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Simmering Politics May Boil At Albany

Nominations at the Albany ANG convention for the fifteen places on the Guild's executive board may result in a contest for one or more of the top offices, it is indicated in a news letter circulated this week over the signature of Ed Marciniak, himself an at-large vice president of the board.

The letter divulges that last month, at an informal meeting of board members, Secretary-Treasurer William J. Farson declared that while he will seek reelection, he will not support his fellow full-time salaried official, Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak. The declaration came when board members were asked their intentions for another term.

Marciniak's communication went to Guild leaders generally, and was concerned for the most

part with a digest of events at the May IEB session.

The single reference to candidacies is contained in a paragraph which reads:

"Politics—Bailey, Collis, Dipman, Freye, Marciniak, Novak, Price, Stafford, and Thompson answered 'Yes' when asked if they would run again in this year's elections. Easton and Wold were 'doubtful.' Leo says he's 'available if local wants.' Beaulere says 'Probably yes.' Farson says 'Yes, but I won't run on any ticket supporting Novak.' Rahm says 'No.'"

No member of the board has yet made formal announcement

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NY Guild Insists Eagle 'Killed' By Its Publisher

In an eight-page brochure being printed in quantity for wide distribution entitled "Who Killed the Brooklyn Eagle?", the New York Newspaper Guild sets forth its own views on the Guild strike started at the Brooklyn daily last January, and the subsequent declaration by Publisher Frank D. Schroth of his intention to end the publication.

After reviewing Schroth's past history as a publisher and recounting the events leading up to the strike, the Guild local asks the question:

"Was this a case of dire Schroth poverty which the hard-headed Guild chose to ignore? Didn't he have the money?"

And it adds: "The evidence on that is now pretty complete and entirely clear. It comes in two parts."

Pre-Strike Evidence

Before the strike began, these facts the Guild knew: The Pub-

lisher said (but never attempted to prove) that he had sustained "losses" in 1954, and they were once mentioned as totaling \$111,000. Assuming these to be real losses—not a paper drop from last year's profits—they did not spell poverty or inability to pay.

As a matter of fact the Guild learned they were not operating losses at all—but costs of getting a new building. In other words, investment, not loss.

In any case, even while negotiations were going on with the Guild, the Publisher had taken steps to wipe out the loss, or

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230 Advance Registrations

Albany Convention Could Set New Attendance Mark

The Empire State's first American Newspaper Guild convention, to open in Albany, Monday, June 27, seems likely to be among the best-attended in the history of ANG's twenty-two annual constitutional gatherings.

As of last week, Albany's DeWitt Clinton Hotel, designated as convention headquarters, had already made reservations for 230 guests including delegates, alternates and families.

Top attendance was registered by the Washington convention in 1950, when 238 delegates and alternates were listed; and in Boston in 1953, when the same total was reached.

Convention activities will start with the meeting of the fifteen-member International Executive Board on Wednesday, June 22, at 10 A.M.

And on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the formal sessions, there will be meetings of such groups as the Council of Councils, the Wire Service Council, the Hearst, Scripps-Howard, Gannett, and Ridder councils, and the advertising and circulation men's panels.

New York State Gov. Averell Harriman, who was a guest speaker at the 1953 Boston convention, will welcome the delegates to Albany. The Albany Guild local has also asked that greetings be extended by Rep. Leo W. O'Brien, now serving a second term in Congress from the Albany district after many years of news reporting in Albany. O'Brien retains his Guild membership at Albany. The guest list for Monday morning includes Mayor Erastus Corning, 2nd; Louis Hollander, State CIO president; Michael Mann, CIO Region 2 director, and representatives of the area CIO and Allied Printing Trades councils.

A former Albany Guildsman, Dr. Carlyle Adams, who continues to write a column on religion for the Times-Union, will pronounce the invocation at Monday's opening session.

In addition to the business of the convention—and the agenda will crowd the program limits—

Sends Reuther ANG Greetings

When the CIO Auto Workers union reached agreement with Ford on the precedent-making guaranteed wage plan, ANG President Joseph F. Collis sent a wire to Walter Reuther, UAW president.

It read: "Congratulations on wonderful epochal victory. Clean up on General Motors and come to the Newspaper Guild convention."

Reuther had agreed to be the Guild convention banquet speaker, by invitation of the IEB at its February meeting, if he was to be in this country during June. There had then been a possibility that Reuther would attend the ICFTU convention in Vienna.

the Albany Guild has arranged for a number of events throughout the week.

The Albany Guild will be host at a cocktail party on Sunday evening at the DeWitt Clinton, marking the local's 21st anniversary. It holds ANG Charter #34, and was organized during the first year of the Guild's existence. Again on Friday, after the convention ends, the local will entertain delegates and their families.

Wives of delegates are invited to be guests of Mrs. Harri-

man at the Executive Mansion on Monday at 4 P.M., for a reception and tea. Mrs. Harriman was with her husband at the Boston Guild convention, and is warmly known by many throughout the Guild.

General sessions are set for all day Monday, Tuesday morning, all day Thursday and all day Friday.

Monday morning the convention will be constituted, and ANG President Joseph F. Collis will make his report, to be followed in the afternoon by Executive Vice President Ralph B. Novak and Secretary-treasurer William J. Farson.

At the Tuesday morning session there will be presented the winner of the first annual Wilbur E. Bade Memorial Award, chosen last month by the panel of judges, who are withholding announcement until the convention. A plaque and a cash award of \$500, underwritten this year by Bade's home local at Twin Cities, are in recognition of outstanding Guild service during the year ending last March 15.

On Tuesday afternoon, there will be no formal convention session, and the entire group of delegates and their families will go aboard the steamer Westport for a cruise down the Hudson River. The local is also completing arrangements for a trip for delegates' wives to the health baths at nearby Saratoga Springs, with details still to be pinned down.

Wednesday night is set aside for the convention banquet, at

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If You're Convention-Bound, Here's Some Advice From Albany

Albany, N.Y.—What delegates will need to know about Albany, to make the most of their stay in this capital city during the convention week, will be the province of the Guild local's hospitality committee, which will set up a welcoming and information desk at the DeWitt Clinton to steer the newcomers aright.

Meantime, the local passes on a few tips, in advance, to delegates.

Air Transportation—From the airport, \$1 cab fare brings you to any point in the downtown area.

Highway travel—If points of interest are an objective, travel by car is recommended. Routes from the east are US 20, from the south 9-W and 9-E on opposite banks of the Hudson, and from the west, Routes 5 and 20, plus the newly opened toll-charge Thruway, a fast route with exit markings to downtown Albany well posted.

Spots to include near Albany are Cooperstown, home of Baseball's Hall of Fame and the Farmers' Museum; Saratoga, Lake George, the Battlefield of Sara-

toga, and nearby Fort Craillo, in Rensselaer, where "Yankee Doodle" was originated.

City points of interest—The Schuyler Mansion, the Ten Broeck Mansion, the Capitol, the State Museum, all within a few minutes of the convention headquarters.

Parking—All downtown parking is meter-controlled at 5 cents per hour, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. No all-night parking. Thursday is shopping night. One long block to a big parking lot at reasonable rates, another smaller lot directly behind the convention hotel.

Cabs—"Fleet cabs," from the railroad station inside ramp to the DeWitt Clinton charge a 50c fare. Independents at the street entrance to the station, and elsewhere, get what the traffic will bear.

Food—The convention hall is the hotel dining room, closed for the week for eating purposes. There's a grill room in the basement, which is good, and a drug store luncheonette at the first floor street level. Many sandwich shops in the area, and plenty of decent restaurants within a few

blocks. Since State offices and two large telephone company buildings dominate the hotel neighborhood, lunching between noon and 1 P.M. is on a catch-as-catch-can basis.

For serious eating, but somewhat expensive, go to Albany's best—Keeler's, near the foot of State street.

Drinks—Bars close at 3 A.M., and—if it matters—open at 8 in the morning, except on Sundays, when the opening hour is 1 P.M. Package stores open from 9 A.M. to 11 P.M., with no limits on purchases, and State-law fixes on standard, advertised brand prices. Some good buys in own-name brands in stores near the hotel.

Churches—Roman Catholic Cathedral is four blocks from the DeWitt Clinton, Episcopal Church is in the same block as the hotel, and St. Mary's R.C. Church is also within four blocks. Protestant churches scattered, but well represented.

Laundry—At least three fast-service laundry and dry-cleaning establishments within a long block from the hotel, at

prices that beat those of the hotel valet service.

Miscellaneous—Albany has plenty of movie theaters in town, with summer stock houses also available within an hour's drive. The same hour's drive gets you to Saratoga Raceway, with harness racing and pari-mutuels, first post 8:20 P.M.

Buffalo, N.Y.—The Niagara Falls unit of the Buffalo Newspaper Guild wants delegates from the west to make the Falls a stop-over on their trip to or from the Albany convention.

Cliff Spieler or Virginia Stepien, at the Niagara Falls Gazette office, or the Buffalo Guild's local office in this city, will be happy to greet passers-through and supply travel information as needed.

Should delegates desire to visit Canada, even just across the international bridge, they are reminded to make sure of re-entry by having car registration and birth certificate or similar proof of U.S. citizenship in their possession.

The State of The Union . . . Convention Preview Forecasts Busy Week For ANG Delegates

By RALPH B. NOVAK
Executive Vice President



THE STATE OF THE UNION—in large doses—will be the main concern of hundreds of you later this month, when the American Newspaper Guild convenes for its 22nd annual convention in Albany, N.Y. And the 22nd convention marks the Guild's 21st anniversary year—let us hope that this age is reflected in mature consideration and action on our problems.

But the purpose of this is not to moralize, but to inform. There will be in the list of delegates for this year many newcomers to a convention. There also are, in our ranks, thousands who have never been to a convention. It is primarily for these uninitiated that I want to preview this month's deliberations.

THE CONVENTION ITSELF will start on Monday, June 27, but for weeks preparations have been going forward. At its meeting last month the International Executive Board began writing reports on its stewardship of our union for the past year. Finishing touches will be put on them at a pre-convention meeting in Albany starting June 22. These reports furnish the base for convention committee deliberations.

For a large number of delegates the convention activities will start on Saturday, June 25. Saturday and Sunday are reserved for special sessions which are adjuncts of the convention, officially recognized by it, but not part of it.

These meetings consist of: wire service council, conference of district council officers and delegates, Hearst chain council, Gannett chain council, Scripps-Hearst chain council, Ridder chain council, advertising panel and circulation panel.

This will be the organizational meeting of the wire service council, and its members will stay on as delegates to the convention, the only ones not specially accredited by particular locals.

Two of the chain councils are new: the Ridder Group was formed at last year's convention but is having its first pre-convention meeting, the Gannett council met for the first time last month at an Empire State District Council meeting. Of the chain councils, that for members on Hearst papers probably will be the busiest, since it will study impending negotiations on the Hearst National Memorandum. That is still the only chain-wide agreement held by the ANG.

CONVENTION ACTIVITIES get into higher gear Sunday afternoon. Freshmen delegates will be welcomed at a freshmen forum at 4 p.m. Secretary-Treasurer Bill Parson is in charge of that, as he is in charge of the actual operation of the convention. Registration starts at 5 p.m. and at 6 is the opening cocktail party.

Monday at 10 a.m., President Paul Vadna of the Albany local will call the meeting to order and then we'll be off and running.

It promises to be a busy convention. As you read in the Guild Reporter, business are going to be an important question, but that's nearly always the case.

Another major item, judging from the membership reaction as recorded in letters to the editor, is a decision on the Guild's position toward communists. Events of the last several years have made this decision more or less academic; as a stripping of seven, back in 1941, the ANG overthrew leftwing domination.

Recommendations for changes in both organizing and servicing also are to be brought before the convention for action. Since these two matters are the life blood of the Guild, there promises to be plenty of interesting discussion on them too.

And finally on Friday, July 21, at 11 a.m., there will be nomination of officers for the coming two years.

BUT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE of this column was to inform the new delegates and the non-delegates how the convention operates.

The committee are the foundation of the ANG convention. Sel-dum does a matter come to the floor of the convention without exhaustive study by a committee in some particular field.

Each committee—except one, on credentials—is nominated by the IEB and submitted to the convention as a whole. The IEB nomination is not final, of course; delegates still may get themselves transferred to other groups on which they prefer to serve. But much last minute changing of assignments can be avoided if the delegates inform the IEB, through the Secretary-Treasurer, of their desire for committee assignments. These are followed as far as possible, although sometimes it is necessary to make changes to fill out neglected committees.

The credentials committee must be named in advance of the convention, because the delegates must be properly accredited before they can be seated and before the convention can function.

The other committees, which are formally established at the Monday morning session, are: Rules, Resolutions, Organizing, Human Rights, Collective Bargaining, Guild Reporter, Constitution, Research and Information, and Finance.

The scope of these committees should be evident from their titles. So, before you forget, write your preference to Bill Parson. It will save you the trouble of moving to change your assignment at the opening convention session. Every motion saved then adds time for consideration of the more urgent business of the convention.

...Eagle 'Killed' By Publisher

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whatever it was. He simply boosted the price of the Sunday paper by a nickel—adding a net 4 cents per copy to the paper's revenue.

The circulation dropped not at all and the revenue went up at the rate of MORE THAN \$300,000 A YEAR! Cost of the Guild raise—the \$5.80 "back pay"—already granted to employees of other unions in the plant—would have been \$55,000 the first year of a two-year contract, \$95,000 the second . . . \$150,000 in two years, in which increased revenue would top \$600,000.

Obviously, the \$300,000-plus revenue increase would have been enough to pay the raises, wipe out the \$111,000 "loss" AND LEAVE A HANDSOME PROFIT and a profit still there even if you double the Guild raise cost to include the already-granted raises to the craft union workers.

Post-Strike Evidence

This evidence comes from inside management itself. It comes more especially in a prospectus put forth by a group of former Eagle executives who would like to start publishing a Brooklyn newspaper on their own. This group is headed by a man who was Eagle business manager and secretary-treasurer from 1940 until he resigned in January, 1954. He asks the supposititious question, in re a Brooklyn newspaper: "Why if they (the Eagle owners) could not make a go of it, could any one else?" And he replies in these words:

"The answers are that they did succeed from 1950 to 1953, producing fine profits, increasing net worth by several hundred percent and paying large taxes and excess profits taxes to the Government."

From other sources comes word that the profits averaged \$200,000 a year for at least ten years . . . or \$2,000,000.

Whatever, therefore, the reason why the Eagle publisher did not go along with pay raises granted to all other newspaper workers including the craft union people in his plant, IT WAS NOT INABILITY TO PAY.

They 'Folded'—Without the Guild

From time to time newspapers—and other business properties—are killed, yes. But not by the Guild, not by unions.

Publishers, however, are in the business of making money and long ago they learned, or certain types of publishers learned, that under given conditions they could make more money by folding than publishing. And they haven't hesitated to fold.

It didn't matter how old a paper was, how fine a reputation it had established, how well received it was by its reading community. If a good money deal could be made, merged the paper was into extinction.

Thus in the New York area alone, within the memory of men now living, a host of papers with national and international reputations went down the merger drain—were folded by their owners and vanished. Here is an incomplete list:

Item, the famous New York World, merged with the old Evening Telegram.

Item, the Evening World, ditto.

Item, the old Morning Sun, merged with the Evening Sun into The Sun.

Item, The Sun, knocked on the head and merged with the

World-Telegram into the World-Telegram and Sun.

Item, the New York American, killed and merged into the Journal-American.

Item, the famed old New York Herald, merged with the Tribune into the Herald Tribune.

There were others, but these will do, as examples. All of them folded and died without the "malignant" Guild's force or influence.

The World, the Evening World, the Morning Sun, the Herald all went down the folding drain before a Guild was born.

The American bowed out in 1937—a Guild was being formed in New York, but it had no contract, no wage scales, no anything with the American. All fired employees got two weeks' "severance pay" and a friendly goodbye.

The Sun went down during the Guild era, yes—but it was the one non-Guild general-circulation daily left in the city. It had no Guild contract, its employees no Guild protection. It, too, could not have been—and wasn't—a Guild victim.

Who killed the World, the Evening World, the two Suns, the American, the Herald . . . ? The Guild, of course didn't—and couldn't be blamed for the murders.

And the Brooklyn Eagle? The Guild didn't either—but now

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of candidacy. The poll was made at an informal closed session at which all were present except Philip H. Price, Washington.

Roberta Bailey, Philadelphia; Paul A. Freye, Sacramento; Marcink, Chicago; and Robert C. Stafford, Cleveland, are all vice-presidents-at-large, serving their first terms on the board.

Joseph F. Collins, Wilkes-Barre, is ANG president, a long-time member of the board who two years ago was elevated to the presidency in a closely-contested election over Harry Martin, Memphis.

Al Dipman, San Francisco-Oakland, is Region Four vice president, Price is from Region Two, and John H. Thompson, Boston, is from Region One. Ed Easton, Jr., New York, is another at-large vice president, serving his second two-year term. Felix Wolf, Detroit, is also an at-large vice president, of long tenure.

Victor Leo, New York, is from the Fifth Region, and C. Joseph Beaulieu, Toronto, has represented the Sixth Region since its creation in 1961. Adolph J. Rahn, St. Louis, has been Region Three vice president since 1948.

The president, executive vice president and secretary-treasurer are elected by popular referendum, conducted Guild-wide, as are also vice-presidents-at-large. Regional vice-presidents, as their title suggests, are selected by votes of Guild members in the respective geographical areas.

Guild political machinery has been vested, since 1952, in a single "caucus" made up of convention delegates informally banded together, with an elected steering committee carried over from year to year. Prior to 1952, two caucus groups existed, and the merger of 1952 occurred when their leaders publicly avowed that they were pursuing identical aims.

In the 1953 election campaign, the caucus decided to devote none of its funds—collected through

there was a Guild and it could be blamed.

In each case, the answer would seem to be the same . . . That the owner-publishers found it easier, more profitable, to kill than to publish . . . and killed.

Like the others, the Brooklyn Eagle was put to death by its publisher, for his own purposes whatever they were.

(As of now, early in June, the Newspaper Guild believes, and the strikers believe, that the Brooklyn Eagle is not dead but sleeping. . . . That the publisher may still have secret plans to go back into business after a "fold" that didn't sell the paper, after other such shenanigans designed to discourage and confuse)

Plans to go back and publish a paper again, in his shiny new Brooklyn Eagle Building, without Guild pay or Guild conditions and with profits enormously increased. Meanwhile he spreads the word that the Brooklyn Eagle is dead, that a strike killed it

Hence this document, to show who did kill the Brooklyn Eagle, and why, and whether it was a "fold" or whether it was a make-believe slaying to fool the public and batter down a union and 315 union employees. . . . Or just a strike which still continues, which the strikers and their Newspaper Guild are determined to win.)

Albany

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which the scheduler guest speaker is Walter Reuther, president of the CIO and head of the United Auto Workers Union.

Among other special convention events will be a forum for delegates attending their first convention, called for Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock; a forum open to all delegates on the subject of collective bargaining, this being set for Monday at 4 P.M., and a forum on human rights, on Monday at 8 P.M.

The Albany local has designated as convention co-chairmen the local president, Paul Vadna, and a former president, Walter J. Mordant, now assistant press secretary to Governor Harriman, and a Guild member-at-large.

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Wichita Guild 'Recognized' By Eagle's Concessions

Wichita, Kan.—Editorial employees at the Wichita Eagle continued to reap premature "Guild benefits" from a management evidently bent on beating the current Guild organization campaign with belated kindness. While signed and paid-up membership cards attest a solid Guild majority on the 60-man staff, the American Newspaper Guild has sought—and been refused—formal recognition as bargaining agent and has filed a petition for an election, with the labor board offices at Kansas City, Mo.

A three-weeks' strike occurred late in 1946, on the only other occasion when Eagle employees attempted to obtain a Guild contract. It ended when the membership voted to accept a substandard contract, and the Guild organization languished thereafter.

The locals urged a thorough study of the situation pointed at reducing the number of locals servicing districts would include, if distance was a prime factor.

The council, composed of Ed Paso, Houston, Sabine Neches (Beaumont) and San Antonio, elected Ellis Sweatte, Beaumont, president. Other officers are Keith Osmore, Houston, vice president; secretary, and Ed Norton, Houston, treasurer.

The meeting ended with a Sunday luncheon which was attended by delegates, Beaumont local members and wives.

The Houston local will host the next meeting of the council Oct. 29-30.

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Texas Locals Like Servicing Plan; Elect DC Officers

Beaumont, Texas.—The servicing district proposal found strong support among Texas locals last weekend.

At the annual meeting the Texas District Council went on record as endorsing the proposal which would set up seven servicing districts over the country in an attempt to give locals needed aid in bargaining.

The resolution, passed unanimously, urged all affected locals to support the proposal at the coming international convention and further requested that one bargaining IR be stationed in Texas due to the great distances involved.

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Membership OK's New INP-INS Pact

INP and INS Guildsmen across the country have voted to accept the new two-year contracts between the Guild and the two managements. Final results of the balloting, tabulated this week at ANG headquarters, showed both groups of members approving the new provisions of their contracts about two to one.

The two documents grant several general increases of from \$1.50 to \$2.50 and set new top newsman and photographer minimums at \$439 in the key bureaus. Seniority consideration in economy discharges, improved dual work provisions, the addition of Christmas Eve as a holiday, increased severance pay, and the upgrading of nine bureaus in the progressive movement to eliminate geographic differentials in the wire services topped the list of gains won in

three weeks of negotiations and two weeks of federal mediation. Negotiators for the Guild included Max Flax, INS, New York; chairman Jim Scott, St. Louis; INS; Harry Bergman, San Francisco; INS; J. Harley Murray, Washington; INS and Ray Pitt, ANG Ass'n Wire Service Administrator. Ralph B. Novak, Executive Vice President of the Guild, entered negotiations when a strike vote was authorized and later when final agreement was reached. Eva Jollos, executive secretary of the contracts committee, and Doc Rivett, contracts analyst, gave valuable assistance to the negotiators.

Formal signing of the documents took place June 9 at which time management were notified that retroactive pay included in the paychecks for the week of June 5-11.

Honors Go To Five Pennsylvanians In Annual Mid-Atlantic Contests

Scranton, Pa.—Pennsylvania Guildsmen were in the spotlight last weekend as the Middle Atlantic District Council presented its annual Heywood Brown awards for outstanding service to the Guild and the community and for top news writing and photography.

The council held a busy two-day session at which local reports and current Guild activities were discussed. The delegates were briefed on Guild activities by Joe Collis, ANG president, Bill Parson, ANG secretary-treasurer and Roberta Bailey, IEB member.

Dave Schick, Philadelphia executive officer, was designated to represent the Middle Atlantic Council at the Council of Council sessions preceding the ANG Albany convention.

Wilkes-Barre was chosen as the site of the next council meeting September 10 and 11.

Award for outstanding service went to Al McCaughey of the Philadelphia Guild, instructor of a grieving father and daughter waiting in a hospital corridor for word on the condition of the child's mother, injured in an explosion.

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April Members Total 27,020

dues-paying membership in the American Newspaper Guild stood at 27,020 as of April 1, it was reported to the International Executive Board last month by J. William Blatz, director of organization.

The figure falls short, by 964, of the all-time high total of 27,984 registered last June 1, and reflects not only an increased difficulty in new organizing but also some major personnel casualties in the industry itself, such as suspensions, mergers and mass discharges.

Three Canadian locals report new high membership levels, at Ottawa, Toronto and New Westminster, the last in the Pacific coast province of British Columbia. And four locals in the States join in new membership totals, at Buffalo, Dallas, Pueblo and San Antonio.

Blatz reports that five other locals held to previously gained high marks. They are Gary, Lansing, Hampton Roads, Newburgh-Bacon and Waterbury.

The listing does not take into account more than 600 members in the armed forces, who pay no dues while in uniform.

WS Members Ask Support For Single-Local Project

Establishment of a wire service local is urged in a petition circulated among Guildsmen in the Associated Press office in New York, the largest wire service group in the nation.

The petition, already bearing some 200 signatures, is to be forwarded to delegates at the Guild's convention in Albany late this month, and follows a position already taken by the National Wire Service Council. It asks Guild leaders to support the wire service membership "in our drive for union democracy."

Specifically, the document urges the convention to authorize the Guild's International Executive Board to create a consolidated wire service local upon application for a charter by the National Wire Service Council. The signers declare:

"The matter has been debated for years, but no arguments have diminished the validity of the WSman's case. There have been compromises and concessions, but in the main these have been designed to temporize and delay rather than to effectuate a smooth transition. We want no more of it."

"We deeply regret that our energy and our money must be diverted to debate amongst ourselves. We wish the need for this to cease at once."

"We are not union busters and we will listen to any reasonable scheme to effect a transition from our present amorphous status to that of a full-fledged wire service local. But the movement must be swift and it must be sincere. We know it won't be easy—for us or for some of the locals which have depended on WS money."

"No argument can overcome the fact that WSmen are being short-changed—that the only logical way to improve our organizing, grievance procedure and our contracts is by letting us pay our own way, as we see fit, to meet our own needs. Any contention that we cannot stand

on our feet and conduct our own affairs is unacceptable."

Copies of the petition already have gone out to local presidents and other Guild leaders throughout the country. The distribution is being handled by an Inter-service Committee for an Independent Wire Service Local, of which Martin Post, AP-NY, is chairman. Members of the committee include Bill Corley and Bob Liles, chairmen, respectively, of their units at AP and UP news-side in New York.

AP National Group Has 3 New Members

The five-man Associated Press National Committee has three new members as the result of balloting throughout the Guild's affected wire service unit. It is reported by Leonard Millman, chairman of the National Wire Service Council.

Holdover members, both of whom served on last year's contract negotiating committee, are Warren Rogers, Washington; and Richard Smith, Cleveland.

For the New York City region, Mel Rifkind is the new committeeman; while both Portland, Me., and Portland, Ore., are the home bases of the other new members, William Langsettel and Matt Kramer, respectively.

The choice of Langsettel is the first instance in which a so-called Class III bureau staffer—in the lowest top salary minimum category—has been named to the national group.

Robert Farrington, New York, served as chairman of the elections committee. He is AP vice chairman of the wire service council.

One contest is being waged for a place representing the central region on the United Press-NEA National Committee. Results will be determined after balloting is completed this month. The candidates are both from Chicago UP bureau—Harvey Johnson, of pictures, and Grant Siverts, of the news staff.

Coast Research Sees News Industry Growth

San Francisco, Calif. — Uninterrupted growth for the newspaper industry in the eleven western states is forecast for the next seven years in a study completed by the Stanford Research Institute of Stanford University.

These are the institute's estimates:

Circulation of daily newspapers will increase from 7.2 million in 1954 to 9.2 million in 1961; an increase of 28%.

Circulation of Sunday newspapers will increase from 6 million in 1954 to 7.8 million in 1961; an increase of 30%.

Advertising income in daily and Sunday newspapers will increase from 2 billion 400 million in 1954 to 3.5 billion dollars in 1961; an increase of 25%.

These increases are based on predicted population growth of 4.2 million between 1954 and 1961 and a continuing high level of income. Disposable income (income after taxes) is expected to increase in the far western states from \$6.5 billion dollars in 1954 to \$17 billion dollars in 1961. This factor is closely related to newspaper revenues.

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ACCENT ON MEMBERSHIP—Marie Boger, left, enrolled eleven members in ten days for her Guild local at Indianapolis, and received an engraved cigarette lighter from the local treasurer, Frank Grimm. Admiring onlookers are Gertrude DeFalco, June Schwartz, Star News unit chairman, and Martha Wells, local secretary.

Daily News Okays Unit Of Philadelphia Local

Philadelphia, Pa.—August 1 as a date for both recognition of the Greater Philadelphia Newspaper Guild as bargaining agent and the start of contract negotiations for all non-mechanical employees of the Daily News, has been set by agreement reached May 25 with Matthew H. McCloskey, Daily News chairman.

The accord followed nearly a year in which first editorial employees and later those in other Guild-jurisdiction departments at the News expressed Guild interest by signing membership cards. When early attempts to seek recognition had been met with delays, the Guild officers filed a formal Labor Board petition, looking to an election, in which only editorial staff members would participate.

The election scope was dictated by anti-Guild activities in other departments than editorial, attributed to management, which Guild leaders felt would jeopardize the results of an all-department election.

The Guild had expressed repeatedly its desire for "amicable negotiations" with McCloskey, who is treasurer of the National Democratic Committee and hence deemed to be friendly to the cause of organized labor.

The agreement reached on an all-department "consent recognition" was finally obtained through the efforts of CIO Council President Joseph Kelley and CIO Regional Director George Craig, who accompanied Local President Kos Semonski and Dave Schick, Guild administrative officer, to McCloskey's office.

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Washington Strike Step Wins New Star Contract

Washington, D. C. — The Star Guild has approved an eleven-hour counter-proposal by Star management, made after the unit had taken a strike vote and completed plans for a work stoppage, to obtain a suitable contract.

The approval vote, carried by a two-to-one count, was cast by editorial and commercial employees who make up the Star unit, and whose protracted negotiations had resulted in a wholly unsatisfactory management offer.

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The settlement grants the wage pattern reached through arbitration procedure at the Post & Times-Herald, makes benefits fully retroactive to last October 15 and provides minimum increases ranging up to \$6, although a ceiling of \$5 prevails in commercial classifications. In general, minimums were increased by 5 percent, the local officers report.

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Rights Forum Leaders Named

Representatives of newspaper management and Negro service organizations will join Guildsmen in a panel discussion at the Albany convention on the question of racial discrimination in newspaper employment and how to combat it.

Panel members will include: Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, who recently resigned as personnel director of the New York Herald Tribune after having been with that paper since 1945.

William R. Simms, assistant director of the Urban League Fund.

Robert C. Stafford, ANG International Vice President and chairman of the IEB Human Rights Committee.

The panel discussion will be held at 8 P.M. Monday, June 27, the opening day of the convention.

The theme of the discussion reflects the decision by the IEB, at its last meeting, to recommend to the convention that "the ANG and local concentrate their activities in the field of human rights toward eliminating discriminatory hiring practices, once and for all, in all departments."

The IEB, in its forthcoming report to the convention, emphasizes:

"The most obvious, most pressing need for action in protecting Human Rights in the newspaper industry is in the area of job opportunity."

"Racial discrimination is rampant."

"Freedom of opportunity simply does not exist in the industry for large segments of our population. Job applicants are judged on most newspapers by their experience and ability—and by the color of their skin. Racial discrimination in the hiring practices of most publishers—not only in the editorial departments, but in all white-collar departments—has deprived the industry of needed talents and skills."

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CITIZEN OF THE YEAR—That's the title borne by Patrolman Francis Tanner, San Jose patrolman and former member of the Harlem Globetrotters, as cited by the San Jose Newspaper Guild at its fourth annual Gridiron Dinner. Local President Mark Wright makes the presentation.

Negro Patrolman Honored By San Jose Guild Local

San Jose, Calif. — Patrolman Francis Tanner, San Jose patrolman and former member of the Harlem Globetrotters, was honored as "Citizen of the Year," by the San Jose Newspaper Guild at its fourth annual Gridiron Dinner.

Tanner, former member of the Harlem Globetrotters, was given the award of the San Jose Newspaper Guild "because of his devotion to duty, because of his warm friendliness . . . because he represents for San Jose all that San Joseans expect from public officers, because in accomplishing all these things he has managed to overcome artificial barriers of color by ignoring them."

The citation was read to the 500 guests, including State of California, Santa Clara County and city officials, by Police Chief Ray Blackmore. The award, the traditional gold stick of type, was presented by Guild President Mark Wright.

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RADIANT ENTRANCE—The smiles belong to Toledo Guild's Page One Queen, Ruth Snyder, at last month's gala affair, and her attendant, Barbara Bower, left, and Katherine Matthews.

Carmichael Takes Twin Cities Post

Twin Cities, Minn. — John Carmichael takes office as executive secretary of Twin Cities Guild at the local's June 12 membership meeting. He will be a Twin Cities delegate to the Albany convention.

Twin Cities has been without a full-time executive since the death last year of Wilbur E. Bade. Guild management has been directed by an executive board headed by local President Frank Murray.

Carmichael has resigned as an international representative to take the Twin Cities post.

Bingham Trophy Goes To Hinkson In Buffalo's Page One Awards

Buffalo, N. Y.—Ralph Hinkson, staff photographer of the Buffalo Evening News, won top award for 1954 in the fourth annual Page One Awards of the Buffalo Newspaper Guild, Local 26. Hinkson was cited for his spot news picture of the outline of a child's body asphyxiated in a rooming house.

He received the Walter O. Bingham Trophy, named for a late News photographer. This award and 14 other Guild trophies were presented by ANG President Joseph P. Collis at the local's Page One Ball in Kleinhans Music Hall. More than 600 persons attended, a sellout making the affair the most successful in history.

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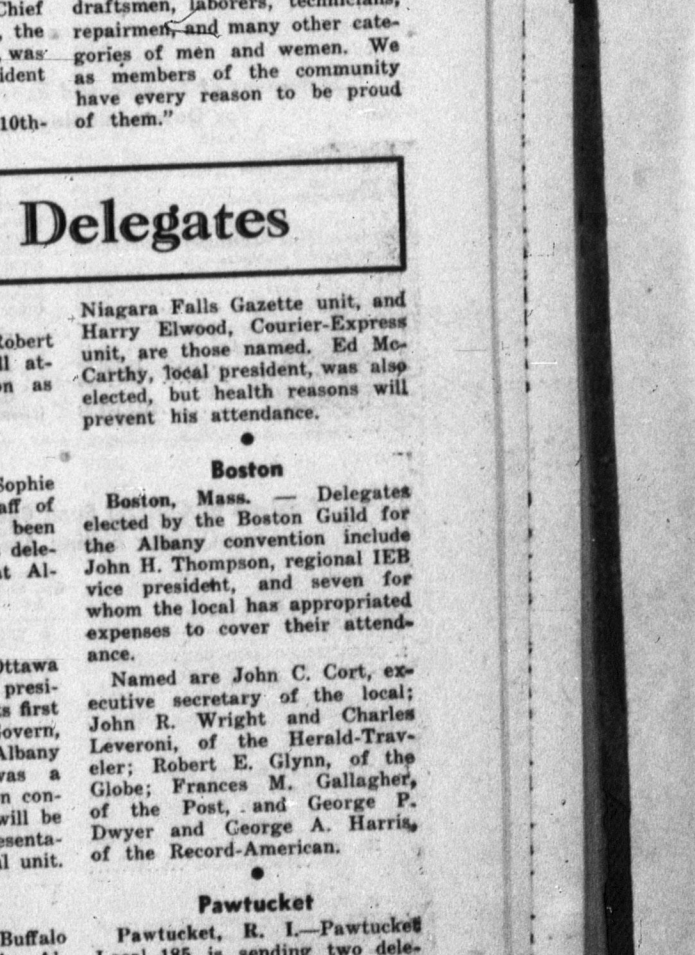
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Slow ANG Growth Accounts For Deficit Of \$18,000, Says Secy.-Treas. Farson

Guild operations in the fiscal year ending April 30 cost \$18,860.07 more than the ANG realized in income, it was emphasized this week by William J. Farson, secretary-treasurer, in commenting on a story carried in the May 27 Guild Reporter. That story related that the total "red" figure as of April 30 was more than \$24,000, a total arrived at by adding the deficit for the fiscal year just closed to a carry-over deficit from the preceding year, of \$5,370.19.

"Last year's convention budgeted an estimated income of \$440,303," said Farson, who added that he wants convention delegates as well as Guild members as a whole to have a clear-cut picture of the ANG's financial position.

"The operating costs for the year totalled \$444,635.57," he said. "Against that expense our income was only \$425,775.50, which leaves us nearly \$19,000 'in the red'."

"For a clear understanding of the situation, it should be stressed that not only was the budget exceeded but that our income dropped far below the estimate fixed at last summer's Los Angeles convention."

This is the way the tabulation looks:

Expenses	\$444,635.57
Income	425,775.50
Deficit 5/1/53	\$ 18,860.07
Deficit 5/1/54	5,370.19
Total deficit	\$ 24,230.26

One major factor involved in the Guild's inability to meet estimated income is the unexpected slackening in the rate of growth of the Guild, over all. There was no reason last year, Farson says, to assume that the steady growth of the Guild from 1951 onward would not continue.

The estimated income was based on the assumption of that growth carrying on for another year. It did not do so. An all-time peak in dues-paying membership was reached in June, 1954, and the monthly totals thereafter have shown variable declines from that high point.

Many locals report a kind of speed up policy on the part of publishers, in not hiring replacements for staff resignations.

An index of what is happening, Farson notes, is the comparisons of receipts by ANG from initiation fees. These fees cover total new enrolments in membership, and of course represent subsequent continuing payments of monthly per capita,

from which ANG derives its operating revenue.

For the fiscal years ending April 30 in each case, here are the totals of initiation fees reported to ANG:

For 1952-3	6,248
For 1953-4	5,287
For 1954-5	3,998

Until last year the influx of new membership more than kept pace with the turnover, but the declining figures reflect clearly the difficulties which beset Guild organization efforts, as well as the tendency of management to curtail the size of newspaper staffs.

Several special circumstances during the year added to the effect on ANG income, Farson says.

These were the losses of membership due to economy dismissals at the Boston Post, the suspension and sale of the Los Angeles Daily News and the merger of the Washington Times-Herald with the Washington Post, together with the loss of the circulation department at the Post, through its change to an "independent contractor" status. All were sudden and unexpected losses.

Guildsmen who are on strike pay no dues for the duration of the emergency. Two groups, at Wilkes-Barre and Brooklyn, were thus dues-exempt during parts of the year, which cut ANG income accordingly.

One factor cited in the May 27 issue as affecting the year ending April 30 was erroneously attributed. It was stated that five-cents-per-capita, voted by last year's convention as an additional means of bolstering the defense fund at the expense of the general operating fund, was one of the reasons for the imbalance prevailing on April 30. Actually, the proposed diversion of this five-cents-per-capita did not take effect until May 1, after the closing of the books on the 1954-5 business, hence could not have affected the financial situation.

IWANOM Awards Go To Two Minnesotans

Twin Cities, Minn. — Two former Guildsmen were presented "I Was a Newspaperman Once Myself" awards at the Twin Cities local's 16th annual Gridiron dinner in St. Paul.

IWANOMs went to Earl D. (Doc) Jencks, public relations director of the St. Paul Association of Commerce and St. Paul YMCA, and to Ed L. Shave, recently retired outdoors writer for the Minneapolis Tribune.

Washington Roundup

By WILLARD SHELTON
Washington Guild

IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE to argue with scotus—the Supreme Court of the United States—because the justices frequently decide issues of practical policy as well as principles of law. In the most significant two decisions of the last few weeks, the school segregation case and the John P. Peters case, the high court's devotion to practicality reached a peak.

The Peters decision was the more flagrant, if that is the word, in the court's manifest respect for practicality. The justices ruled that everything the old Loyalty Review Board of the Truman Administration had done to Dr. Peters was illegal and reversible—except that nothing could now be done about it except to expunge some records.

Prof. Peters is a medical man at Yale University. He was a mere consultant to the Public Health Service. He declared under oath that he was not and never had been a member of the Communist Party and he was cleared by his agency "loyalty" board.

The Loyalty Review Board, established in the name of fairness and equity by President Truman, then entered the act. It conducted a new form of "trial" of Dr. Peters and decided that the agency board was wrong. Dr. Peters, the reviewers said, must be dropped as a Public Health consultant.

CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN used some stirring language to say that Mr. Truman's old board couldn't do this. Such a new hearing by the reviewers ignored the basic principles of Anglo-Saxon law about double jeopardy, the Chief Justice suggested.

He pointed out that when a trial jury finds a defendant innocent in a criminal trial, the government cannot appeal, although a convicted defendant has the right of appeal.

The only practical trouble is that Mr. Truman's old Loyalty Review Board is no longer in existence and that Dr. Peters' term of office is no longer in existence.

The Eisenhower Administration got rid of troubles with any top review board by simply abolishing the review board to which government employees could appeal. And the court regretfully announced that it could not order the Eisenhower Administration to reinstate Dr. Peters as a PHS consultant because his term of office, as established by Harry S. Truman, had expired in December, 1953.

THE ISSUE that Dr. Peters was trying to hit, aided by the American Civil Liberties Union, the CIO and various other groups, was the simple question of whether he could be fired, under loyalty-security procedures, without a chance to face his anonymous accusers.

The intensely practical court, under Warren, refused to touch this question with a 10-foot pole. Traditionally, Warren wrote, the court will not decide constitutional issues if a case can be decided otherwise, and "we find that the (Peters) case can be decided" without grappling with the "face the accusers" question.

Dr. Peters is technically "cleared" without a black mark on his record. But he still doesn't have

Advertising Panel Stresses Organizing

San Francisco, Calif.—Organizing in advertising departments in the Guild's jurisdiction will be emphasized at the Albany pre-convention meetings of the Advertising Panel, says Ed Mahoney, SFONG delegate to the convention and chairman of the panel since its formation in 1953.

At the request of the group, which meets annually at each convention, the ANG has been surveying information on such special benefits as commissions and bonus payments to advertising department personnel. It will be of use in compiling organizing material to meet such problems as the loss of representation elections by the margin of advertising department votes, and the appeal of the Guild to those in unorganized departments of papers where the Guild contract covers other employees.

a job as a Public Health consultant, and the devilish "face the accusers" issue is left in limbo. The Chief Justice was correct in his procedures—but there couldn't have been a more empty conclusion of the case.

THE SCHOOL SEGREGATION MATTER is something else.

The high court sent the whole issue of how to apply its basic decision outlawing racially segregated public schools back to the lower courts. It bought time for ultimate decisions.

The opinion—again an opinion read by Chief Justice Warren—is a remarkable document, a remarkable demonstration of the use of English prose in simple declarative sentences that add up to a cautious unity.

The lower courts are instructed that they can take into account local conditions and such things as local laws and regulations and the physical condition of school properties. Any law that conflicts with the 1954 decision declaring racial segregation illegal must "yield." There can be no surrender on the constitutional "principle." But there is no time limit, no "forthwith" order, no exact guidance to the lower courts on how the great constitutional principle should be applied.

In this curious situation, I prefer to believe that Sen. Eastland of Mississippi, the only Democrat so far out of line with his colleagues that they can't even talk to him, has correctly estimated the effect.

Eastland called upon the Southland to "resist"—to resist by legislative action and court action. Unless the Southland "resisted," said Sen. Eastland, his judgment was that "within four or five years" there would be a substantial amount of racial integration of the schools.

I am not going to say that the Negro children in whose behalf the first anti-segregation suits were filed have been given full justice by the Supreme Court. By the time even subsequent cases are decided by the high court, the particular children will be grown, or moved to another locality, or perhaps even drafted into the Army to fight in some exotic corner of the world for democracy.

Still, Eastland was accurate. There will be, within four or five years, a substantial amount of racial integration in the schools. And the Supreme Court has put the states and communities under heavy pressure.

The court's alternative was to issue a "forthwith" order for integration, knowing well that in four Southern states, at least, the order could not be enforced except with federal troops, and that an army of occupation cannot beat down passive resistance and the underground. We do not invite bloodshed in this country, although we comprehend the value of pressure.

IT SEEMS TO THIS OBSERVER that the equivocal Peters decision, involving the rights of a single individual as a symbol of man, is somewhat more regrettable than the second segregation decision, temporizing about the rights of a numerous group. Racial segregation and "faceless accusers" are two sides of the same coin of tyranny, and segregation is on its way out.



INTERNATIONAL HIGH JINKS—Fun was keynote for Ottawa Guild's sixth charter night party, with ANG President Joseph F. Collis as guest. Pictured are Terry McGovern, local vice president, greeting Collis, while looking on are Bob Buchanan, ONG president; Ralph Vickers, secretary, and T. Ainslee Kerr, of the Ottawa Journal unit. More than 250 attended.