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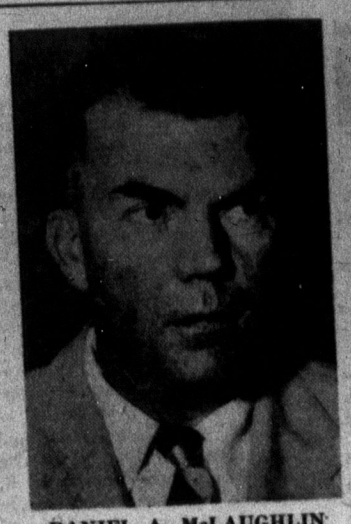
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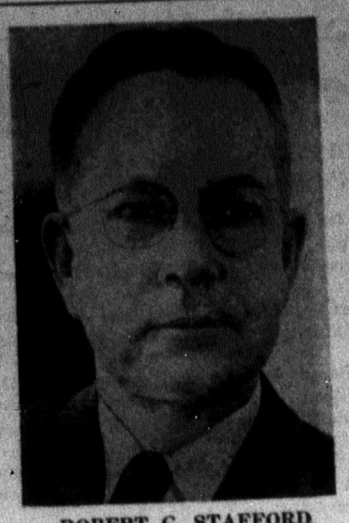
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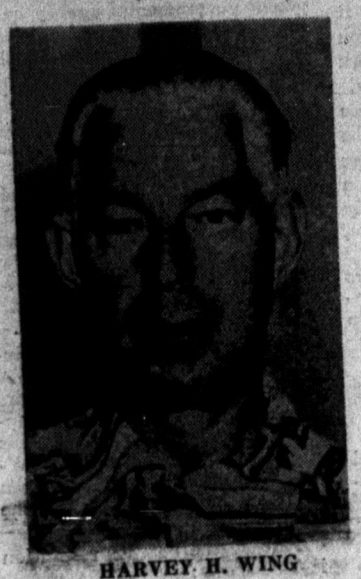
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New IEB Takes Over On November 1st; Welty Victory Adds Farson Strength

When the Guild's newly-constituted International Executive Board starts its two-year term of office November 1, it will have nine new and six holdover members.

Last month's Guild-wide referendum, when candidacies for the two full-time paid offices of executive vice president and secretary-treasurer were decided, along with eight vice-presidencies, gave the leaders of the winning team, William J. Farson and Charles A. Perlik, Jr., a solid working majority. Of the fifteen-man board, eleven are supporters of the Farson-Perlik cause in the recent election.

The make-up of the new board:

President: Joseph F. Collis, Wilkes-Barre.

Executive Vice President: Farson, Greater Philadelphia.

Secretary - treasurer: Perlik, Buffalo.

Regional vice presidents: Region I, John H. Thompson, Boston; Region II, Richard Lane, Memphis; Region III, James B. Woods, St. Louis; Region IV, Fred D. Fletcher, SFONG; Region V, Arthur Rosenstock, New York; Region VI, C. Joseph Beauclerc, Toronto.

At-large vice presidents: Wilfred A. Alexander, New York; Ed Marciniak, Chicago; Daniel A. McLaughlin, Elizabeth; Robert C. Stafford, Cleveland; David Welty, Pittsburgh, and Harvey H. Wing. SFONG.

Collis, Thompson, Lane, Rosenstock and Beauclerc were declared elected when their Albany convention nominations were unopposed. Lane and Rosenstock are new members.

The other ten members won their board places in contested elections. Farson moved from the secretary-treasurership to the executive vice presidency, while Perlik is a newcomer on the IEB.

Among regional vice presidents Woods and Fletcher are newly elected; and there will be four new faces among the six vice presidents at large. They are Alexander, McLaughlin, Welty and Wing. Marciniak and Stafford won reelection in a field of twelve candidates.

The number of ballots cast—16,519—represented about 67 per cent of the number of Guildsmen eligible to vote. It was the best turnout in recent Guild history.

Most closely contested spots occurred in the race for the six vice presidencies at large. The final returns showed Welty, a Farson adherent, in the sixth place, only 33 votes ahead of the next contender, Robert Van Wagoner, Buffalo, a supporter of Ralph B. Novak, executive vice president.

High vote-getter among all candidates was Perlik, who led the field with 8,597 votes. That result was due to the fact that at Toronto, one of the largest of ANG locals, Perlik had been endorsed by both campaign groups, independently of their preference as between Farson and Novak.

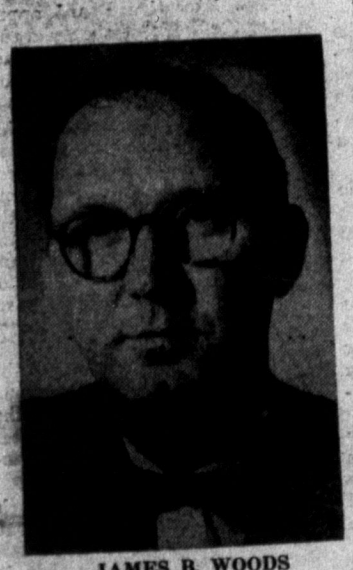
Novak, Al Dipman, SFONG, and Felix B. Wold, Detroit, who were defeated in their bids for new terms, join in their retirement six others who declined renomination at Albany. They are Philip H. Price, Washington; Adolph J. Rahm, St. Louis; Victor Leo and Ed Easton, Jr., both of New York; Roberta Bailey, Greater Philadelphia, and Paul A. Freye, Sacramento.

Marciniak, who had supported the Novak slate, will begin his second two-year term next month, while Stafford, a Farson adherent, will continue board service he started some eighteen months ago, when he was named in a special election to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of William M. Ware, also of Cleveland.

Four requests for a recount of the election returns were received by the ANG elections committee, of which Board member-elect Rosenstock is chairman.

Wired requests came from Wil-

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JAMES B. WOODS



FRED D. FLETCHER

SFONG Reporter Fights Contempt Citation For Rebuffing Court Query On News Source

San Francisco, Calif.—A San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild member is the central figure in a California freedom-of-the press fight.

Jack Howard, labor reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, refused to disclose the source of a news story he wrote about an apple cannery strike and was held in contempt by a Superior Court judge in nearby Santa Rosa Oct. 3.

He spent three hours in jail—not in a cell but "visiting", he explained—until released in $100 bail on a writ of habeas corpus issued by the State District Court of Appeal. Arguments in the case will be heard in Sacramento, Oct. 19.

Involved is a test of a 1935 state law which says "a publisher, editor, reporter or other person connected with or employed upon a newspaper cannot be adjudged in contempt by a court, the Legislature, or any administrative body, for refusing to disclose the source of any information procured for publication and published in a newspaper."

SFONG quickly backed Howard and the Guild's attorney, Herbert Pothier, of the law firm of Cerf, Robinson & Leland, intervened with the Chronicle counsel, John Schaeffer, as a friend of the court. Exec. Secy. Sam Eubanks notified the Society of American Newspaper Editors of the case. The California Newspaper Publishers Ass'n., also is expected to intervene.

Howard, a member of the SFONG negotiating committee and a former editor of the Bay Guildsman, the local's monthly paper, was called as a witness by Nathan Berke, attorney for the eight struck canneries, at a hearing on the employers' petition for a permanent injunction limiting the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters picketing and other strike activities, including a boycott.

The Teamsters struck the ap-

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Official Returns

As certified by the ANG committee on referenda after totalling returns from local officers, results of last month's balloting for posts on the International Executive Board were as follows:

For Executive Vice President

William J. Farson	8,571	Ralph B. Novak	7,776

For Secretary-Treasurer

Justin F. McCarthy, Jr.	7,480	**Charles A. Perlik, Jr.**	8,597

For Vice Presidents At Large

Wilfred A. Alexander	8,078	Mabel Riedel	6,893
Charles E. Dawson	6,813	**Robert C. Stafford**	8,164
John R. Finnegan	7,273	Robert Van Wagoner	7,372
Douglas Lovelace	7,199	**David Welty**	7,405
Daniel A. McLaughlin	8,182	**Harvey H. Wing**	7,804
Ed Marciniak	8,003	Felix B. Wold	6,722

For Vice President, Region III

Art Cullison	1,056	**James B. Woods**	2,993

For Vice President, Region IV

Al Dipman	996	**Fred D. Fletcher**	1,154

Names in bold face are of those elected.

The President's Corner—

Guild President Finds IFJ Properly Skeptical Of Reds' Meeting Plan



By JOSEPH F. COLLIS
ANG President

ALL THE SOIL TILLING by the communists hasn't been restricted to a few farmers from Iowa.

The Reds who use the pencils instead of ploughs have been contributing their share.

The Prague-dominated International Organization of Journalists has been trying to promote an international conference of all unions of journalists.

The IOJ, it will be remembered, is the world group which the American Newspaper Guild helped to organize, but from which ANG withdrew when Red domination interfered with its announced purposes.

The Guild later aided in the formation of the International Federation of Journalists, with its affiliates pledged to maintain western-world ideals of press freedoms.

FROM THE IFJ's MOST RECENT BULLETIN comes this intelligence. It appears that both the Prague-dominated IOJ and a group of journalists from South America had proposed a world conference of journalists. After considerable discussion, the International Federation adopted this resolution:

"The Executive Committee of the IFJ whose headquarters are in Brussels and comprising the unions of 19 countries with a membership of more than 44,000, has discussed the proposal for a so-called broad international meeting of journalists and makes the following statement:

"The IFJ is unable to take part in such a meeting and cannot recommend its members to participate.

"The Executive Committee cannot believe that the proposed meeting will be fruitful, because the conditions do not exist which could provide a prospect that it could be successful.

"This is due to the fact that the communist press organization in Prague is motivated by an ideology which is contrary to the principles of the press of the free world.

"The IFJ maintains the view that freedom of the press, namely freedom in the collection of information, freedom of opinion and comment, and freedom in the dissemination of news is essential to establishing the truth, to international understanding and to make the unity of all journalists possible.

"The journalists of the free world cannot share a common platform with an organization which proclaims its devotion to principles which it does not practice, namely freedom of opinion, freedom of information and freedom of the press.

"These objections may be removed in the future, but at present there is no reason to think the situation has changed.

"Accordingly the Executive Committee reaffirms the declaration of the Bordeaux Congress in 1955, when it was decided to have no contact with the communist journalists' organization."

In my opinion, a good resolution and a commendable stand.

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Ham F. Brooks, Jr., Twin Cities, chairman of the Novak campaign committee; from James R. Cleary, Buffalo, chairman of the Van Wagoner campaign committee, and from Harold Chucker and Marshall Genshow, co-chairmen of the campaign committee for John R. Finnegan, who placed eighth in the group seeking the six vice presidential posts at large.

Max Fine, New York local chairman for the Novak campaign, appeared personally to ask a recount, and was closely questioned by the committee members as to his observations on the conduct of the elections by the New York local.

The five-man elections committee is bipartisan in its composition. It voted unanimously against the recount proposals. In reply telegrams Rosenstock pointed out the committee's view that "mere closeness of election results is not sufficient grounds to warrant recount, in view of the practical difficulty arising out of the dispersion of the vote."

In addition to Rosenstock, the committee consisted of two other Farson supporters, Thomas Fay of New York and retiring ANG Vice President Roberta Bailey of Philadelphia, and two Novak supporters, Donald Schram, Detroit, and George A. Harris, Boston.

Under constitutional procedure, conduct of the actual voting is entrusted to local officers. They are charged with the duty of checking eligibility lists, seeking corrections in the list in the event of error, and setting up the balloting machinery, whether by mail or in person at designated polling places. It is also required that all ballots be impounded for a period of 60 days after the returns have been certified to the national committee.

There is further provision that appeal may be made to the next convention by any member or local "aggrieved" by a decision of the ANG elections committee.



Chester Davis

Manchester, N. H. — Chester Davis, 39, a former member of the Manchester Guild, died September 13 at his home in Deerfield after a heart attack.

Davis has been staff photographer for the Manchester Union Leader and the New Hampshire Sunday News. He had also been employed by Radio Station WHEB in Portsmouth, the Portsmouth Herald, the Boston Post and the Boston Record American. He also conducted a TV news program on WMUR-TV in Manchester.

He left the Union Leader and Sunday News in 1954 to become administrative assistant to U. S. Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.). He resigned the post last spring and until his death handled public relations for the Republican State Committee.

Meany, Reuther To Get '55 Social Justice Award

The annual Social Justice Award of the National Religion and Labor Foundation will be presented at a special luncheon in New York City, Dec. 15, jointly to George Meany, AFL president, and Walter Reuther, CIO president, for their leadership in achieving unification of the American labor movement.

N.Y. Board OK's Arbitration Of Fifth Amendment Firings, Asks Guild-Wide Policy Vote

The executive board of the New York Guild has directed the local's officers to initiate arbitration proceedings in the cases of Times copyreader Melvin L. Barnet and Daily News reporter David Gordon, who were dismissed last July after invoking the Fifth Amendment in refusing to answer a Senate committee's questions concerning past Communist activities.

At the same time, the New York executive board requested the International Executive Board of the ANG to conduct a Guild-wide referendum to determine future Guild policy in such cases.

And, should the IEB fail to take such action, the local's executive body announced it would propose a local referendum on the question to the New York Guild's representative assembly.

A resolution embodying these major points was adopted by the executive board at its meeting last night. The Times unit, in a referendum vote, had previously recommended against arbitration, 337 to 235, supporting the unit's grievance committee. The News unit adopted a similar recommendation at a unit membership meeting.

The board's resolution announced it was directing the arbitrations "in the light of Guild policy as set down by the 1954 and 1955 ANG conventions."

The 1955 convention at Albany adopted a statement of collective bargaining policy permitting its locals not to resist the dismissal of any employe who has admitted "in an open hearing by a competent governmental agency or a court of competent jurisdiction that he was a member of the Communist Party within the six month period preceding his dismissal," or who has been so adjudged by a "court of competent jurisdiction."

Barnet and Gordon both told the Senate Internal Security subcommittee they had not been members of the Communist Party since the early 1940's but refused to answer questions about their membership prior to that time.

The executive board's resolution was adopted by an 11 to 4 roll-call vote. Two other members of the board had expressed approval but were absent. It was the first instance in which a roll-call vote of the board had been recorded in the history of the local.

Text of the board's resolution is as follows:

"The Executive Board appreciates the work of the grievance committees of the News and Times units in the Gordon-Barnet discharges.

"The Board also recognizes that under our by-laws the membership of the local is the supreme authority. The Board therefore proposes that in view of the referendum at the Times and the unit vote at the Daily News and in view of the unusual nature of the question, this Board requests the IEB of the American Newspaper Guild to conduct a Guild-wide referendum on whether the Guild shall in the future defend persons fired after pleading the Fifth Amendment with respect to past affiliation with the Communist Party.

"Should the IEB take no such action, the Board will propose at the membership meeting of the Representative Assembly that it set up machinery to hold a local referendum on the subject.

"Meanwhile, the Board directs, in the light of Guild policy set down by the 1954 and 1955 ANG conventions, that the Secretary-Treasurer proceed to arbitration in the two stated discharge cases."

For Better Federal And State Laws, Give A Buck To PAC

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ple processing plants last June after signing up a majority of employes but being refused recognition. On the eve of the NERB representation election the employers fired nearly 150 union members. California AFL unions are joining in a wide-spread boycott of Sebastopol area apple products.

In a series of articles, Howard quoted Pete Andrade, Western director of the Teamsters cannery unions, as saying the union would observe a court order to refrain from urging its members not to handle "hot cargo" from the struck canneries, "but as individual American citizens anyone has the right to refuse to handle hot apples and we're telling this to all our members in the West."

Because a news story is considered hearsay in court, the California Ass'n. of Employers, representing the canneries, wanted to produce a witness who would testify about a direct quote by Andrade.

Howard declined to say whether he had a conversation with Andrade, insisting that this would disclose the source of his information.

Berke argued that Howard could not claim protection of the state law because his story quoted Andrade.

Schaeffer pointed out that the story did not say whether Howard attended a meeting at which Andrade assertedly made the statement, obtained it in an interview or gleaned it from a press release.

He cited several Chronicle stories written by Howard in which quotes were obtained from University of California and other handouts.

"There is no indication in the story as to whether the reporter heard something at a meeting or got the information from a number of other sources," Schaeffer declared.

The judge was reminded by Pothier of the wider implications —hitting at the very basis of the freedom of the press—if Howard was forced to disclose the source of his information.

"If a reporter can be forced to disclose his source, these sources would immediately close up and he would be through as a newspaper man," Pothier declared.

No employer or union source would trust a labor reporter with explanatory or confidential information if he could be forced to disclose it in court, the attorney said.

But Judge Charles McGoldrick ruled that Howard should answer the question, holding that the article indicated the reporter was present when the statement was made.

He delayed the jail booking for two hours until after lunch and Howard's stay there was pleasant enough, he said. He looked over the jail and talked with sheriff's deputies, newspapermen and other visitors until the State Appellate court issued the writ for his release on the basis of the 1935 law.

STATEMENT REQUIRED by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Acts of March 3, 1933, and July 2, 1946 (Title 39, United States Code, Section 233) showing the ownership, management, and circulation of The Guild Reporter, published twice a month at New York, N. Y., for October 1, 1955.

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Business Manager, none.

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President, Joseph F. Collis, 29 University place, New York 3, N.Y.
Executive Vice President, Rabbi B. Novak, 29 University place, New York 3, N.Y.
Secretary-treasurer, William J. Farson, 29 University place, New York 3, N.Y.
Vice presidents: John R. Thompson, 47 Windsor road, North Quincy, Mass.; Philip H. Price, 12 West Castle avenue, Alexandria, Va.; Adolph J. Haber, 1334 Midland drive, University City, Mo.; Al Dipman, 410 Milton avenue, San Bruno, Calif.; Victor Lee, 3600 Clarendon road, Brooklyn, N.Y.; C. Joseph Bamolene, 158 Indian Road crescent, Toronto 9, Canada; Roberta Bailey, 250 Drexel road, Ardmore, Pa.; Edward Keaton, Jr., 55 Christopher street, New York 3, N.Y.; Paul A. Fryer, 2833 Cresta way, Sacramento 21, Calif.; Ed Marciniak, 21 West Superior, Chicago 10, Ill.; Robert C. Stafford, Box 126, West Richfield, Ohio; Felix B. Wold, 316 East Lawton, Pontiac 29, Mich.

3. The known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holder owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: None.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of September, 1955.
RUTH B. SWIBACK
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 24-4544226. Qualified in New York County. Commission expires March 30, 1957.

CHARLES E. COLSEY, Editor

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	For Exec. Farson	V.P. Bonk	For Sec.-Treas. McCarthy	Petik	FOR SIX VICE PRESIDENTS AT-LARGE Alexander	Dawson	Finnegan	Lowitz	McLaughlin	Marciniak	Wendt	Bedford	Van Wagoner	Watts	Wing	Wold
REGION I																
Albany	94	19	29	84	94	25	26	20	89	16	19	93	22	79	91	80
Boston	210	387	365	229	211	399	364	213	257	317	294	279	297	155	169	306
Bridgeport	9	8	5	12	6	5	9	4	6	8	12	7	9	5	10	4
Brockton	22	14	14	21	14	18	23	15	19	24	30	9	22	9	12	17
Buffalo	98	93	23	167	76	90	90	74	74	82	73	65	180	113	40	35
Elizabeth	101	9	13	13	93	2	5	83	103	10	3	87	5	90	86	10
Erie	110	28	29	109	114	20	27	105	106	26	24	109	36	112	101	14
Harrisburg	3	11	9	2	3	0	9	4	1	1	7	2	2	10	1	6
Hazleton	20	2	2	30	21	1	2	20	21	1	2	19	3	21	3	2
Hudson County	27	6	9	24	30	7	7	28	28	7	6	25	4	26	22	8
Jamestown	2	16	16	2	1	17	16	2	2	15	16	2	16	1	3	17
Kingston	23	0	6	23	23	0	0	0	23	0	0	23	23	23	23	0
Lehigh Valley	27	1	4	24	15	4	4	12	27	13	3	25	3	15	23	5
Lynn	4	21	21	3	8	23	18	7	7	22	11	4	14	1	4	19
Manchester	0	52	50	1	1	52	52	1	2	51	49	0	51	0	0	49
Newark	5	4	4	0	6	3	3	5	8	2	3	4	1	1	1	60
Pawtucket	3	60	62	1	3	61	59	4	2	62	62	2	61	1	1	64
Greater Philadelphia	623	63	106	574	612	93	117	574	553	136	68	550	83	523	532	94
Pittsburgh	409	150	157	404	382	68	76	72	382	160	199	100	431	531	403	84
Portland, Me.	37	34	37	33	27	59	29	32	28	36	14	17	40	27	32	6
Rochester	41	10	11	40	38	19	15	22	36	26	9	9	14	5	8	10
Rutland	6	13	11	8	6	12	11	7	9	13	9	4	23	1	1	23
Salem	2	22	22	2	0	22	24	0	2	24	22	1	23	1	1	23
Scranton	67	0	0	67	67	0	0	67	67	0	0	67	0	67	67	0
Utica	13	6	5	14	17	3	3	10	8	13	6	10	14	3	14	7
Waterbury	16	1	5	12	12	9	6	11	12	6	5	9	7	8	10	4
Wilkes-Barre	127	6	9	124	127	12	9	123	126	6	10	125	11	120	126	7
Woonsocket	3	14	16	1	2	15	12	5	4	14	12	3	13	2	2	9
York	19	12	14	17	15	21	19	13	20	11	11	19	11	18	9	8
Totals	2,121	1,062	1,048	2,117	2,020	1,059	1,041	1,535	2,021	1,102	989	1,943	1,422	1,988	1,824	889
REGION II																
Atlanta	15	7	5	16	9	7	10	15	6	11	6	17	12	9	9	18
Baltimore	97	4	6	95	60	23	34	66	66	18	22	56	19	49	52	29
Charlotte	3	33	36	0	2	36	33	12	2	33	29	3	30	1	3	29
Chattanooga	2	30	29	3	3	29	30	2	4	26	30	2	29	1	3	28
Dallas	9	5	4	8	7	4	2	10	9	10	10	5	8	4	9	4
El Paso	9	10	11	7	10	13	11	9	1	22	22	0	22	0	0	22
Greensboro	9	22	22	0	9	22	21	0	1	22	20	1	21	1	1	20
Hampton Roads	0	22	21	1	2	20	20	1	0	20	20	1	21	1	1	20
Houston	19	71	62	26	26	62	62	23	27	61	66	22	62	16	25	63
Jacksonville	15	0	0	15	8	4	1	8	9	0	0	6	0	9	3	6
Knoxville	4	34	35	2	6	28	30	7	7	30	30	5	31	2	4	31
Memphis	4	209	207	6	6	207	206	6	9	203	200	8	204	4	5	203
New Orleans	5	55	53	7	6	56	54	11	10	53	50	5	52	4	3	50
Richmond	1	14	15	0	1	7	12	0	7	14	13	0	9	1	4	13
San Antonio	4	66	61	5	25	44	53	17	21	60	40	19	43	10	23	16
Washington	172	273	278	163	138	229	242	186	151	257	230	130	231	131	123	278
Totals	359	853	845	354	309	791	821	373	339	819	766	286	772	251	268	822
REGION III																
Akron	30	12	10	30	16	10	14	18	20	24	10	35	20	18	17	16
Battle Creek	0	32	31	1	1	31	32	0	1	31	31	1	32	0	0	32
Bay City	4	66	63	7	2	66	67	3	3	68	68	2	69	1	3	68
Chicago	41	363	367	35	50	279	310	76	73	365	290	69	276	40	42	317
Cincinnati	124	66	63	127	123	53	75	103	109	76	72	122	77	98	139	54
Cleveland	183	212	177	207	189	70	141	172	232	166	176	365	62	168	259	178
Columbus	199	19	25	189	182	24	35	187	174	35	28	186	27	174	185	24
Detroit	81	615	572	56	67	535	523	64	84	507	509	73	530	40	55	525
Gary	0	26	26	0	0	26	26	0	4	21	26	1	26	0	0	25
Grand Rapids	4	35	37	2	2	30	35	2	6	38	36	10	33	2	1	40
Hammond	1	24	22	3	1	20	19	2	2	23	21	20	22	3	2	10
Indianapolis	62	34	34	61	25	20	23	31	24	51	42	29	31	33	39	71
Joliet	6	7	13	0	7	7	8	7	7	1	8	4	4	3	2	9
Kansas City	17	7	13	12	16	6	9	20	15	9	3	13	8	15	15	19
Kenosha	0	22	22	0	0	22	21	1	0	22	22	0	22	0	0	22
Lake Superior	1	22	18	5	7	9	20	6	11	15	14	7	10	6	3	8
Lansing	0	47	47	0	1	46	45	1	1	44	45	3	45	1	1	47
Lima	14	14	26	2	12	11	10	17	7	21	13	20	17	12	4	16
Madison	8	15	19	4	11	8	8	7	7	12	7	6	9	6	4	11
Massillon	0	12	11	1	0	11	11	0	0	11	11	0	12	0	0	11
Milwaukee	10	183	175	12	26	163	179	18	26	176	169	21	167	18	20	156
Muskegon	0	15	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	15	15	0	15	0	0	15
Quad City	1	7	4	4	1	5	5	3	3	7	5	2	4	2	5	1
Rockford	5	28	29	4	4	30	29	4	5	32	25	6	28	1	3	25
St. Louis	51	691	659	71	132	616	638	100	136	609	604	127	583	53	83	586
Sheboygan	1	43	42	1	0	42	42	0	1	43	43	0	43	0	0	43
Sioux City	0	24	15	9	5	17	19	4	7	23	15	7	6	5	3	18
Terre Haute	54	7	11	48	51	6	7	54	38	22	4	50	5	49	50	6
Toledo	65	189	171	73	78	183	177	74	74	184	163	71	168	63	58	171
Twin Cities	23	448	454	17	16	446	455	23	17	448	446	27	451	16	13	455
Youngstown	6	39	44	1	1	35	38	5	1	41	12	34	42	35	2	33
At Large & Military	2	4	4	1	3	3	4	0	3	3	2	1	3	1	1	3
Totals	943	3328	3219	983	1029	2835	3044	1005	1091	3143	2823	1814	2846	866	1009	2800

For Regional Vice President	Collins	Woods
	45	1
	0	33
	1	69
	55	304
	113	43
	278	33
	184	24
	60	520
	0	25
	5	32
	5	20
	57	30
	0	11
	12	0
	0	22
	6	17
	4	44
	3	27
	16	16
	7	12
	1	9
	17	176
	0	15
	4	4
	5	27
	19	719
	0	43
	1	19
	50	6
	65	176
	21	450
	24	17
	3	3
	1056	2992

	Dimmo	Fletcher
	6	6
	19	54
	19	9
	118	284
	11	60
	19	43
	0	9
	4	20
	4	4
	17	66
	15	32
	381	66
	996	1154

REGION IV																		
Bakersfield	1	14	13	1	4	8	0	4	2	12	13	5	6	7	9	1	6	6
Denver	21	53	54	20	20	41	43	30	22	47	48	29	41	19	23	47	19	54
Great Falls	7	25	19	8	12	10	12	7	10	14	16	9	10	11	10	19	19	9
Los Angeles	235	95	121	310	108	116	145	109	252	274	225	245	122	232	264	277	118	284
Portland, Ore.	53	23	26	45	25	14	47	18	35	36	7	29	16	20	17	43	11	60
Pueblo	61	2	13	49	3	0	1	5	5	2	8	16	8	14	13	12	4	20
Reno	9	0	0	9	3	0	1	5	5	2	1	6	2	7	4	5	4	4
Sacramento	15	9	7	17	9	0	3	7	7	8	2	1	6	2	7	4	5	4
Salt Lake	7	2	2	7	9	0	3	7	7	8	2	1	6	2	7	4	5	4
San Diego	12	75	71	15	20	64	65	5	18	56	38	30	65	25	17	35	17	66
San Fran.-Oakland	471	347	337	447	354	215	248	579	356	256	237	349	203	291	868	217	348	472
San Jose	23	22	30	14	14	23	36	19	19	21	16	16	19	14	35	18	15	32
Seattle-Tacoma	52	449	417	67	65	340	365	61	76	335	484	46	346	48	64	347	381	66
Stockton	27	40	29	35	22	30	22	31	17	39	35	30	25	27	50	40	35	26
Totals	1,096	1,156	1,139	1,044	735	886	1010	994	864	1137	1050	853	876	757	1225	1106	996	1154
REGION V																		
New York	3,509	1,015	1,093	3,343	3739	976	1101	2830	3347	1163	789	3167	825	3015	3184	764		
Totals	3,509	1,015	1,093	3,343	3739	976	1101	2830	3347	1163	789	3167	825	3015	3184	764		
REGION VI																		
Canadian Wire Serv.	35	3	1	37	27	5	5	27	27	3	5	27	4	27	27	3		
New Westminster	6	29	29	9	0	29	29	0	0	29	29	0	29	0	0	29		
Ottawa	40	19	17	41	21	17	18	7	57	44	51	45	19	35	45	41		
Toronto	413	266	317	362	151	176	166	376	493	523	257	500	548	427	89	247		
Totals	448	317	364	449	199	227	218	410	577	599	342	572	600	489	161	320		
Grand Total	8,571	7,776	7,480	8,597	8078	6813	7273	7199	8192	8003	6893	8164	7372	7405	7604	6722		

SFONG's Jobless Pay Fight Reaches Highest State Court

San Francisco, Calif.—The San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild's long fight to win full unemployment insurance benefits for newspapermen will be decided in the California Supreme Court.

The state's highest court this month granted petitions of a large group of employers for a review of a State District Court of Appeal ruling upholding the Guild's claim by reversing a Superior Court decision.

The Superior Court had upheld the State Department of Employment's five-year policy delaying newspaper workers' unemployment insurance compensation for the number of weeks equal to the period for which they received severance pay. This has caused some Guildsmen to lose benefits.

The case involves a group of Guild members fired in the Chronicle's 1952 Thanksgiving Day economy wave.

Joining the Chronicle in asking the review was the Inter-Association Unemployment Insurance Committee, whose directors include representatives of anti-union interests.

Separate petitions also were filed by the State of California and the California Newspaper Publishers Assn.

Organized labor was rallying behind SFONG. The State CIO Council's executive board authorized participation in the case as a friend of the court and it was likely the State AFL organization would take similar action.

The national CIO was asked to intervene because of the far-reaching importance of the case to trade unions. The decision is expected to have a bearing on guaranteed annual wage programs in their relation to unemployment insurance.

The state employment department will be compelled to abandon its policy if the Appellate Court is upheld. Other Guild members will collect long overdue money and newspaper employes dismissed with severance pay in the future will be assured of full benefits.

The decision also will apply to Guild members deprived of disability insurance benefits — for which they pay taxes—by the department's same policy.

Officers of the Inter-Association Unemployment Insurance Committee, big gun in the fight to preserve this discrimination against Guildsmen, are Fred A. Cutter, vice president of Cutter Laboratories; William B. Hubbard, executive vice president of the Hubbard Co.; Frank P. Foisie, executive vice president of the Federated Employers of San Francisco; R. G. Kenyon, vice president of Southern California Edison Co.; C. C. Lincoln, vice president of the Security - First National Bank of Los Angeles; Vincent D. Kennedy, managing director of the California Retailers Assn., and E. A. Woodside, vice president and general manager of the United Employers, Inc., of Oakland.

Among directors are representatives of the California Metal Trades Assn., American Trust Co., Rexall Drug Co., California Pacific Title Insurance Co., Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., Western Growers Assn., Merchants & Manufacturers Assn., and Aircraft Industries Assn.

Herbert Pothier, a member of the law firm of Cerf, Robinson and Leland, who successfully argued SFONG'S case before the Appellate Court, will represent the Guild before the State Supreme Court.

Previously, SFONG fought the arbitrary disqualification of Guildsmen dismissed in 1950 when the Post-Enquirer folded. After more than three years litigation the employment department dropped its appeal from a Superior Court decision supporting SFONG and the claimants were paid.

This, however, did not stop the state continuing its discriminatory policy.

Winners Say:

William J. Farson and Charles A. Perlik, Jr., elected last month to the respective ANG posts of executive vice president and secretary-treasurer, have made the following statement on the results:

"To quote every other candidate who ever has sought political office, the voters have now spoken. And now that the campaign is over we hope the membership, from both sides, will again demonstrate its willingness to close ranks and work together for the advancement of our union.

"We are grateful and appreciative that the majority gave us the opportunity to serve the Guild in new capacities. We are certain that the majority will want us to function equally for them and the minority, with both, perhaps, encouraging special efforts to awaken the interest of the 10,000 who either failed, or were ineligible, to vote.

"The voices and assistance of all, new members and old, will be needed to help carry on the important work of the future. We invite the cooperation and assistance of everyone. If you can't visit us at ANG headquarters, please drop us a line to let us know you're thinking on the problems ahead.

"To those who supported, worked for, and voted for our candidacies, our sincere appreciation and thanks. And to all of you, let's get back to work."

Rutland Staffers Get Back Wages Ordered By Gov't.

Rutland, Vt.—Present and former editorial employes of the Rutland Herald have received back pay covering a period of two years as a result of a Wage-Hour complaint filed by the American Newspaper Guild.

Wage-Hour Investigator Grafton A. Wood found the company had been failing to pay newsmen for 40 minutes of overtime a week on a regular basis. The company agreed immediately to make up the difference, but payment was delayed two months while affidavits were obtained from ex-employes working elsewhere.

The Rutland Newspaper Guild has ratified and submitted contract proposals, and negotiations are expected to begin shortly. The ANG was certified for all departments Sept. 1 following its election victory July 28.

Memphis To Greet Southern Council

Memphis, Tenn. — The fall meeting of the Southern District Council will be held Oct. 29-30 in Memphis at Hotel Peabody. Emphasis will be placed on contract bargaining, since many member locals will be negotiating or preparing to negotiate new contracts at this time.

The meeting is expected to be attended by delegates from Washington, Richmond, Hampton Roads, Greensboro, Charlotte, Knoxville, Chattanooga, New Orleans, Memphis and perhaps Atlanta.

It will be Memphis' first time as host to the Council. Previous meetings have been held at Knoxville, Greensboro, New Orleans and Richmond.

The Memphis local is planning entertainment to include a Mississippi River excursion boat ride the afternoon of Oct. 29, weather permitting, and a cocktail party that evening at the home of Richard Lane, Council president.

Supreme Court Upholds Guild Right To Merit Wage Data In Item Case

The U. S. Supreme Court has, in effect, upheld the Guild's right to obtain complete payroll information from management, including data on merit increases.

By rejecting an appeal by the New Orleans item, the high court left standing a ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals that the Item must disclose to the New Orleans Guild all wage information necessary to the policing of its contract with the paper.

The rejection of the Item's appeal ended a three-year struggle by the New Orleans local before the NLRB and the Federal courts to pry the information out of the paper.

Since August of 1952, when it first requested the information from the Item, the Guild had persistently argued that it was entitled to full data in order to determine if its members were being discriminated against in obtaining merit increases.

The local's charge that the Item's refusal to supply the data constituted refusal to bargain was upheld all along the line—first by the NLRB examiner in his intermediate report, then by the full Board in an order directing the Item to provide the Guild with the exact wages of each employe, including merit increases, together with the names of the recipients.

When the Item refused to comply, the NLRB sought enforcement in the Fifth Circuit Court and again the Guild's arguments were upheld. In a ruling last April, the Court said:

"The right to grant merit increases without the consent of a statutory bargaining agent obviously should not imply the right to withhold information thereon, since such a rule might foster discrimination against union adherents in the granting of merit increases, and thereby promote that industrial strife and unrest which the (Taft-Hartley) Act seeks to avoid."

Buffalo Meeting Of P-O-I Discusses Political Action

Buffalo, N. Y.—Politics—Guild and otherwise—occupied the attention of delegates attending the quarterly meeting of the Pennsylvania - Ohio - Indiana District Council in Buffalo last weekend.

Most of the 10 locals represented at the meeting had already voted, but not counted ballots, in the nationwide ANG referendum. The delegates spent a good portion of their "off-duty" hours comparing notes and predicting the outcome.

The always-thorny question of political action was the subject for discussion at Sunday's business session. Several delegates reported widespread apathy, and even outright hostility, to PAC activity on the local level, primarily because of dissatisfaction with CIO-PAC political endorsements.

At the same time, it was noted that these same PAC critics apparently did not object to the circulation of literature for opposing slates during the recent Guild election campaign. It was suggested in explanation that the Guild election recommendations came from their own leaders, and there was some attempt to explain the reasons for their choice of candidates.

The delegates' reports indicated that criticism of CIO-PAC endorsements generally did not extend to such other PAC activities as registration and get-out-the-vote drives, publication of candidates' voting records and distribution of literature dealing with specific legislation.

A dissenting voice was that of delegate Gene Grove of Columbus. He reported that Columbus Guildsmen are very politically-conscious, participate nearly 100% in PAC dollar drives, and are currently helping to distribute initiative petitions to get the Ohio CIO's unemployment compensation bill on the ballot in the November elections.

Grove is a Guild delegate to the Columbus CIO Council and was a member of a three-man committee which studied the records and qualifications of the various political candidates and submitted recommendations for endorsement to the Council.

Significantly, Grove followed up his PAC activities in the CIO Council with a letter to Columbus Guildsmen explaining in considerable detail the way in which candidates are selected for support. He emphasized the democratic aspects of the procedure, pointing out that Columbus Guild members have a direct voice in the process through their delegates to the CIO Council.

In other action, P-O-I delegates authorized a telegram of support to Guild members employed at the New Kensington, (Pa.) Dispatch who are fighting a long list of grievances. The New Kensington unit is part of the Pittsburgh local.

The group also sent get-well greetings to Leon Koettger, P-O-I treasurer who was unable to attend because of illness.

P-O-I president Bob Van Wagoner of Buffalo presided at the business sessions, and delegates visited Niagara Falls and were guests of the Buffalo local at a cocktail party and buffet Saturday night.

Sign Three-Year Contract With Phila. Daily News

Philadelphia, Pa.—A first contract has been closed between the Guild of Greater Philadelphia and management of the Philadelphia Daily News, where organization had been started a little more than a year ago.

The contract follows in general the pattern of that at the Philadelphia Inquirer, with the important difference that it sets up a three-year period during which wage progressions are scheduled and at the end of which time parity with Inquirer wage rates will have been reached.

Union security is covered by a Guild shop and dues-checkoff agreement; job security is provided by "just and sufficient cause" language, and arbitration.

Severance, with a maximum of 31 weeks payable on dismissal, and 40 weeks in the event of death or retirement, is computed on credits beginning with August 1, 1954.

The 37½-hour week, and standard overtime provisions, are the same as for the Inquirer.

Reporter minimum is set at $115, and the escalator provision calls for stated increases, plus any gains then negotiated with Inquirer management, through 1956 and 1957. The contract minimums become effective as of next December 20; but a 5 percent general increase has been negotiated retroactive to last August 1.

Photographers and artists remain at a $10 differential below the reporter levels, an important deviation from the Inquirer pattern, where equal minimums are the rule.

The contract covers all Guild jurisdiction departments, and completes unionization of the entire working force at the News. The newspaper is a daily evening tabloid, with a circulation of nearly 200,000.

Local President Kos Semonski, Administrative Officer David S. Schick and Unit Chairman Lew King headed the negotiations group.

Take Strike Vote In San Antonio

San Antonio, Texas—Efforts by the San Antonio Guild local to close a renewal contract with the Hearst-owned San Antonio Light had reached a stage this week where the local membership adopted an almost solidly-approved strike authorization vote. Don Hayes, local president, has wired ANG of the situation and asks that the international office approve strike action if the impasse is not broken.

Federal mediators have been notified and will seek a meeting with the parties at the earliest possible date.

The local is seeking a contract which will combine a long-time agreement for editorial and business office employes with a supplement signed last December for circulation truck drivers.

Management has failed to move in any substantial form toward proposals submitted by the Guild for the new pact. Expiration date of the old agreement and the circulation supplement was August 22.

Milwaukee Set Back, 2-1, In Arbitration Findings

Milwaukee, Wis.—Union security and job benefits in the Milwaukee Guild contract were dealt a severe blow by three American Arbitration Association decisions announced recently.

The Milwaukee Guild won one case, Sentinel management two in decisions that could have far reaching effect on other units, particularly in the Hearst chain.

The Guild won its point in claiming that management must pay three outside classified salesmen for a loss in income from the preceding quarter after the transfer and reassignment of accounts.

The publishers' position was that earnings are temporarily protected only in respect to the accounts or territories changed and that the guarantee does not apply to earnings from accounts or territories which remain unchanged.

The Guild's position was that where there is any change in accounts or territory whatever, the provision of the contract applies to guarantee at least the same total earnings in the succeeding quarter as in the previous one.

The Guild lost when it charged fraud against management in the case of an advertising salesman for whom union exemption was claimed under the "9 of 10" clause in the Hearst Memorandum.

Under the clause all new employes must join the Guild within 30 days or be fired unless previous exemption had been asked by management, which is allowed one such exemption in every 10 new employes.

Management didn't ask exemption in this particular case. When the Guild demanded he be discharged, management refused, claiming that it could have him quit, then rehire him and ask for exemption. That they did.

When Milwaukee President Paul Gustafson saw the salesman after learning of his resignation, Paul told him "We hate to see you go." Answered the salesman, in effect, "Oh, you'll be seeing a lot of me around here." Ten days later he was rehired and exemption was asked.

The arbitrater ruled that the "resignation was actual and not fraudulent, and that consequently no conspiracy existed . . . that he should resign and be immediately rehired."

In the third case, the Guild claimed that the publisher, in discharging a classified phone solicitor, failed to give her two weeks' pay in lieu of notice, and failed to compute her dismissal pay at the average weekly salary and commissions for the previous 52 weeks.

During the hearings, management agreed to give her two weeks pay. The problem then, was whether the added earnings, above regular salary, which classified phone solicitors receive each quarter depending on the amount of lines sold are commission or bonus. If commission, management would have to compute that in figuring dismissal pay; if bonus it would not.

Although the contract wordage says such added pay derives from the "incentive bonus plan," the Guild argued that it actually was a commission because it was paid quarterly on a specific formula on lines sold. The arbitrater decided that the contract said "bonus," so, ipso facto, bonus it was.

Broun Award Expose Nets $1 Million For 2 Defrauded Indians

Portland, Ore.—The efforts of Oregonian reporter Wallace Turner, who won the 1952 Heywood Broun award for uncovering fraudulent Indian land sales, have finally paid off in cash for the victims of the fraud.

The Gold Beach, Ore., Indian trust lands fraudulently sold in 1951 for $135,000, were sold September 21 by the Indian bureau to the Evans Products company of Coos Bay, Ore., for $1,175,000.

Beneficiaries of the sale are two Indians, Harold F. Thornton of Klamath, Cal., and Jasper Grant, Portland.

The three men who engineered the 1951 sale were sentenced to federal prison terms.

The September 21 sale was the culmination of four years of effort led initially by Guildsman Turner and the Oregonian, and subsequently by officers of the federal government.

Twin Cities Honors 22 Newsmen, Police Captain At Page One Affair

Twin Cities, Minn. — Twenty-two Twin Cities newsmen and a St. Paul police captain were honored Oct. 8 at Local 2's 1955 Page One Ball.

Winner of the 1955 Public service award is Capt. William D. Steiner. With 35 years service, 13 of them in charge of the Public Safety building, "he has helped criminals find their way back into society, aided alcoholics in their battles against self-destruction and arbited countless hundreds of domestic quarrels," the Page One yearbook states.

Yearbook editor was Reub Monson; advertising director, Fred Lovell. Frank Willette was ball chairman.

Award winners include:

Spot news, Victor Cohn, Minneapolis Tribune; spot feature, Jack Weinberg, St. Paul Dispatch; short feature, Dan Musch, Dispatch; made feature, Daryle Feldmeir, Tribune; interpretive story, Wendell Weed, Minneapolis Star; interpretive series, Jay Edgerton, Star; coverage and layout, Tribune staff on a downtown fire; headlines, Bob Eddy and Robert Jasperson, Dispatch.

Women's news and features, Joan Keaveny and Jane Thomas, Tribune; editorials, Brad Morison, Tribune; columns, Gareth Hiebert as "Oliver Towne" columnist, Dispatch; spot sports, Don Riley, St. Paul Pioneer Press; sports feature, Dick Gordon, Tribune; sports special citation, Charles Johnson, Star.

Spot pictures, Earl Seubert, Tribune; feature pictures, also Seubert; sports pictures, Dennis Magnuson, Pioneer Press.

These special awards were made:

Carl T. Rowan, Tribune, for two series on Asia; Carroll Binder, Tribune, reports on trip around world; Herbert L. Lewis, Dispatch-Pioneer Press, reports on European trip; Charles McFadden, Victor Cohn, Kenneth Carley, Earl Seubert and William Seaman, Tribune, for medical issue of "Picture" magazine; Gene Newhall, John C. McDonald and the late Rolf Felstad, Tribune, for legislative progress reports series.

Pegler Loses In Libel Suit

Westbrook Pegler and two Hearst corporations have lost their last attempt to get out of paying $176,000 in libel damages to Quentin Reynolds.

The Supreme Court denied their appeal for a review of the trial in District Court in New York in which a jury awarded the damages on charges that Pegler had libeled Reynolds in a column published Nov. 29, 1949.

Pegler's share of the damages is $100,000, but he has a contract which provides that the Hearst group will bear any libel damages assessed against him. In addition, the Hearst Corporation was assessed $50,000 and Hearst Consolidated Publications, Inc., $25,000.

Pegler and the Hearst interests appealed to the Supreme Court after the Federal Circuit Court in New York had upheld the verdict. They contended they had not had a fair trial because of erroneous rulings by the trial judge.

Fed. Job Injuries Down

Washington — Federal job injuries hit an all-time low last year with 7.7 disabling injuries per million man-hours worked. The low record for employes of private industries is 11.5.

Writing News Since 1910, Manchester Man Retires

Manchester, N. H.—Ralph A. Robinson, a charter member of the Manchester Newspaper Guild and a veteran of 45½ years as a reporter, sports editor and copy reader, retired from the employ of the Manchester Union Leader September 30.

Members of the Manchester Guild honored Robinson with a surprise farewell party September 23 at the home of Guild President Leo Dery.

Robinson started his newspaper career as a cub reporter for the Manchester Mirror on April 19, 1910, and joined the staff of the evening Leader some two years later.

He served as sports editor of the Leader for 25 years and as a copy reader since the early 1940's. He had been a Guild dues collector for many years.

His wife, Josephine, a linotype operator for the same papers for almost as many years, retired early this year.



RALPH A. ROBINSON

Two Toronto Star Newsmen Die In Storm-Story Flight



HURRICANE VICTIMS—Doug Cronk, photographer, and Alf Tate, Toronto Star reporter, lost their lives when their U.S. Navy hurricane-hunting plane crashed in the Caribbean last month. Tate was a charter Guildsman, president of the Toronto local two years ago.

Toronto, Ont.—Alfred O. Tate, 44, whose Guild record dated back to 1940 and who was president of the Toronto local in 1953, lost his life Sept. 26 in the crash of a U.S. hurricane hunter plane in the Caribbean.

Tate, a Toronto Star reporter since 1935, and Doug Cronk, 32, a freelance photographer who worked regularly for The Star, are officially listed as missing along with the nine navy crewmen aboard the Neptune patrol plane that entered the eye of Hurricane Janet. No trace of the plane or passengers was found in an intensive search.

The two Toronto newsmen were working on a story about hurricanes, a story planned by Tate for more than a year. He and Cronk had worked together all over the world, and as a smooth team they were together on their last assignment.

Alf Tate took part in the unsuccessful attempt to organize the Star editorial department in 1940 and was one of the 12 who sent out a letter which led to the revival of the Guild at the Star in 1943. He served on the local executive in that first year and been an active in Guild affairs ever since.

In 1952 he became vice-president by acclamation and the following year won election as president. In 1954 he served as treasurer

He was a Toronto delegate to the 1953 ANG convention in Boston.

Before starting out on the hurricane story, Tate said he wanted to telephone his copy from inside the hurricane. It was a switch on one of his earlier achievements—shortly after he joined the Star he phoned a story from an aircraft flying over Toronto. As a young reporter he once nabbed an armed murderer, talked him into handing over his gun and got the man's story before police arrived.

Early this year the Tate-Cronk team covered the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference in London, then went to Germany for the world hockey championships and took a side trip to Belgium for an interview with Peter Townsend, rumored to be Princess Margaret's husband-to-be. Back in Canada, Tate covered the campaign of one of the party leaders in the Ontario provincial elections.

Both Tate and Cronk were veterans of war service with the Royal Canadian Navy.

Waterbury Gets First Contract With $5 To $27.50 Pay Hikes

Waterbury, Conn.—The Waterbury Newspaper Guild and the Waterbury Republican-American have signed a one-year contract covering editorial employes following nearly nine months of negotiations which culminated in a strike vote and mediation.

The agreement provides an $85 top reporter minimum, combined with a 10 percent general increase, plus further adjustments of individual inequities. The average increase is $11 a week, with raises ranging from $5 to $27.50.

Waterbury thus becomes the first Connecticut daily under contract. Only other Guild paper in the state is the Bridgeport Sunday Herald.

The long negotiations, which stretched through more than 50 sessions, began last January after the Guild won a hotly contested NLRB election Dec. 17 by 21 to 21.

The local authorized the executive committee to call a strike by a vote of 21 to 6 at a membership meeting Sept. 10, and the Guild notified Federal and state mediators of the dispute. Management had steadfastly refused to budge from its offer of an $80 top minimum.

Settlement came at 4 A.M. Sept. 24 after an 18-hour session with Federal Mediator Charles Weckbacher and State Conciliator James Donnelly.

Total wage increases under the contract will exceed $32,000 or better than 15 percent of the payroll, plus approximately $10,000 in fringes.

Members of the Guild negotiating committee were Gene Martin, local president, treasurer Doc McInerney, Don Coviello, Hank O'Donnell, Stu Halpine, vice president George Dilion and ANG International Representative Joe Garland, who also aided the local in organizing.



Letters shall be limited to 250 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.

Enjoyed Serving Guild, Says Ralph B. Novak

NEW YORK CITY

Editor: I enjoyed very much being an officer of the ANG. I am happy to have been of service.

My sincere thanks to all who cooperated with me during my tenure in office and to those who supported me in the recently concluded election campaign. I am prouder than words can tell to have been associated with them.

RALPH B. NOVAK
Executive Vice President

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No "Back Of The Hand" From Justin McCarthy

CHICAGO, ILL.

Editor: Many thanks to all who counseled, helped and voted for our side in the recent election; and a hand to those who won—not the back of a hand, either.

And now let's continue to get on with it, the progress of the Guild.

JUSTIN F. McCARTHY, Jr.
Chicago Guild

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Dipman Voices Thanks And Congratulations

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Editor: Please convey my sincere appreciation to those who supported my candidacy for re-election as Region IV International Vice President.

Mrs. Dipman, a "Guild widow" of more than a decade, joins in expressing thanks—her appreciation being directed to those who mandated my retirement from the IEB and a return to the family hearthside.

Our congratulations to Fred Fletcher.

AL DIPMAN
SFONG

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Welty Says Close Finish Showed Esteem For All

PITTSBURGH, PA.

Editor: I would like to thank all those Guild members who supported my candidacy for international vice president.

To me, the close vote indicated the high esteem in which all candidates were held by the voters. I count myself fortunate indeed to have come out a winner.

Public thanks, too, to the wonderful members of my own local who turned out one of the best percentages of eligible voters in the country. They cast 561 votes out of a possible 622. We in Pittsburgh think that's pretty damn good.

I would like to wish Ralph Novak all the luck in the world, in his future undertakings. Although I was on the opposing slate, I repeat that I think Ralph personally is a wonderful fellow.

Special thanks to Helen Minear, Pittsburgh's executive secretary, who carried the ball for me in the campaign, and to the members of the Farson-Perlik campaign committee who did their part in making my first bid for an international office successful.

I trust that now that the political fireworks have subsided everyone—winners and losers—will join hands in promoting the cause we were all fighting for: a sound and progressive Guild.

DAVE WELTY
President, Pittsburgh Guild

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Wing Is Grateful For Campaign Aid

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Editor: May I express through the Guild Reporter my thanks and appreciation to those members of ANG who supported my candidacy for membership on the IEB.

I am grateful for the confidence expressed in me and I will do everything that I can to make ANG a bigger, better and stronger organization.

HARVEY H. WING
SFONG

Top Echelon In Huddle

Guild President Joseph F. Collis conferred this week for two days at ANG headquarters with William J. Farson and Charles A. Perlik, Jr., who on November 1 will assume their new posts as executive vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

Collis said the discussions centered on ways and means for getting the new administration off to a vigorous and constructive start.

Farson is completing four years as secretary-treasurer, while Perlik has been on the staff of international representatives since 1952.

LA Changes Base Of Board Makeup

Los Angeles, Calif.—New by-laws adopted 192-47 last month by the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild revised the executive board to include vice presidents chosen by each of six units.

Candidates for 1956 officers were nominated at LANG's quarterly meeting last Sunday. Election will be by mail ballots.

LANG now has a president, administrative officer, first and second vice presidents, treasurer, secretary, sergeant-at-arms, and four executive board members. The administrative officer is the only paid officer.

Beginning in 1956 there will be a president, administrative officer, first vice president, treasurer, secretary, sergeant-at-arms, and one vice president chosen by members in each of these six units:

Herald-Express, Long Beach Independent-Press Telegram, Huntington Park Daily Signal, San Pedro News-Pilot, Wire Services, and Triangle.

Another change substituted nominations on written forms signed by the person nominated and three other members for voice nominations.

McCarthy, Hutchinson, Brown Nominated For LA Exec Post

Los Angeles—Justin F. McCarthy, Chicago Sun-Times, defeated candidate for ANG secretary-treasurer, is one of three men nominated for the paid job of Adminstrative Officer of the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild for 1956.

He, incumbent Adminstrative Officer George Hutchinson, and Jess Brown, Los Angeles Herald and Express were nominafed at the quarterly meeting of LANG last Sunday.

All candidates have until 5 p.m. Oct. 24 in which to decide if they actually will make the race and have their names on the mail ballots.

LANG president Henry Santiestevan, elected a few months ago to fill the vacant post, was assured the presidency for 1956 when he was the only one nominated. LANG secretary Ollie Hieatt, Herald and Express, also was returned to office, being the only one nominated. Santiestevan, former Hollywood Citizen News reported, is on the staff of the CIO regional office here.

Brown and Arthur (Art) Atwell, Herald and Express, were nominated for first vice president; incumbent Arthur (Bill) Chance, Herald; Arthur E. (Pete) Davis, Long Beach Independent-Press-Telegram, and Jack Lockwood, Herald, were nominated for treasurer. Mike Halby, Herald, and Clyde A. Burleson, Long Beach dailies, were nominated for sergeant-at-arms. Brown and Tom Lennon were nominated for the vice presidency to be filled by the Herald unit.

W. B. (Bill) Norton was unopposed as the vice president from Long Beach; Henry (Hank) Jennings was unopposed for the San Pedro News-Pilot vice president; Louis C. DePerine was unopposed for vice president from the Triangle unit; Mrs. Martha Eakle was unopposed for Huntington Park Daily Signal vice president. A vice president also is to be named from the Wire Services Unit, and it is possible a vice president will be named from the mostly secret unit at the Examiner, where an organising drive is in progress. If this is done an Examiner Guildsman whose Guild affiliation is public will be chosen.

Ford Price-Boost Reasons Stir Ire Of Auto Workers

Detroit, Mich. — The United Automobile Workers (CIO) angrily voiced resentment this week at the increase in retail prices by the Ford Motor Company "because of wage increases."

The Auto Workers secretary-treasurer, Emil Mazey, accused the Ford firm of "fleecing farmers" when it announced increases of from $60 to $165 on its line of eleven tractors as being due to wage increases.

And this week's announcement of similar price increases in its line of automobiles brought a further statement from the union that the company "cannot justify" the price increases.

Wage concessions granted the UAW-CIO could be fully absorbed by the extremely favorable profit position of Ford, the statement continued.

The company's profits are not a matter of public record, the union said, but there is every reason to believe that Ford does not have to increase prices.

Last July the UAW's executive board called for a congressional investigation of price increases in steel, and the then-rumored increases in the automobile field.

"We are still hopeful," said the union, "that such an investigation can be made to ascertain and evaluate the facts relating to the wage-price-profit positions of automotive and steel industries."

Among Ourselves



Kitty Hanson, former Guild leader at Gary and now a staff writer for the New York Daily News, featured in recent Editor & Publisher for her series on teen-age gangs in Manhattan's Puerto Rican district. Kitty spent six weeks incognito as a gangland dweller, wrote a series of five stories on her finding.

Born to the Charles A. Perlik's at Buffalo, September 25, a son, Stephen Ford, making the family score two boys and a girl. Arrival of the latest coincided with the news of dad's election to the ANG secretary-treasurership.

Four-time father is Ellis T. Baker, III, ANG director of research and information. The newcomer, born September 20, is a boy, named —what else— Ellis T. Baker, IV.

Twin daughters gladdened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Zeldin, of Denver, as of September 13. The names: Adria Sara and Leslie Paula. Parents were one-time ANG employes, Marvin as assistant Guild Reporter editor and his wife on the office staff. Zeldin is assistant to Ray Davidson, former Guild international representative, now publicity head for the Oil and Chemical Workers union.

Guild sympathy goes to Roberta Bailey, IEB vice president, on the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth E. Bailey, of Ardmore, Pa.

John Carmichael, executive secretary at the Twin Cities Guild, was a guest of the Twin Cities printers at the State ITU convention at Duluth last week.

Tommy Shields, longtime sports editor at the Ottawa Citizen, switched jobs to become a day news deskman, at the same time moving into the unit covered by the Guild contract. Welcome, and a Guild card, followed. Shields was one of Canada's first play-by-play sports broadcasters.

Acknowledgement has been received by ANG President Joseph F. Collis of a condolence telegram sent to the New York Times, on the death of Gen. Julius Ochs Adler, its general manager and first vice president.

Wheelchair No Drag On Buffalo Guildsman

Buffalo, N. Y.—Experience in overcoming a severe physical disability of his own was applied last month by a Buffalo Guildsman in helping to improve employment opportunities for other disabled persons.

William R. O'Connor, copy-reader for the Buffalo Courier-Express who works from a wheel chair interviewed disabled workers in Buffalo industrial plants and business firms for a series of articles on National Employ-the-Physically-Handicapped Week.

O'Connor, 34, is a paraplegic veteran of World War II. He was paralyzed from the waist down by a sniper's bullet in Normandy while serving with the Canadian Army.

He is a member of Buffalo Local 26.

Asks More Jobless Pay

Secretary of Labor James Mitchell has called for an expanded unemployment compensation program to cover 12 million workers still lacking jobless pay protection.

Locals And Units Make New Officer Assignments

Chicago, Ill.—Robert Hughes, a six-year man on the Sun-Times copy desk, has been elected first vice president of the Chicago Guild local. He replaces Daniel T. Smyth, formerly of the Sun-Times, who resigned when he entered public relations work.

Chicago has named a special committee to study group life insurance possibilities as an additional membership service.

Gary, Ind.—Paul A. Schuette has been elected president of the Gary Newspaper Guild, to fill the unexpired term of Don Pilette, who next week becomes a rewrite man on the Detroit Times. Pilette had been local president fourteen months, and was named to a full year term last January.

Ottawa, Ont.—Murray Goldblatt, charter member of the Ottawa Guild, has been named local president to complete the term of Bob Buchanan, who this week assumes his new duties as executive officer of the Toronto Guild.

Goldblatt has served five years on the local executive, was a member of the first negotiating team and was the first departmental steward when the Guild was formed at the Citizen in 1949. His new post is for a term expiring next January.

Gregor Guthrie, Citizen editorial representative on the local executive, moves into the vice presidency which Goldblatt held, and Mrs. Cecily Collins replaces Guthrie on the executive.

Akron, Ohio—Richard Dietz has been elected president of the Akron Guild, succeeding Hal Fry.

Dietz has been on the reportorial staff of the Beacon Journal for six years, and has served the Akron Guild five terms as vice president.

Others elected are: Vice presidents, Lloyd Stoyer, Robert Hoyt and Art Cullison; corresponding secretary, Harold J. Taylor; recording secretary, Ray Warner; treasurer, Craig Wilson, and executive board members, Henry Ruppel and Fry.

Local Copy

ACTIVITIES

Wash. Ups Membership; Baltimore Downs Living Costs

The Washington Guild's "Operation Sign-Up" contest proved as rewarding to the local as it was to the top contestants. The local added 99 new or reinstated members to its rolls as a result of the tourney.

Iris Hampton of the Star took the top award—a $100 Defense Bond—for signing 29 new members.

Marguerite Brown, also of the Star, finished second in the contest with seven new members. Running third was Bob Edwards of the Post, who signed up five members. Both will receive two months free dues.

Twenty-five other members of the local received lesser awards, ranging from one month's free dues to a free ticket to a future social function of the local.

The three-month contest, and the incentives it offered local members for signing up or reinstating members, ended Sept. 15.

The contest rules prohibited executive board members from winning awards. But that didn't prevent Local Secretary Mitzi Bales from signing up seven new members and board member Wes Barthelmes from signing five. Both are members of the Post & Times-Herald unit.

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The Baltimore Guild offers a bonus to members who maintain their good standing. It's a discount card issued through an arrangement with a local firm. In addition to the name of the firm, the card also contains the lines "Baltimore Newspaper Guild, CIO Local 54" and—here's the catch—"Must be accompanied by paid-up Guild card."

The local also succeeded in inserting a plug for its credit union: "Pay cash—Borrow from your credit union."

One member reports a saving of $120 on an air conditioner. Nice return on a dues investment.

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Denver is the latest Guild local to issue a pamphlet keyed to local conditions. It lists, year by year since 1948, the benefits won by the Guild in its contracts with the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Post. And it also lists the conditions prevailing in the pre-Guild 1930's.

Art work for the 16-page booklet was done by Bill Scott of the Post.

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A steward system is in the works for the Twin Cities Guild. And San Diego has launched a training conference for its shop stewards which calls for weekly classes.

Day Book

LABOR BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Representation election set, Oct. 17, Paterson, N. J., Call editorial (48 eligible.

Unfair practice charges withdrawn, Oct. 10, against Beaumont, Tex., Enterprise & Journal.

Appeal of New Orleans Item, from Federal Court of Appeals ruling that Item must supply complete payroll data to Guild, rejected, Oct. 10, by U.S. Supreme Court.

CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

Philadelphia Daily News, initial contract approved.

Vallejo, Calif., Times-Herald & News-Chronicle, contract renewal approved.

ACTIVITIES

Minneapolis, National Wire Service Conference, Oct. 15-16.

California - Nevada District Council, San Francisco, Oct. 15-16.

Empire State District Council, Kingston, Oct. 16-23.

Southern Regional Wire Service Conference, New Orleans, Oct. 21-22.

Eastern Regional Wire Service Conference, New York, Oct. 29-30.

Southern District Council, Memphis, Oct. 29-30.

ANG International Executive Board meeting, New York, Nov. 1-4.

Newsprint Price Hike Threat, Supply Shortage, Hit Dailies

The newsprint industry, its 1955 profits up as much as 37 percent, is talking again of a price increase as U.S. publishers feel the pinch of short supplies.

Sir Eric Bowater, head of Bowater Paper Corp., Ltd., one of the major newsprint producers on the North American continent, said a price hike is inevitable "in the foreseeable future."

But even as Sir Eric was making his prediction to Editor & Publisher, many smaller publishers already were paying premium rates in a rapidly developing "gray" market. The Wall Street Journal reported that one suburban paper in California is laying out $215 a ton, delivered price, against the basic California port price of $126 a ton. Other dailies, it said, are paying premiums of $50-a-ton and more, over the basic rates.

The newsprint squeeze reflects a booming advertising year for most U.S. papers. Total lineage for the first eight months was 9.9 percent above the comparable 1954 period, according to Media Records measurements in 52 cities. And newspaper financial executives meeting in New York anticipated more to come. Herbert G. Wyman, vice president and advertising director of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette told the Institute of Newspaper Controllers and Finance Officers he expected total advertising for 1955 would run 11 percent ahead of 1954. And, he predicted, the 1956 gain will be more than 7 percent above this year's total.

All of which has sent newsprint usage soaring and tightened supplies despite record output by U.S. and Canadian mills.

For the first eight months of 1955, the American Newspaper Publishers Association said, newsprint consumption was up 7.6 percent over 1954 on the papers reporting to it.

During the same period overseas shipments from Canada were up more than 21 percent and from the United States were more than double the level last year.

And the prospect is for an even greater demand from abroad in the future as Britain relaxes its newsprint rationing, due to end entirely next March.

In stating that a price increase soon would be necessary, Bowater said he reached his conclusion without consultation with other newsprint manufacturers. He told E&P that he had no idea whether the newspaper industry could withstand another round of advertising and circulation price increases but that he did know the newsprint business required more money for its product.

"God knows," he said, "I wouldn't want to see any more newspapers perish. But I have a business to maintain also."

But the newsprint industry is scarcely on the brink of hard times.

A compilation by the Financial Post of Toronto last month showed that all of the Canadian companies included in the study have healthy statements of dividends, surplus and working capital. The Financial Post quoted the first half 1955 net profits of seven firms whose stock is on the market as follows:

Abitibi, $6,508,342, up 21.7 percent over first half 1954; Bathurst, $1,413,587, up 26.2 percent; Consolidated Paper, $6,796,352, up 19.5 percent; Donohue Bros., $427,841, up 8.8 percent; Great Lakes, $1,634,426, up 20.5 percent; Powell River, $5,852,378, up 18.5 percent, and St. Lawrence, $2,636,338, up 37.3 percent.

Another indication of the industry's prosperity is a vast expansion program slated to boost North American capacity from a present 7,140,000 tons annually to about 8,500,000 tons by late 1957.

This expansion program, however, offers publishers no immediate relief from the tight supply squeeze, since the first major portion of the added tonnage is not due out of the mills for another year.

Nor will it serve to lessen the blow of a newsprint price rise, should Sir Eric's prediction prove true.

Boom For Whom?

Not too long ago, Vice President Richard Nixon told the Young Republicans of Michigan:

"Go before the people in 1956 with the pocketbook issue and remind them how much better off we all are than in the days when we never had it so good."

So the Ohio CIO Council took a look at the record and came up with this comparison of the first quarter 1955 against first quarter 1954:

Corporation "income"	Up 16%
Corporation "take-home pay"	Up 16%
Stockholders' income	Up 8%
Food processors' profits	Up 17%
Average worker's income	Up only 7%
Average person's take-home pay	Up only 1%
Farmer's income	Down 6%
Farmer's share of consumer's food dollar	Down 6%

Yessiree, everything's booming but the guns—and the take-home pay and the farmer's income.

Didn't You Notice It?

Washington—Seasonally lower food prices and a dip in home furnishing costs dropped the consumers price index two-tenths of one percent in August, but the cost of all other major groups of consumer goods and services either advanced slightly or remained steady.

'Licensed Union-Busters' And The Companies They Keep

Republican campaign strategists last week announced a plan to woo the votes of "individual" workers.

"This administration has attempted to direct its labor program toward the individual wage earner rather than toward an imaginary mass called the 'common man'," said a Senate Republican Policy Committee campaign pamphlet.

Time, then, to review the labor program of "this administration" as it affects the individual worker and union member.

Guildsman Murray Kempton reviewed one phase of it, in his Oct. 7 column in the New York Post, this way:

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"I have talked about the Taft-Hartley Act both with labor and industry people. I know that the law might be used to break unions. That must be changed. America wants no law licensing union-busting. And neither do I."

Dwight D. Eisenhower, speech to the AFL.
Sept. 17, 1952.

The President has never been able to get the Taft-Hartley Law changed. This is not entirely his fault, being a consequence of the pulls and tugs of political reality; the unions and Democrats haven't given him much help.

There was an amendment to Taft-Hartley upon which all sides, including the late Robert Taft, were agreed. The law as now written carried two clauses which an employer could use to destroy a striking union. Under one, he could bring in a rival union and hold a new NLRB election; the strikers, being outside the plant, could not vote; their replacements could, and the natural result would be that the union would lose its bargaining rights.

The employer himself has the right, under more limited conditions, to petition the NLRB to decertify the striking union; the result again would be an election in which the non-strikers could vote and the strikers couldn't. These were the clauses the President described as "union-busting," and his administration's deparved labor program included amendments which would disarm them.

In real life, these are techniques which very few employers use. In the past year, the NLRB has approved just 14 decertification elections requested by employers. In two-thirds of them the union won. They are not devices of moderation; only the most unreconciled bosses dare to try them.

This makes it rather odd that a company headed by the President's Assistant Secretary of Commerce is currently trying what Gen. Eisenhower described as the "licensed union-busting" technique of requesting decertification of a striking union in Indiana. It will be even odder when a company owned by the President's Secretary of the Interior moves, as it reportedly will, to seek decertification of a striking union in Oregon.

Lothair B. Teetor, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Domestic Affairs, is a director of the Perfect Circle Corp. of Hagerstown, Ind., whose three plants have been on strike for 12 weeks. Perfect Circle's New Castle, Ind., site was the scene of a pitched battle between CIO pickets and company supervisors Wednesday, in which eight persons were shot. Company officials bragged later that they'd fired first.

Life is quieter at the Hagerstown and Richmond plants; there the company is satisfied to support a move for an NLRB election to decertify the striking CIO Auto Workers Union. This is an atmosphere which Lothair Teetor sees no reason to decry. In point of fact, he and his family still own Perfect Circle; he has kept his stock; when he quits the government next month, he will go back to being chairman of the board.

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay owns the McKay-Cadillac agency in Salem, Ore. The AFL Machinists Union called a strike against McKay last August.

Since the strike broke, McKay-Cadillac has advertised for new employes — "strike in progress, union membership not required, permanent employment." McKay's son-in-law, who tends the store while the Secretary is in Washington, has told reporters that he's president in name only. The Secretary denies all association with the company and says he will dispose of his majority stock on Oct. 31; he'll give it to his daughter.

The Secretary also said early this month that he himself is all for labor but doesn't like the goons who have taken over. The chief goon is Al Hayes, president of the Machinists, appointed by President Eisenhower to the advisory committee of the White House Conference on Education.

Now McKay-Cadillac is reported ready to move to ask the NLRB to decertify the Machinists. We have a President who wishes he could get rid of "licensed union-busting" under the Taft-Hartley Act. And he has a team whose members feel free to exercise the license whenever they want to.

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UNESCO Copyright Code Widens Protections

The UNESCO-sponsored Universal Copyright Convention went into effect last week when the necessary 15 nations, including the United States, ratified the instrument.

It broadens the protection afforded writers, artists and other creative workers by making uniform the international regulations governing the re-use of books, musical scores, dramatic and motion picture works, and paintings, engravings and sculpture.

Each ratifying nation will extend the same protection to works of foreign authors, composers and artists as to its own nationals.

Besides the U.S., the ratifying nations are Andorra, Cambodia, Chile, Costa Rica, German Federal Republic, Haiti, the Holy See, Israel, Laos, Luxembourg, Monaco, Pakistan, Philippines and Spain. Thirty other nations have signed, but not yet ratified.

A member of the U.S. Commission on UNESCO is Ralph B. Novak, executive vice president of the American Newspaper Guild. The copyright convention is the first UNESCO convention to be ratified by the U.S.

Until the present time the world of copyright has been split up into three main sectors. One centered around the Berne Convention of 1886 which included all European countries except Russia and Albania, as well as members of the British Commonwealth, Lebanon, Syria, the countries of the French Union, Siam, Indonesia and Brazil. The second was the Pan American Conventions which gave protection to creative work in most of the countries of the American Continent and the third was made up of countries such as the Soviet Union and certain nations in Asia and Africa which did not belong to either group.

The Convention affords protection for a minimum of 25 years either from the time of the work's first publication or from the death of the author. (Under existing conditions the term of protection, if any, extends from three years to perpetuity..)

The author is further guaranteed a reasonable fee from the publisher for translation rights and no translations of his work may be made without his authorization. (At present, authors are frequently not consulted, not paid, and at times their works are badly translated and even distorted.)

Finally, the cumbersome and expensive formalities required of foreign authors and artists in many countries for obtaining copyright protection will be abolished. The letter "C" within a circle will be printed on each copy of a protected work, accompanied by the author's name and the date of the first publication. The symbol will be accepted in every contracting state as forbidding reproduction without authorization of the copyright owner.

Stressing the importance of this new international agreement, the Director-General of Unesco, Dr. Luther H. Evans said: "Up to now, the world has been divided into various groups by multilateral conventions, none of which has been world-wide in scope. This has led to complications, to gaps in the system of copyright protection, and often to injustice towards the men and women whose works contribute to international understanding through the advancement of culture."

Membership At 27,534

ANG membership continues its upward trend, as shown in tabulations of returns from dues-paying Guildsmen as of September 1. On that date there were listed 27,534 such memberships, an all-time high figure. The preceding two months also established high records.

Contributing directly to the new standings were fifteen locals which were at all-time high levels. New tops were established by Bay City, Buffalo, Canadian Wire Services, Elizabeth, Lima and San Diego. Holding at record levels were Dallas, Gary, Kenosha, Lansing, Newburgh-Beacon, Pueblo, San Antonio and Hampton Roads. Charlotte regained a previously held peak figure.

Fix Election Date For Paterson Vote

Paterson, N. J.—Editorial employes of the Paterson Call will vote in an NLRB election next Monday on whether or not they want to be represented in collective bargaining by the Guild.

The election follows a hearing by the National Labor Relations Board and a finding that some 48 staffers, including part-time correspondents, constitute an appropriate bargaining unit.

Washington ROUNDUP

By WILLARD SHELTON
Washington Guild

WE FACE NOW THE QUESTION of the power and acumen of Vice President Nixon, who is experienced in dancing on the point of a needle, as he deals with the problem of whether he can win the White House for himself. There are two opinions: first, that he is a formidable candidate for the presidency *if* nominated; second, that he will *never* be elected but that he may well be the GOP nominee.

For the record, the conduct of the Eisenhower leaders following the President's coronary attack was almost wholly admirable. They suffered a period of shock—and who can belabor them for that?—but they quickly recovered their sense of balance and responsibility.

Press Secretary James A. Hagerty flew to Denver and began giving out information in detail. An informal Council of State, composed of ranking White House and Cabinet officials, set up a kind of interregnum to wield the executive power, but only in the name of the President.

Within 72 hours of the thrombosis, the harassing question of whether there should be a "delegation" of powers was abandoned. Leonard Hall, GOP national chairman, began saying that the Republican party had "taken on the image of Eisenhower" and insisting that it was "indecent" to talk about GOP alternatives.

The trouble here was that, in all honesty, practically everyone admitted the Republicans would be compelled to search for an alternative, because it was utterly unlikely that Mr. Eisenhower could be persuaded to run again. The obvious, immediate alternative was Nixon—Nixon against the field in the same sense that Adlai Stevenson is running against the field on the Democratic side.

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THIS OBSERVER WAS IN PRINT in this space three weeks ago, writing before the heart attack, as expressing the conviction that the President would run again. Presumptively, all such convictions must be laid aside. Unless they were, it would be "indecency" indeed.

Many of us have violently disagreed with Eisenhower policies. But few would argue against the proposition that he is vastly superior to the vindictives in his party.

A Justice Department spokesman told this reporter a year ago, for example, that Attorney General Brownell would bring forth a "lot of other cases" similar to the Harry Dexter White "case," alleging by various wiretappings unadmissable as evidence in court that New Dealers were "soft toward Communism" or informants for the Soviet state.

Not one other "case" has been produced, for the obvious reason that Eisenhower was so publicly shocked at Brownell's insinuations against Harry S. Truman in the White "case" that Brownell decided he had better keep his mouth shut.

Mr. Eisenhower has changed the climate of American politics, in less than three years in the White House.

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I WILL NOT DENY the argument of GOP newspapers in 1952—that a Republican President of Eisenhower's qualities was well situated to beat down and chew up McCarthy, to end a menace to our domestic free institutions, to start talking to the Russians and the Red Chinese without fear of the accusations of "appeasement" that toward the end paralyzed Mr. Truman and Dean Acheson.

My own opinion is that Mr. Stevenson could have done the same thing. I have no patience with the doctrine that the Republican Eisenhower, plus a Democratic Congress, is "needed" again to accomplish things no Congress would let any Democratic President do. The American system would have chewed up McCarthy no matter which party was in power, in Congress or the White House. Our fevers are intense but they pass, and McCarthy was as vulnerable as he was dangerous.

This is, however, admittedly speculation, and in no sense can it detract from Eisenhower's positive accomplishment. The point is that we must seek a new President.

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SOME OF MY FRIENDS here think that "New Dealers" are deliberately "promoting" Nixon for the Republican nomination with the notion that he would be a pushover. This is akin to the delusion that "New Dealers" always diabolically robbed the late Sen. Taft of the nomination in favor of people like Wendell Willkie or Gen. Eisenhower.

It is a kind of devil theory of the subtlety and authority of "New Dealers," in the GOP as well as in the Democratic party. I have never considered Winthrop Aldrich of the Chase National Bank and the stony-hearted Gov. Dewey as "New Dealers," yet Aldrich and Henry Luce in 1940 and Dewey in 1952 assuredly had much to do with the Willkie-Eisenhower nominations. The devil theory had just as well be dropped.

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THE INDISPUTABLE FACT is that sundry Republican hopefuls are now starting to lay down their cards. Stassen is an admitted candidate, Nixon is everything but an admitted candidate, and Treasury Secretary George Humphrey is receiving a substantial publicity boom.

When Gov. Knight of California deliberately scratched his fellow Californian Nixon from the list of "availables," and promised to lead a primary fight against him if necessary, the White-House-in-Denver, with equal deliberation, invited Nixon to come see the President and bask in a reflected glow that at least indicated no fixed disapproval.

The Vice President is the heir apparent. How he conducts himself will be watched, and he will be rejected with anger if he stumbles; but he is the heir apparent. To treat him as ridiculous would be to confess that Eisenhower himself made a mistake in 1952 in tolerating Nixon on the ticket even in second place. Nixon is a formidable tear-jerker, a formidable campaigner, as politically unprincipled as Stassen but more skillful at judging situations and accurately guessing what each requires. I can't imagine anything more stupid for Democrats than to keep bragging that if Nixon is the GOP nominee, they will win so easily that it would be like taking candy from a baby's hot, sticky hand.

For one thing, in the new situation that is not the way to talk about a campaign for the American presidency.

Reports On Tie-Election Challenges At Rochester

Rochester, N. Y.—The regional director of the National Labor Relations Board has recommended that five of the six challenged ballots in the Rochester Guild's representation election at the Gannett dailies here be opened and counted, to determine the election outcome.

The result of the unchallenged voting, last July 29, was 60 votes for the Guild and 60 for "no union." The Guild challenged in five instances and management in one. Ballots of these employes were impounded, without examination, by the elections officer for the NLRB.

Since the challenges were sufficient to affect the outcome, an investigation was undertaken by the regional director's office at Buffalo. His recommendations, which are addressed to the National Board, were issued Wednesday. Completion of the count, and issuance of certification of the results, will await an order of the NLRB.

Management's challenge was against Alice Boehm, secretary to the national advertising manager, as a confidential employe. The investigator, Regional Director Merle D. Vincent, Jr., found otherwise, and recommends that her vote be counted.

The Guild's five challenges were on two grounds. The challenge against Merritt C. Lenfest, space salesman, held that he was not an employe on the date of the election. The Guild's position as to the other four was that their jobs were supervisory within the meaning of the Act.

The employes are Collette Mansfield, listed by the company as "supervisor of night ad checkers"; Lucille Amman, whose job title is "supervisor of the front counter:" Alan Stambusky, listed as "night service manager;" and Julia DeRooy, whose job is "supervisor, phone room."

The regional director disallowed the Lenfest challenge, holding that while he had quit his job, he was still serving out company time in the form of accrued vacation, and citing precedent for considering his ballot valid.

Detailed examination of the duties of the others led the director to uphold the Guild only in the case of Julia DeRooy.