study Brings Upgrading

St. Louis, Mo. — Nine new job classifications and four reclassifications, virtually all resulting in upgradings, as well as experience acceleration for a number of employes and merit increase reviews, resulted from a job study at the Post-Dispatch here.

The study was carried out by a Joint Guild-Management Committee set up for that purpose as part of the settlement in the last wage negotiations. The upgradings will be retroactive to Jan. 1, 1955.

Seven other requests for reclassifications were turned down but in several of these merit reviews were ordered.

The Guild representatives on the committee were Cleve Mathews, Post unit chairman; Ray Kringer, formerly local president, and Rollin Everett, executive secretary. Richard Baumhoff, Russell Kershaw and Leslie Prichard represented the company.

The committee made a thorough study of job content and then sought to properly relate the jobs to each other. A number of them were in KSD and KSD-TV of the Pulitzer Company.

Also achieved in a separate action was 35-cent hourly premium pay for classified telephone solicitors assigned temporarily to telephone solicitation of special ads at display rates.

## Boston Files Two NLRB Complaints

Boston, Mass.—A sit-down by Hearst management at the Record-American has led the Boston Guild to file with the National Labor Relations Board two charges of refusal to bargain in good faith.

For the second time, the Guild has charged that management's refusal to furnish detailed wage information as to individual employes constituted a refusal to bargain. An NLRB decision upholding the Guild's first charge is now in court as a result of management's refusal to obey the order.

The local also charged that management was guilty of flouting the law when it refused to bargain on a local proposal for a pension plan. Local management had refused to consider pensions, claiming that it must be proposed in Hearst National Memorandum negotiations.

## NEA Settles For $2.50–$4

Employes in the seven bureaus of the Scripps-Howard NEA Service, Inc., this month are being paid retroactively to last August 1, as a result of an agreement reached with the American Newspaper Guild in wage-reopening negotiations.

Signing the contract followed the award by an arbiter in the Guild's differences with the Central Press Association, and the agreement followed the pattern of the arbitration award.

It provides a general increase of from $2.50 to $4 based on salary levels, and raises the seventh-year newsmen's minimum to $134 in New York, Chicago, San Francisco and Washington. In Cleveland the seventh-year minimum is $123.50; and in the five bureaus named the sixth-year figure is $110.50. Other job classifications are similarly affected, with a New York differential in the case of telephone operators and office boys.

## Lose Case to AP In Arbitration

A sportswriter who annually received a check for $500 from a horse racing track was guilty of "willful and repeated misconduct in the performance of his duty", so the Associated Press is justified in withholding his severance pay, an arbitrator has ruled.

Paul R. Hays, chairman of the board of arbitration, found the Guild's case in behalf of the sportswriter an "ingenious argument (that) appears to me to require credulity be stretched too far."

The AP sportswriter was the only person discharged last year after the Providence Journal-Bulletin revealed that several New England newsmen were receiving payments from horse and dog racing tracks in the region.

Testimony was that the employe first denied receiving the payments, then, faced with the cancelled checks, gave an explanation that was clearly false. The Guild introduced no testimony, although the sportswriter was at the hearing.

"There can be no doubt that the acceptance of payments from a news source . . . is misconduct," Hays said. "The fact that there is no specific evidence of partiality . . . is of little moment. It must be presumed, on the absence of any . . . explanation . . . (leading to) a proper motive for the payments, that the race track officials expected to receive some quid pro quo for their payments, whether . . . currently or at some future time."

The arbitrator noted the Guild argued principally that the "misconduct" was not "repeated" or "willful" or "in the performance of his duties." He cited the five payments over five years as "obviously sufficient" to make the offense "repeated." He interpreted "willful" to mean merely intentional as opposed to negligent, adding that even if the guilty intent must be shown, as the Guild contended, the employe's evasive answers indicated such guilt.

The Guild's contention that this was not "in the performance of his duties" because it was not in the "execution of his work tasks," was rejected by the arbitrator who said such a construction would narrow the contract language "so far that no improper conduct on the job would be (covered) unless . . . reflected in the work product itself."

Steve Ripley, ANG wire service administrator, and Richard O. Coons, AP national committeemen, representing the Guild on the tri-partite panel, dissented from the award.



## Fashion Writer Incompetent? Facts File Says It Isn't So

**Grievance Case History No. 26**

One good way to combat an unjust dismissal for "incompetence" is to marshal facts which disprove the charge, a recent Philadelphia grievance demonstrates.

If presented properly, the facts may well convince management of its error before the grievance goes to arbitration.

In the Philadelphia case, an Inquirer fashion writer was dismissed by the Feature Editor for "unsatisfactory" work.

The Guild thought it a little strange that a $184 fashion writer with a long history of successful advertising and promotion experience should suddenly begin to produce unsatisfactory work.

But management, at its first meeting with the Guild, assured the grievance committee that the dismissal was justified and could be fully "documented." It promised to present the "evidence" at a second conference.

In the interim, the Guild committee armed itself with the facts —a voluminous file on the member and her work which contained her daily stories, her coverage of European fashion openings, hundreds of letters from readers, department stores and manufacturers, and—to top it off—the laudatory material about her issued by the Inquirer's own promotion department.

Came the second grievance conference and the Guild committee used this file to refute management's charges point by point. At the end of the meeting, the Guild told the management representatives—the Executive Editor and the Features Editor—that they had failed to convince the Guild of the fashion writer's incompetence and most certainly would be unable to convince an arbitrator. The grievance committee advised management, as friends, to withdraw the dismissal.

The following day the dismissal was withdrawn.

### In Quotes

"Next door are a bunch of apple-cheeked youngsters. Their fathers own the factories you'll work in the rest of your lives. This is your last chance. So go out there and whip 'em."—**Basketball Coach Ken Loeffler to his LaSalle team just before its game against Princeton, March 11.**

### Conservative Revisited

"I think it will be a mistake to go to the extreme of absolutely outlawing a contract which provides for a union shop requiring all employes to join the union, if that arrangement meets with the approval of the employer and meets with the approval of the majority of the employes and is embodied in a written contract."—**Sen. Robert A. Taft, 1947.**

### Afghanistan, Too?

"Guatemala, Feb. 14 — Vice President Richard M. Nixon recommended today stronger free trade unions in Guatemala."—**From the New York Times, Feb. 15.**

### ANPA Cops the 5th

"Washington, March 8—The policy of the Federal Communications Commission to give preference to non-newspaper applicants over newspaper applicants in licensing broadcast stations was assailed in Federal Court of Appeals today.

"The American Newspaper Publishers Association asserted that the policy was capricious and 'repugant to the guaranty of due process' in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution."—**From the New York Times, March 9.**

### A Note from the Chief

"Will you please extend my thanks to the President and officers of the Toronto Newspaper Guild for their kindness in extending best wishes on my promotion to Editor-in-Chief.

"It is with some considerable regret that I must now sever my connections with the Guild. However, even though I am no longer on your membership rolls you may rest assured that I will continue to watch the development of the Guild with a great deal of personal interest and satisfaction."—**Beland Honderich, Editor-in-Chief, the Toronto Star, and first president of the Toronto Guild, in a letter to Local Secretary Nada Bozinoff.**

### How's that Again?

"I noticed in The Post that the Chamber of Commerce endorsed a state 'right-to-work' law. I think the Chamber is doing a fine thing by supporting such a law. For two months now I have been out of work and I think it is about time that we had a state law that would guarantee a man the right to work." — **K. F. Thornburg in a letter to the Denver Post, Jan. 27, 1955.**

Local Copy

## Severance Pay Foes Defeated In N.Y. State

Political action by New York state Guildsmen paid off this month in the defeat of renewed attempts to destroy severance pay guarantees through legislation.

The State Assembly defeated a bill which would free owner-stockholders of liability for wages —including severance pay—owed employes of companies that go broke. A companion bill in the State Senate also died.

Assemblyman J. Eugene Goddard, Republican of East Rochester, who sponsored the original measure, immediately brought in a new version designed to limit the liability of stockholders to a fraction of the amount due employes, based on the proportion of shares held to total shares outstanding.

Defeat of the legislation means that employes left jobless when their paper folds with no assets can still sue stockholders to recover severance pay and other money due them. This provision in the state law enabled Guild members to obtain a substantial part of the money owed them by the New York Compass when that paper folded.

A statewide protest against the latest attack on this law was led by M. Michael Potoker, secretary-treasurer of the New York Guild and secretary of the Empire State District Council, who submitted briefs on the matter to all state legislators. Potoker also led a successful campaign to defeat similar bills last year.

## From The Counting House: Boston Paper 'Strengthened'

The Boston Herald-Traveler Corporation strengthened its position in 1954, a Guild member with a proxy in his pocket learned at the annual stockholders' meeting last week.

From statements by Publisher Robert B. Choate and Treasurer Roger Talmadge he also heard:

• That total revenue for the year was $19,606,818 against operating expenses of $18,401,860 for a net profit after taxes of $532,452.

• That net earnings of the Corporation's two newspapers were down from $1.64 a share in 1953 to $1.41, while net earnings of its radio station were up over 1953.

• That despite the higher consolidated net, the dividend was being reduced from $1.20 to $1 "to be conservative and put more money back into the business."

• That earnings in the first quarter of 1955 are expected to be "substantially higher" than in 1954.

• That both local and national advertising revenue for the newspapers is up so far in 1955.

• That in 1954 the Herald-Traveler published 26,000,000 lines of advertising, compared with 23,000,000 for the Globe, 13,0000,000 for the Post, and 12,-000,000 for Hearst's Record-American-Advertiser.

• That the Herald-Traveler's combined daily circulation of 330,000 is exceeded in Boston only by the Hearst tabloids' 530,000.

• That one reason for the decline in the net profits of the newspapers while linage was increasing was that "Linage in the higher profit classifications was down, whereas volume in the categories most costly to produce was up."

• And, finally, the inevitable "There is no answer to the yearly demands of the newspaper unions for more money."

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Revenues of Time, Inc., set a new high in 1954 for the fifth consecutive year, according to its annual report.

Total revenue of $178,155,775 represented a 5% increase over the 1953 figure, $170, 448,966.

Net profit after taxes for 1954 was $8,056,905 or $4.13 a common share against $8,144,414 or $4.18 a share for 1953. Taxes took $6,474,716 last year compared with $8,114,867 the previous year.

Costs and expenses increased by $10,578,000 in 1954, part of which involved the establishment and operating expenses of Sports Illustrated, the corporation's new weekly started last August.

The report announced that the company is negotiating with the Goss Printing Press Company for a new multicolor press for Life, based on new design principles.

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Newspaper advertising linage in 52 cities measured by Media Records, Inc., was up 7.3% in January over the first month of 1954. Gains were posted in the following categories: department stores, 5.6%; general, 9.5%; financial, 10.9%; total display, 6.2%, and classified, 10.4%. Automotive linage, down 2.1%, was the only category to show a decline.

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Advertising and circulation gains are being reflected in higher newsprint consumption.

ANPA announced that newspapers reporting to it used 365,221 tons of newsprint in February 1955 against 345,542 tons in February 1954 and 346,035 tons in February 1953. This amounts to a 5.7% increase over the 1954 figure and a 5.5% hike over February 1953.

ANPA said in the first two months of this year the reporting newspapers used 748,741 tons of newsprint as compared with 708,699 in the same period last year.

### Ammunition

"If I were a working newspaperman, I would belong to the Guild and be active in it. And if I published a newspaper, I would want my employes to belong. The record is clear that the advantages of collective bargaining are mutual and vital to publisher, employe, and the public alike."

*—Edward C. Johnson*
*Governor of Colorado*

## LA: Winner Takes All—For A While

When a newspaper dies, goes under, is killed off, suspends or merges, how does the survivor go about absorbing its identity?

Robert Lasch, St. Louis Post-Dispatch editorial writer, describes the customary pattern as applied to the Los Angeles Mirror's acquisition of the Daily News. In his regular feature "I See by the Papers," for the March issue of The Progressive, he observes:

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I have been a bystander at three newspaper executions in three cities, and I am always impressed by the standardized conduct of the survivor. It is almost as if an unwritten code of behavior governed the situation.

The Daily Mirror was no exception. It took the defunct competitor's name unto itself (the Mirror-and-Daily-News, it is now), and it ran strenuous editorials signed by Editor-Publisher Virgil Pinkley, which seemed to me to protest too much in claiming that Daily News readers would scarcely know the difference if they would just go on buying the new, bigger, better, combined Mirror-and-Daily-News.

As always, there was a touching tendency to lean over backwards for the presumed pleasure of the new readers whom the surviving paper is desperately trying to hold—as when the Mirror-and-Daily News rather self-consciously published a two-part "exposure" of Gerald L. K. Smith and other hate-mongers of the Right. Editor-Publisher Pinkley wrote editorial after editorial in which he intimated that Democrats were probably people. He hinted that the Mirror in spite of its Times parentage would defend the right of Democrats to exist.

So it always goes with consolidations. You run the other guy's comics, you pick up his columnists, you ape his editorial attitudes, you smother his readers with honey and kindness—for a while. After a bit, when the suckers are comfortably inside the tent, they will have time enough to wonder what ever became of Mrs. Roosevelt's column, and how come the great liberal daily is supporting the straight Republican ticket.

The Mirror-and-Daily-News has the typical Los Angeles preoccupation with Hollywood news: the marriages, the divorces, the beddings legal and otherwise, the panting curiosity about Marilyn Monroe's new contract, the planted studio publicity which in California does not even bother to disguise itself.

There is the deep preoccupation with the weather. . . .

There is the entranced preoccupation with automobile accidents. . . .

Then there is the childlike fondness for cheesecake of a primitive sort—a breasty babe fanning Santa Claus on the Santa Monica beach with a palm leaf, to mark a mild Christmas; a breasty babe splashing in a Las Vegas swimming pool, to mark that city's first snow in 6 years; a leggy babe on a ladder picking avocados, to celebrate the avocado industry—and so on.

The daily staple is police news and what goes in the trade by the name of human interest, both vastly enriched by the contributions of Hollywood. ITALIAN MISS CAN'T FIND MATE. DR. KINSEY BLASTS TOUGH SEX LAWS. TINY BABY'S LEG BROKEN; JAIL MOTHER IN CRUELTY. DEATH PLOT PERILS BRUCE CABOT CHILD. WAR PLANNER FACING SUIT IN PATERNITY. STAR ACCUSES EX-HUSBAND OF CHILD NEGLECT.

Through it all filters only a dim view of the outer world. "REDS INTEND TO LIBERATE FORMOSA" brings an unpleasant reminder that things do go on out there, but if any Angelenos are given to worry, they can take comfort in the Mirror-and-Daily-News unfailing faith in Daddy Eisenhower: "PRESIDENT HAS WATCHFUL EYE ON RED ATTACK."

Well, maybe I didn't give the Mirror-and-Daily-News a chance. I read it for only a couple of months after the merger. They were a long two months, though.

### Day Book

**LABOR BOARD PROCEEDINGS**
**Certification petition filed, Mar. 14, Toronto Telegram circ. dept. (300 eligible).**

**CONTRACTS COMMITER**
**Battle Creek Enquirer & News, contract renewal approved.**
**Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, contract renewal approved.**
**Detroit, Michigan Catholic, contract renewal approval withheld because of continued requirement forcing women to resign on marriage and severance pay qualification for pubic scandal involvement.**
**Great Falls Tribune & Leader, wage reopening settlement approved.**
**Greensboro News & Record, contract renewal approved.**
**NEA Service Inc., wage reopening settlement approved.**
**St. Louis Post-Dispatch, job reclassification supplement approved.**

**ACTIVITIES**
**California - Nevada Regional ANG Training Institute, San Jose, Mar. 24-27.**

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INFLUENCE of TV and radio is discernible in a new gimmick adopted by the Sacramento Guild in an effort to improve attendance at upcoming monthly membership meetings.

That local's executive committee has decided to meet the program with a give-away lure. It works this way.

The names of all members are to be placed in a hat, and drawn until that of someone present at the April meeting comes up. That member gets ten dollars in cash. So far it follows the usual "door prize" routine. But Sacramento will see that absent members whose names were drawn ahead of the winner are notified of their absence-caued "loss."

And at the May meeting, the award will again be $10, but the winner will actually get $15 if he had also been present at the April session.

Finally, at the June meeting, last of the current season, the winner can pick up $25 if he was present at both preceding sessions, $15 if he missed only once, and $10 if he is on hand in June for the first time.

Both the cumulative feature of the prizes and the notification of the no-show members make the experiment, in which the local will invest at least $30 and at most $50, worth watching.

The recurring problem, to make the meetings interesting and productive for all, regardless of the cash lure, is also being tackled by the local officers.

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GUILDSMEN everywhere who have attended recent ANG conventions and who quickly grew to know and admire Fred Martin, executive secretary at Seattle-Tacoma, will join with his many friends in the Pacific Northwest in sorrow at his sudden death.

Martin belonged to that choice fraternity to whom the American Newspaper Guild is only incidentally a means of livelihood. To Martin his Guild service was a happy, satisfying way of life, one he would have exchanged for no other.

Seattle - Tacoma Guildsmen credit him with a long list of accomplishments. His business training and background he applied to efficient administration of the Guild office he held. Wherever he went his judgment was respected, his company enjoyed. He cemented the warm friendships which led to inter-union cooperation, so vital to the Guild in a number of stresses and strains. He was diligent and adept in the tasks of contract negotiations and grievance settlements. His leadership in the successful strike against the Times three years ago contributed heavily, and in the current arbitration at the Post-Intelligencer, he showed notable abilities. His counsels at ANG conventions will be sorely missed.

Typically his family asked that funeral remembrances be in the form of contributions to charity. In line with this, ANG has sent, through Ellis T. Baker, director of research and information, who attended the services at Seattle, a $25 check to the Seattle Heart Association. Baker's note of transmittal contained the hope that the Association's continued research might spare others the fate that befell Fred.

## Pay Raise Pool Aids AP Staffer

**Indianapolis, Ind.** — Associated Press Guildsmen here are getting a dividend from a recent investment.

This year, as usual, they followed their custom of contributing two weeks of their Guild-negotiated pay increases to a Guild pool. But this year they used the fund for a special local need.

Staffer Herman A. (Hap) Park, hospitalized for a year in his second bout with tuberculosis, had used up his sick leave pay. AP management, pressed by the unit, had extended it for a time but then had stopped it.

Unit members voted unanimously to send nearly all of their contributions to Hap. Members and non-members all kicked in. The bureau chief, excluded from Guild jurisdiction also contributed and teletype operators, members of the CTU, insisted on joining the fund. Several of Hap's friends on the Star and the News heard about the contributions and swelled the total, which finally added up to $152.50.

The dividend was Hap's subsequent improvement and return home to his wife and two children. He's resting up now for an early return to the job.

### Form Gannett Council

Under the aegis of the Empire State District Council there is being formed a Gannett Group Guild Council, comprising Guild locals or units on Gannett dailies. Niagara Falls, N.Y., of the Buffalo Guild, is the newest eligible unit.

# Washington ROUNDUP

By WILLARD SHELTON
Washington Guild

HERBLOCK of the Washington Post & Times-Herald last year did a devastating caricature of John Foster Dulles dashing away from a disordered apartment for another frantic flight to another international conference. Behind him, along with half-closed drawers and a little of spare impedimenta, he had left his head lying on a table, and the caption read, "Oh, Well, A Fellow Can't Remember Everything." This observer, struggling like others to understand where the President and Dulles are trying to lead us, now feels unusually baffled about Mr. Eisenhower.

It is baffling, even, to try to comprehend the relationship between the White House and the State Department, and one yearns for just a little element of what disparaging partisans call "personal diplomacy"—the simple acceptance by the President of his inescapable individual responsibility for the great issue of war and peace.

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A RECAPITULATION of three issues is enough to frighten even professional optimists.

The Republicans began in the 1952 campaign a process of attacking mere "containment" of communist aggression and promising "liberation" of captive peoples. Eisenhower in his first State of the Union message "unleashed" Chiang Kai-shek to assail the Chinese mainland. The brave talk continued even while an armistice was negotiated in Korea; it reached its climax when Vice President Nixon told newspaper editors last April that he thought Eisenhower would have "no choice" but to use American troops to save Indochina.

The era ended when northen Vietnam was conceded to Ho Chi Minh at the Geneva conference—a conference after which Dulles expressed pride that he had refused to speak officially to the cultivated, dangerous Chinese premier, Chou En-lai. Yet 11 months later we are plunged into a new Far Eastern power play involving the Quemoy and Matsu islands in which we are supported by none of our North Atlantic allies.

Dulles returned from the Bangkok conference, he said, with a "sense of foreboding," but he also spoke of turning back any Chinese attack on Formosa with a three-pronged counterattack based on sheer sea and air power. At a press conference he talked of "baby" or "tactical" atom bombs, and still later warned somberly that once again this nation may be compelled "to forego peace in order to secure the blessings of liberty."

Joseph Harsch of the Christian Science Monitor, an acute reporter of foreign affairs, remarked that he was ordinarily not an alarmist but that he viewed with grave discomfort the assumption that sea and air power, and "baby" bombs, could easily stop the Chinese. Suppose, as reported, the Russians have provided some atom bombs for China, and they retaliate against our "babies" with a big buster on Okinawa?

One may ask, in addition, whether Formosa itself is safe from Red Chinese jet air power if Peiping actually has A-bombs, and what would be the effect on world opinion of nuclear war initiated by the United States for the sake of the Quemoys and Matsus. It is not discreet, it is dreadfully unwise, to have another round of "massive retaliation" talk forcing us, in the end, either to back down once more or stumble into drastic actions with unforeseeable consequences.

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IN THE EUROPEAN AREA, both the State Department and the President handled Sen. George's advocacy of a Big Four conference at the highest level as if George had dropped burning ingots in their hands.

The senator from Georgia is at the moment the dominant figure in Congress, the indispensable man Eisenhower must have with him on both foreign and domestic issues. Yet things got so confused at the State Department that reporters were first told George's proposal was pretty much in line with high-level diplomatic ideas, and then hastily summoned back to be told that the department still insisted on advance Soviet evidences of deeds and good faith.

Mr. Eisenhower's remarks at his news conference were so fuzzy that the AP and UP moved exactly contradictory paragraphs on whether there was any difference, or how much, between his concepts and what George had advocated. And both were correct, because the President reverted to his earlier habit of lengthy replies that practically boxed the compass.

Eventually things were straightened out. Eisenhower doesn't insist on exact "deeds" by the Russians, but he wants any Big Four meeting of Chiefs of State preceded by a foreign ministers' conference. George is in complete agreement. But there is a difference: Eisenhower is emphasizing the difficulties a President faces in traveling abroad to conferences, whereas George is pushing him to forget the trivia and assert American initiative in producing all the necessary preliminaries and then a top-level meeting. The State Department, almost demoralized by its previous slips, declined further comment on either George or Eisenhower.

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THE EPISODE of the Yalta papers, one supposes, is relatively unimportant since it involves the past instead of the present and future. But once again the President's comments raised the question of liaison between Dulles and the White House and whether Eisenhower feels any necessity to assert personal control over specific decisions.

Nearly everything the President told his news conference suggested that he was fairminded and sensible. He thought diplomatic records should not be suppressed, but they should not be published without regard to our allies. They should not include casual conversation seeming to impugn the good faith of the participants. They should not be raked over for partisan advantage.

Yet the Yalta documents were published against the desires of the British, because of what Churchill bluntly called "pressure" the State Department felt to be irresistible. They were not screened to eliminate all casual conversation that may have been wisecracks or intended for bargaining purposes. Roosevelt's comments about the British, Churchill's comments about the French, Roosevelt's and Churchill's remarks about Poland were either released in full or "deleted" so lightly that French reporters, among others refused to accept the embargo and cabled the offensive paragraphs to Paris.

Press Secretary Haggerty hastily told reporters, when the State Department deliberately "leaked" the Yalta documents, that the President hadn't known anything about the decision and hadn't even read the papers. This, I submit, is an irrelevance.

Dulles has no power except as an agent of Eisenhower, and a disavowal of a blunder doesn't excuse a Chief Executive from keeping his subordinates in line. He may not be able to prevent Republican members of Congress from merrily ignoring his plea for nonpartisanship about Yalta, but he must either maintain order in his Cabinet or be guilty of something approaching abdication.

A couple of years ago Walter Millis wrote in the New York Herald Tribune that Eisenhower, having been elected, should simply ignore all campaign promises and act as he felt necessary for the good of the country. The advice was blunt, but the campaign promises were pretty sleazy. If there isn't some new alertness and a clear sense of direction in the White House, the next two years look like bleak and dangerous ones.

## Reuther, Meany And Neuberger Get Albany Bids

Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak this week extended invitations to CIO President Walter P. Reuther, AFL President George Meany and Sen. Richard Neuberger (D, Oregon) to address the ANG convention in Albany.

Reuther has been invited to be the main speaker at the annual banquet on June 29. In his letter extending the invitation, Novak stressed that the presence of the CIO leader would be of great help to the Guild in bolstering its organizing plans.

In his invitation to Meany, Novak voiced the Guild's appreciation for the AFL's recently expressed position calling for action to halt the trend toward monopoly in public information medio.

In his letter to Sen. Neuberger, a former Guild member, Novak pointed out the the convention would take up a full discussion of the growing trend toward monoply in the newspaper and other mass communications field brought on by mergers and suspensions, and that the Senator's own concern over this problem would contribute to this discussion.

The invitations were issued in accordance with IEB action authorizing the ANG officers to secure convention speakers.