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21 Sessions In 3 Months Win Wide St. Louis Gains

St. Louis, Mo.—A \$2 to \$5.50 general increase, shorter work week, improved dismissal and vacation clauses and various other contract improvements were won in a new contract just signed by the St. Louis Newspaper Guild with the Pulitzer Publishing Company.

The contract covers over 650 employees of the Post-Dispatch, KSD and KSD-TV. Management estimated at least \$180,000 increase in annual pay without including the effect of the shorter work week.

The contract provides for a job reclassification study on a number of classifications on which agreement was not reached. As this includes beginning copy boys, the only ones affected by the \$2 general increase level, the actual increase may be \$2.50 to \$5.50.

The increase averaged \$4.44

and raised the average of employees in the Guild jurisdiction to \$121.04 a week. The percentage increase was 3.8.

An important point in the negotiations and improvement in the contract was a section protecting work in the Guild jurisdiction against change within the plant and against its being contracted out.

The contract is for two years and reopenable in one year on wages. It raised the top minimum for all reporters, display salesmen, etc., to \$139.50 after five years of experience, and the

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Twin Cities Guild Intervenes For 275 Office Workers

Twin Cities, Minn.—The Guild has intervened in a decertification election among about 275 workers in commercial departments of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune. Some 225 of these now are represented by Office Employees International Union local 12. About half of these had joined in a petition to decertify their present union, and it was in this action that the Guild presented cards to intervene.

ANG international representative Ray Mann is on the scene. Determination of the bargaining unit and setting of an election date are pending before the National Labor Relations Board.

Twin Cities Guild was approached last fall by a group of these employees asking help in changing from their present union. They presented specific charges of undemocratic opera-

tion and ineffective representation by OEIU 12. The local Guild, however, told them that Guild action to take them into membership would be a violation of the AFL-CIO no-raiding agreement and advised them to seek a solution to their problems within their present union.

Last month, however, they filed a decertification petition. And the local, after consultation

with ANG officers, determined it must intervene to keep them in the labor movement.

Its action brought accusation by OEIU—but no formal charges as yet—of a violation of the no-raiding agreement.

This was flatly denied by ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., and local Executive Secretary John Carmichael.

"The Guild could hardly stand by with its arms folded while a group of employees, so demonstrably dissatisfied with the nature of their collective bargaining agent, left the labor movement, perhaps forever," Perlik said.

"The no-raiding agreement was never intended," Carmichael said, "to freeze workers into one union for all time without regard to conditions in that union."

The Office Employees union gained recognition at the Star and Tribune during the period of mergers which resulted in the present, non-competitive Minneapolis newspaper alignment.

The Guild represented commercial employees of the old Minneapolis Tribune and Times. Merger and suspension respectively of these two newspapers resulted in some Guild members being brought into OEIU—and others being left unrepresented to this day.

A speedy consent election among the clerical employees the Guild is seeking at present was ruled out when OEIU and the company demanded that some 50

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Toronto Wins Unified Tely Contract, Saves 60-Man Unit, Ups Pay Rates

Toronto, Ont.—Tentative agreement has been reached on a single contract covering some 400 editorial, circulation and building employees of the Toronto Telegram. For 60 building department staffers, the settlement ended almost a year of threatened loss of status as employees of the daily.

The contract will be the first between the Guild and Telegram covering the three departments. Circulation and building were organized in 1955; editorial has been under Guild contract for more than two years.

It was literally an 11th-hour reprieve for the harried building department. Twice in the past eight months, Publisher John Bassett declared his intention to "farm out" the work of the department; the second time, legal documents to carry out the transfer to a real estate firm had already been drawn.

Final details of the contract settlement were ironed out mere hours before the transfer deal, wiping the 60 off the Telegram payroll, was to have gone into effect. The new agreement cancels the transfer arrangement and also spells out security language to protect the employees from further such threats for the term of the contract.

Negotiations leading to the settlement started more than eight months ago and entered government-supervised conciliation talks early in the new year. Failure to win an acceptable working conditions or security provisions sent negotiators back to the unit membership. A record-sized meeting gave strong back-

ing to Guild demands for a better deal for all three departments. The settlement, which runs to Dec. 31, 1958, includes:

- Boosts in minimum salaries in three steps, Jan. 16 and Oct. 1 of this year and Oct. 1, 1957. The reporter top moves from \$95 to \$100 now, to \$106 next October, to \$114 in 1957—a \$19 boost over three years. Other classifications go up about proportionately—4 to 5 percent now, 6 percent in October and more than 7½ percent a year from then.

- Maintenance of Guild membership, checkoff of dues compulsory on all new employees is extended to the two new departments.

- Provision guaranteeing no change of status of work now done by circulation and building employees—a key security issue—is provided.

- The present 37½ or 40-hour week continues to Jan. 1, 1957, when the whole jurisdiction goes on the straight 37½-hour week.

- Existing overtime and other premium pay provisions are extended to the new departments.

- Severance pay maximum is raised from 20 to 30 weeks.
- A pension plan, now in other departments, is extended to editorial employees, who will receive past service credits paid for waiver of some retroactivity.

- Regular out-of-town circulation staffers' daily meal allowance is upped from \$2.60 to \$4.
- Car mileage rate raised one cent to nine. Six month cut-off provision added for regular car users.

For building department employees, the contract ends a

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Register New High With 90 Broun Award Entries

Entries in the 1955 Broun Award, which annually recognizes newspaper work which best typifies "the spirit of Heywood Broun," Guild founder and its first president, have established a new all-time record as to number, it was noted this week by Edward J. Donohoe, Scranton, Pa., chairman of the ANG committee for the competition.

With two days to go before the extended deadline of February 10, 90 separate entries had been received at Guild headquarters in New York.

Previous high marks had been 73, submitted for the 1948 award; and 70 last year, for the 1954 calendar year.

Judges for the unprecedented group of entries are George A. Cornish, New York Herald Tribune executive editor; Oakley Dal-

gleish, editor in chief of the Toronto Globe & Mail, and John Hersey, author and news writer.

They will meet tomorrow at the Guild office to devote the entire day to culling the voluminous array of exhibits of newspaper work done during the last calendar year. Most of the entries have been mounted in large scrapbooks, and many are accompanied by explanatory ma-

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British Columbia CCL Heads Urge ANG Tieup For Vancouver Newsmen

Vancouver, B. C.—Thirteen small groups of labor union members, now directly chartered by Canadian Congress of Labor, are being urged by British Columbia CCL officials to join with larger internationally-affiliated unions.

The group comprises some 2,300 union members in the province, and about one third of that total are members of the three Newspaper Guild locals in Vancouver, organized in each of this city's three daily newspapers, the Sun, the Province and the News-Herald.

Only one provincial Guild is now affiliated with the American Newspaper Guild (AFL-CIO), that being a local at suburban New Westminster, comprising about 40 employees of the British Columbian, in all Guild departments.

A special committee named by the provincial CCL recently reported on its survey of the smaller directly-chartered locals, and awarded jurisdiction over the three Vancouver newspaper locals to the American Newspaper Guild.

The CCL action is part of the dominionwide merger plans which will culminate in April, when the Trades & Labor Council and the Canadian Congress of Labor will ratify a joint constitution and thereafter operate as one.

Charles Dale, an international representative for the American Newspaper Guild, who has established residence here, and has been conducting renewal negotiations for the New Westminster contract, will be available for consultation with the leaders and members on the details of the affiliation steps.



QUEEN AND VEER—Blanche "Bunny" FitzSimons is crowned by IEB Vice President Wilfred Alexander, New York, at the Elizabeth Guild's fifth annual Page One Ball. Miss FitzSimons is school editor at the Plainfield Courier-News. Her attendants were Judy Czuchta, Elizabeth Journal, and Joan Foklihu, New Brunswick Home News.

COPE Introduces Itself

Webster defines the intransitive verb "cope" as: (1) to strike; fight; (2) to enter into or maintain a hostile contest; (3) to meet or have to do with.

Which all makes very appropriate the adoption of the initials to describe the combined political program of the newly merged AFL-CIO. It's our old friend, CIO-PAC, actually, but let's have COPE speak for itself. Here's the text of a leaflet available for general distribution from the COPE office at 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

What Is COPE?

The letters COPE stand for Committee on Political Education, the committee of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations to advance and promote the general welfare of America by political education and political activity.

As stated in the AFL-CIO Constitution, COPE has the task "of encouraging workers to register and vote, to exercise their full rights and responsibilities of citizenship and to perform their rightful part in the political life of the city, state, and national communities."

COPE is made up of local and state committees of AFL-CIO members, and a national committee consisting of the AFL-CIO Executive Council, George Meany, chairman.

Why Is The AFL-CIO In Politics?

The AFL-CIO fights to secure a better standard of living for American working men and women and their children. Its unions fight for better wages and working conditions.

But the gains won at the bargaining table can be whittled down, or wiped out by decisions of Congress, a state legislature, or a city council. That is where the small but powerful core of reactionary business groups is attempting to kill labor's efforts to achieve greater welfare and security.

To protect and enlarge our gains on the economic front, we must also fight on the political front. In the complicated world of today the two cannot be separated.

COPE is the means through which AFL-CIO members exert their collective strength to obtain good government—good officials acting under good laws. It seeks to inform union members and their neighbors about the issues and the candidates for public office and to organize them so they can act upon this information.

How Does COPE Work?

COPE reports the facts about issues and candidates. It closely follows the voting records of our elected officials. It helps to educate AFL-CIO members so that they will vote and vote intelligently.

COPE workers carry on registration drives and try to get out the vote on election day so that the result will be a decision of the true majority of the people.

What Is The COPE Program?

The AFL-CIO stands for world peace founded on justice, freedom and security. To secure such a peace, America must be strong and prosperous. Our country must be free from economic and social injustice, and racial or any other type of discrimination. The AFL-CIO stands for full employment based on an economy in which our increasing productivity is matched by increasing consumer purchasing power.

It stands for the re-establishment of sound and fair labor relations, for better education, housing, social security, unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation.

It stands for an equal distribution of the tax burden, the protection of our natural resources, adequate health services, fair treatment of immigrants, and the extension of civil rights and civil liberties to all our citizens.

Who Determines COPE Policies?

The policies of COPE are determined by the national committee of COPE in the light of actions of the AFL-CIO convention.

Is COPE A Political Party?

COPE is not a political party. The resolution on political action passed unanimously by the first AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention states: "We reaffirm organized labor's traditional policy of avoiding entangling alliances with any other group and of supporting worthy candidates regardless of party affiliation." The Convention also called for voting records to be placed in the home of every AFL-CIO member.

Does COPE Work Alone?

COPE cooperates as broadly as possible with other groups who have the same ideals and aims as our organization. It will work with all citizens of good will who have the same ideals.

How Does COPE Get Its Money?

COPE funds come from the voluntary contributions of AFL-CIO members.

Where Does The Money Go?

Of every dollar contributed to COPE, half is used by local and state committees on Political Education, the other half is used by national COPE to aid worthy candidates for national offices.

Give A Buck To COPE

Five-Year Washington Post Contract Vetoed By Committee, Goes To IEB

Citing repeated convention warnings against long-term contracts, the IEB Contracts Committee has denied the Washington local permission to sign a five-year renewal contract with the Washington Post and Times-Herald.

The Post and Times-Herald unit last week voted to accept the proposed contract, 191 to 20, and on Wednesday the local executive committee approved it unanimously.

The Contracts Committee action will come before the full IEB for review next week, and a delegation from the Washington local will come here to try to persuade the board to reverse the committee and authorize the local to sign the agreement.

Should the board do so, the Post and Times-Herald contract would become the Guild's first five-year agreement. It would run from December 1, 1955 to December 1, 1960.

Both Executive Vice President William J. Farson and Secretary-treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., are members of the Contracts Committee. Explaining the committee's decision, Perlik, who is committee chairman, said:

"In refusing the Washington local permission to sign the proposed five-year contract with the Washington Post and Times-Herald, the Contracts Committee acted in accordance with repeated warnings by both the IEB and the convention against long-term contracts."

"History has shown us, and other unions, that it is impossible to foretell the future and that any attempt to do so is fraught with the most serious dangers."

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Severance Pay Once Earned Always Payable, Says Court

Philadelphia, Pa.—In a decision which should be helpful in establishing further precedent in the pending Brooklyn Eagle severance suit, the New Jersey Supreme Court has upheld the principle that severance pay, earned during the life of a collective bargaining contract, remains a vested right of the employee after the contract has been terminated.

The decision came in a suit involving five former Philadelphia Guild members in the Atlantic City, N.J., unit.

The five were employees of the Atlantic City Press until the spring of 1953, when they were discharged for reasons other than "gross misconduct," a qualifying phrase found in the Guild's contract.

That contract, however, had expired the previous August 22, after Guild negotiations for a new agreement had failed to reach a satisfactory conclusion.

When, months later, management discharged the five, severance pay was forthcoming for only one, and that in lesser amount than had been called for by the expired contract.

The other four were paid two weeks' salary, in lieu of dismissal notice.

Justice Louis Leonard, who heard the case, decided for the five employees, and Press management appealed the decision to the New Jersey Superior Court. The Supreme Court, however, ordered the case brought directly to it, a procedure followed when the Supreme Court deems a case important enough to avoid the delay of an intermediate appeal.

The highest court agreed with Justice Leonard that severance pay was earned and accrued throughout the period of contract-covered service, and was payable on discharge, even though the discharge was delayed until after the period under contract.

Although only some \$3,200 was involved in amounts due the five employees, Press management incurred legal and other costs many times that sum, in fighting against payment.

Guild costs were shared by the ANG and the Greater Philadelphia local. The Albany convention approved ANG participation because of the widespread application of the principle.

One of the Atlantic City group had eighteen years of service when she was dismissed. All were in the editorial department of the Press.

In the Brooklyn Eagle cases, severance was refused by management to employees who had gone on strike before suspension and sale of the Eagle assets took place. Management's claim is that the strike had terminated the Guild contract, and with that termination went any obligation to pay accrued severance.

San Jose Meeting Held At AFL Labor Temple
San Jose, Calif.—Making use for the first time of the AFL Labor Temple as a meeting place, the San Jose local started its year by adopting a balanced budget calling for \$6,720 in operating funds for the year.

The change in meeting place was the local's nod to the national merger of the AFL and CIO late last year.

By resolution, the local recorded itself as opposed to a five-year contract term, as had been proposed by the Washington Guild in its Post and Times Herald unit.

Baltimore
Baltimore, Md.—John F. Good, speed, who has edited the Baltimore Guild's local publication, "The Working Press" for several years, has been elected local president without opposition. Also named without opposition were Walton M. Rock as vice president and Spencer L. Davidson as treasurer.

In the first election contest in several years, Martin Millsap was elected secretary, winning over a petition nominee, Elizabeth M. Taylor.

William R. Pyne, outgoing president, had declined another nomination, urging that the offices and responsibilities be rotated. Pyne was named vice president of the Federal Credit Union at the Sunpapers, the annual meeting of which followed the Guild's membership session.

Denver
Denver, Colo.—Mark Hansen has been named Post unit chairman for the Denver Guild, with the following aides: Secretary, Ruby Mattern; collector, Charity M. Henry; executive board members, Charles Ross, Letta Robinson, Gordon M. Connelly, Frank Valentine, Harmon Kallman, Don Davis, John H. Tooley, Jr. and H. Ray Baker.

Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.—In an election marked by several closely contested results, the Memphis Guild has returned Thomas Pappas to a second term as local president. Pappas defeated Leroy Steen, 122 to 84.

Other results: First vice president, Elton Whisenand, unopposed; second vice president, Louis Silver, who polled 122 votes against 48 for Clark Porteous and 33 for James Gunter; third vice president, William Sorrels, with 103 votes, against 100 for Wanda Patterson; secretary-treasurer, Jack Everett, unopposed; recording secretary, Lillian Fosse, who defeated Shirley McDaniel, 127 to 75.

Roy Hamilton headed the elections committee.

Waterbury
Waterbury, Conn.—Telegraph Editor Eugene L. Martin, who last year led his local to the signing of its first contract with the Republican and American, has been re-elected president of the local for a second term.

Named with him were: Vice president, William P. O'Donnell, sports editor; secretary, Melvin D. Asch, assistant telegraph editor, and treasurer, Francis McInerney, sports writer; members of the executive committee, Stuart Halpine, Don A. Coviello and William Butler.

Toronto
Toronto, Ont.—Fred Jones was returned by acclamation to his third term as Toronto Local president. He is labor reporter and columnist for the Toronto Telegram. During his term the local will be host to the ANG convention, slated for the Royal York Hotel in July.

Also by acclamation, the members named Nola Bonif as secretary, a reelection, and Ron Thompson as treasurer. Miss Bozloff is in the Star circulation

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Reilly was chosen to fill the unexpired term of Wally Belfry, elected last fall who has left the Guild.

Reilly is a radio and television writer for an advertising firm, and accordingly resigned his office. He retains Guild membership in his new capacity.

Erie
Erie, Pa.—Elwyn Hildum, telegraph editor at the Erie Times, who served a term as Guild local president in 1952, has again been chosen to head the Erie Newspaper Guild. Named with him are Bernice Brower, who begins a seventh year as secretary-treasurer; Frank Alexandrowicz, as vice president; and Betty Graham, recording secretary.

Kenosha
Kenosha, Wis.—Re-election was the rule at the annual choice of officers for the Kenosha Guild local. In office for another year are: President, LeRoy Anderson; vice president, Mrs. Regina Berg; secretary, Mrs. Barbara Colicki; and treasurer, Mrs. Martha Simpkins.

Reno
Reno, Nev.—Max Jensen has been re-elected president of the Reno Newspaper Guild, with the following officers: Vice president, James W. Barnhill; secretary-treasurer, William A. Gold.

'Reprimand' Of Farson Is Sought By Midwest DC On Jollos Firing

Milwaukee, Wis.—The Midwest District Council at a meeting here last weekend adopted a resolution asking the International Executive Board to "reprimand" the executive vice president of the American Newspaper Guild for his unjust discharge of Eva Jollos.

Miss Jollos was discharged from her position as executive secretary of the IEB contracts committee when Executive Vice President William J. Farson took office last November 1.

The Midwest council at its November 13 meeting asked Farson why the discharge had been ordered, and was not satisfied with Farson's reply, which stated that the firing had been "for cause." Last month the council's executive committee termed Farson's answer "inadequate" and said it "disesteemed" the question. At the same time the council of

seers asked Miss Jollos to reveal the reasons.

At last weekend's meeting there was submitted and read a copy of the statement Miss Jollos had received from Farson. It read:

"I dismissed you because I have found you to be inefficient, untrustworthy and, despite repeated warnings, habitually so late in reporting for work that your absence from the office caused postponements of regularly scheduled contracts committee meetings—and needless delay in committee action on local bargaining matters—and serious interference with the work of other staff members and the operation of the office."

There was lengthy discussion of the subject, and questions were put to ANG President

Joseph F. Collis, a meeting guest.

The text of the council resolution as adopted:

"The Midwest District Council hereby requests the IEB to:

"(1) reprimand the executive vice president for his unjust discharge of Eva Jollos;
"(2) prepare for submission to the 1956 convention in Toronto a constitutional revision to set up an effective counter-balance to the hiring and firing authority of the executive vice president; and
"(3) obtain from ANG counsel an opinion on the claim of the executive vice president to absolute hiring and firing authority."

Collis spoke informally to the delegates, pointing out that although Guildsmen "have their differences of opinion, they don't let the differences deter them from the common bond of association through which progress is made."

He said the Guild is facing serious problems because the newspaper industry is in a period of transition, particularly in mechanical department processes. "However," he added, "union conditions are better all around the country than ever before."

Collis told the delegates that the newspaper industry is enjoying a boom period, "it should be a good season to bargain. With hard work, we can get some damn good raises for our members."

The council set up plans for a Chicago training institute later in the spring, and elected officers for the year. Vern Fox, Sheboygan, was reelected president.

Other officers are: Vice president, LeRoy Anderson, Kenosha; and Carroll Vertrees, Gary; corresponding secretary, Dan Sullivan, Chicago; recording secretary, Tony Ingrassia, Milwaukee; and treasurer, Doug Adams, Rockford.

The council will mimeograph and send to member locals copies of a bargaining manual based on procedures found effective at Kenosha.

Also attending the weekend meetings were Steve Ripley, Wire Service administrator; Ray Pitt, assistant wire service administrator; Charles Perlik, ANG secretary-treasurer; Zimmerman and Sol Fox of the New York unit.

Los Angeles Editorial Union Weighs Guild Affiliation

Los Angeles, Calif.—A membership meeting set for next Tuesday will decide whether about 200 cardholders in the Los Angeles Editorial Association, a directly-chartered local of the American Federation of Labor, will vote themselves into the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild.

Consideration of the step is attributed directly to last December's merger of the AFL and CIO. Both W. J. Bassett, secretary-treasurer of this city's AFL Central Labor Council, and Joseph L. Campo, international representative of the American Newspaper Guild, have been invited to attend the meeting.

Editorial Association members are news department employees of the Los Angeles Examiner, where the Guild is not now represented by contract. The daily is a member of the Hearst chain, and managements of the Examiner and the Herald & Express have been negotiating with the Los Angeles local over the

terms under which a proposed merger of some mechanical operations of the two papers can be effected without damaging the job status of Guild-contract-covered personnel.

Early in January, an association membership meeting authorized a fact-finding, and nine members of that committee later heard Bassett and Campo in a question forum, in the course of which Bassett declared, "Such a step (affiliation with the Guild) would greatly strengthen the employees' position in collective bargaining."

At that session, six affirmative votes and three negatives were registered by those present.

Later last month, the committee reported to a second membership meeting of the association on its findings and the meeting adopted a motion that copies of the report be circulated to those unable to attend. About 70 were present.

Baltimore Credit Union Pays 5 Percent Dividend ... Broun

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terial supplementing the actual texts, telling of the circumstances of the writing and the results of its publication.

All sections of this country and Canada are represented.

Past winners constitute a notable array of writers in the Guild's jurisdiction, and many of the Broun winners have gone on to gather other recognition, such as the Pulitzer Journalism prize.

What has distinguished all the Broun choices in the past fifteen years is a deep concern for the oppressed and helpless, a trait which dominated Broun's writing and thinking throughout his own career as a crusading columnist.

Chicago Schedules Bargaining Parley

Chicago, Ill.—The Chicago Guild has completed plans for a one-day conference this weekend on collective bargaining, preparatory to engaging in negotiating contracts in the coming weeks.

Units most immediately affected are at the Sun-Times, Daily News and Waukegan News-Sun. And for the first time, invitations have gone to the two federally-chartered locals holding contracts at the Chicago American, the Chicago Editorial Association and the Newspaper Commercial Associates.

The conference will analyze conditions pertinent to the negotiations, including "publisher prosperity," and will set up a timetable for each unit operation. Affiliates of the Guild's Midwest District Council have also been invited to participate.

Among the conference leaders will be Guild President Bert Holley, Attorney Al Kamin, Ray Mann, international representative, and Vern Fox, president of the Midwest council.

Twin Cities Plans Gridiron Dinner

Twin Cities, Minn.—The 1956 Gridiron dinner of Twin Cities Guild has been set for April 9 at the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis.

General chairman is Ed Bolton. Vice chairman is Reub Monson; comptroller Martin Merrick; show chairman Don Morrison; invitations chairman Leonard Inskip.

Discuss Strikes, Lockouts In Season's First Institute

Toledo, Ohio—The first ANG regional training institute of the year was held in conjunction with the winter meeting of the POI District Council here, at which Sam McGuire, of Detroit, was elected new council president.

Theme of the institute, attended by thirty delegates from a dozen locals, was "Strikes and Lockouts." It was conducted by Ellis T. Baker, ANG Director of Research & Information.

McGuire, who also is president of the Detroit Guild, succeeds Bob Van Wagoner, of Buffalo, as council head.

Other council officers elected are Mike Mastrullo, Cincinnati, first vice president; Bob Bruner, Terre Haute, second vice president; Evelyn Ulrich, Indianapolis, secretary; and Leon Roettger, Columbus, treasurer. Ulrich and Roettger are holdovers.

The council accepted an invitation from the Akron Guild to hold its spring meeting in Akron April 21 and 22. Delegates are invited to attend Akron's first Page One Ball April 21.

The seminar on strikes and lockouts was preceded by detailed reports from McGuire and Ed Scott, Detroit executive secretary,

on the recent strike and lockout in that city.

Major points of discussion in the seminar itself were:

Why strikes?

History of Guild strikes and lockouts.

When are we legally free to strike?

When can we strike most effectively?

Strike preparation.

Strike operation.

Management tactics.

Other institutes on the same theme have been tentatively scheduled for the spring meetings of the Midwest and New England district councils, Baker announced.

At the conclusion of the business session, Baker played "Image of Freedom," a half-hour recording of the pageant presented at the last convention of the CIO.

The pageant was narrated by Actor Melvyn Douglas, with songs by Joe Glazer, educational director of the Rubber Workers, and a mixed chorus.

Wide Toronto Gains

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threatened "farming out" which had hung over the long sessions. Months of discussion last summer ended when the publisher agreed to drop plans for having the work done by outsiders.

Then, on Jan. 3, Bassett announced his intention of signing an agreement with a real estate firm to handle all his building work. At that time, only conditions he would impose, he said, would be that staff would be hired and would have pension, health and insurance plans.

The largest meeting in the history of the Telegram unit instructed negotiators to reject the publisher's contract and security positions and press for a contract covering all three departments and providing security against the farming threat.

Sessions with the Guild brought further agreement with the publisher on many terms under which the building employees would be transferred. Included in the memos exchanged were salaries, hours, overtime, job security,

pensions, health plan, insurance, job preference, sick leave, night and split shift differentials.

After this agreement had shaped, the publisher abruptly announced he had changed his mind about the transfer. He offered to resume negotiations on the almost-completed editorial-circulation contract to incorporate the now-you-see-it-now-you-don't building department. Two days of further negotiation wove the third group into the agreement. Feb. 1—the day set for the transfer—the membership approved the settlement.

Members of the Guild bargaining team included TNG President Fred Jones, Tely Unit Chairman Gerry Toner, Terry Toorish and Harry Brohm of Circulation, Dick Flaherty and Earl Henderson of Building. Bob Buchanan, TNG executive secretary, headed the talks since November, replacing ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., who had led the project as the IR in Toronto until that time.



FROM THE SPORTS PAGES—Delegates to the New England District Council session at Brockton were greeted by that city's most famous denizen, Rocky Marciano, fistieuffer extraordinary. Pictured are, from the left: George P. Dwyer, Brockton, council treasurer; IEB Vice President John H. Thompson, Boston; James J. O'Neill, Jr., Salem, president; Rocky himself; Thomas M. Buckley, Pawtucket, vice president; and Alton L. Caldwell, Jr., Brockton, secretary.

Brockton Is Host To Council For NEDC's Annual Meeting

Brockton, Mass.—Election of officers marked the annual meeting of the New England District Council last weekend, with the Brockton Guild as hosts at the all-day session.

The 1956 officers chosen are as follows:

President, James J. O'Neill, Jr., Salem; vice president, Thomas M. Buckley, Pawtucket; secretary, Alton L. Caldwell, Jr., Brockton; treasurer, George Dwyer, Boston; members of the policy committee, Mrs. H. Corinne Thompson, Brockton; ANG vice president John H. Thompson, Boston; John R. Wright, Boston, and Roland C. Drouin, Manchester.

Howard Foster, chairman of the Brockton local's social committee arranged a surprise appearance at the meeting by Rocky Marciano, heavyweight boxing champion, a resident of this city. He shook hands with all the delegates, who came from nine locals in five of the New England states. Rocky was introduced by Sports Editor Victor C. Dubois, of the Enterprise-Times.

Other guests and speakers in-

cluded Mayor Hjalmar R. Peterson, State Senator Hastings Keith, and Albert W. Fuller, representing Enterprise-Times management.

The council greeted J. Ed Allen, of Hingham, newly-appointed international representative based in Boston, and Edna H. Berger, New York, also an international representative. The council voted to send a letter of appreciation to Joseph E. Garland, who resigned his IR position last month to resume newspaper work in Boston.

Represented at the District Council meeting for the first time was the newly-chartered local at

Rutland, Vt., whose president George H. Spargo, was his local's delegate.

Besides reports from all locals of regional and national Guild affairs, there was a round-table forum on the status of civil rights at newspapers under Guild contract.

Jacksonville Hearing Set

Jacksonville, Fla.—The Atlanta office of the National Labor Relations Board has set next Wednesday, at the Jacksonville post office building as the time and place of a hearing affecting the Jacksonville Newspaper Guild and a group of circulation department employees at the Jacksonville Journal.

Journal management responded to a formal request by the Guild for recognition as bargaining agent for the circulation group by filing a petition for a representation election, and by disputing the composition of the bargaining unit as outlined by the Guild.

The Taft-Hartley Act permits this procedure when an employer is confronted with a union demand for recognition.

The Jacksonville Guild holds a contract with the Journal covering editorial employees only.

Sullivan Promoted At Chicago News

Chicago, Ill.—Daniel T. Sullivan, a sparkplug of the Chicago Newspaper Guild for nearly a decade, has been promoted to cable editor of the Chicago Daily News.

Sullivan is a three-time chairman of the Daily News unit, a former secretary of the CNG and now is corresponding secretary of the Midwest District Council.

He's the ace negotiator of the CNG, having bargained on contracts for the Daily News, Chicago Defender, Waukegan News-Sun, Hammond (Ind.) Times and Slovenian National Benefit Society.

Sullivan has been at the News since 1947 as a copyreader, make-up and swing man in the slot and on the cable and state desks. He's a journalism graduate of the University of Wisconsin (1940) and a World War II veteran of the Air Force (captain).

Seek \$155 Top For Newsmen In UP Wage-Reopening Talks

The United Press National Committee agreed on a top minimum of \$155 a week for newsmen and photographers in wage proposals presented to UP this week under the reopener clause of the contract. Proposals for wages in other job classifications were increased proportionately with special emphasis on increases for starting newsmen, commercial and business employees and other classes. Improvement in night and overnight differentials was given a top priority.

The committee also agreed to present a general wage increase demand large enough to include payments into a pension fund.

The reopener covers wage and night differentials and is effective as of March 1, mid-date in the two-year contract. The agreement affects employees in 80 news bureaus and 20 picture bureaus across the nation, as well as commercial and maintenance staffs.

The five-man committee met at the Abbey Hotel in New York last weekend, discussing proposals to be presented to management and reviewing organization and grievance problems throughout the system.

The committee elected four men to remain in New York for negotiations which begin next Monday. Chosen were: Robert Liles, New York; Lloyd Lapham, Washington; William J. Stanfield, San Francisco; and Harry Culver, Oklahoma City. Expenses for the first three are paid by the American Newspaper Guild and the fourth by the National Wire Service Council.

The fifth committeeman attending the weekend sessions was Francis X. Brennan, Chicago, who replaced Harvey Johnson, unable to attend.

Approval of the election of a fourth negotiator was given by a majority of the NWSC in a telephone poll.

The committee took a strong stand that any offers the company has to present to the committee will be considered only during negotiations.

Reports were heard from the five regional committeemen on organizing and grievances in each area. Special organizing problems such as the commercial department in New York and the south were considered and the committee discussed sending an



READING CONTRACT LANGUAGE—Pre-negotiations conference of United Press national committee discussed with ANG and New York officers the proposals which go to management in this month's wage-reopening. Seated at the table are Steve Ripley, ANG administrator for wire services; ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr.; Lloyd Lapham, Washington; Bob Liles, New York; and Harry Culver, Oklahoma City. Behind them are William Ray Pitt, III, assistant to Ripley; William Stanfield, San Francisco; Sol Fox, New York, and Francis X. Brennan, Chicago.



OFFICIAL APPROVAL—The contract between the Associated Press and the American Newspaper Guild, setting forth wages and working conditions for more than 1,500 employees across the Nation, is signed at AP's New York offices. From the left are Robert Farrington, chairman of the New York Guild unit; Steve Ripley, ANG administrator for wire services; Harry Montgomery, assistant secretary of AP; L. B. Thomason, AP personnel department; and W. Gallagher, AP assistant general manager.

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Publishers Veto SDX Plan For Campaign Press Study

A "jury" of 76 publishers and editors has vetoed a \$650,000 study of press performance in the 1956 national election campaign proposed by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity.

Of the group polled, 36 opposed the study, 19 were favorable without reservations, 8 were favorable with reservations, 2 were non-committal, and 11 failed to answer.

"Since the proposal called for a great deal of newspaper cooperation," said Norman E. Isaacs, managing editor of the Louisville Times and chairman of the SDX Committee on Ethics and News Objectivity, "it was the committee's judgment that the study had no chance of reasonable success."

The study, Isaacs said, stemmed from "one party press" charges leveled against the press in criticism of its coverage of the 1952 and 1954 political campaigns.

If the study had won adequate support, SDX had planned to ask the Ford Foundation for the necessary funds. Earlier, the Council on Communications Research, a branch of the Association for Education in Journalism, had advised that such a study was feasible and advanced a plan for an audit of political news carried by as many as 250 newspapers.

Isaacs said the balloting "ran the complete range from violent opposition to the most enthusiastic kind of support."

A sampling of the comment, pro and con:

Harry S. Banker, Spindel Newspapers: "I do not consider the proposal constructive and useful. Such a study could do little beyond proving that on any given day the longer news stories and those better displayed represented, in the editor's judgment, the best political news of the day."

Edward H. Butler, Buffalo Evening News: "I seriously question whether the kind-of survey proposed will add anything useful to the sum total of knowledge about the field of journalism. That there have been critics cannot be denied; that such a study will silence them cannot be expected."

Turner Catledge, New York Times: "While we are not too hopeful about the results that can be obtained . . . we are willing to assume that a useful job could be done and for that purpose to cooperate with those carrying it out."

Norman Chandler, Los Angeles Times: "This is in effect an invitation to join an organization of thought police for newspapers."

Robert B. Choate, Boston Herald-Traveler: "Impractical."

Gardner Cowles, Look Magazine and Des Moines Register & Tribune: "I do not think the study would be worth \$650,000."

John Cowles, Minneapolis Star and Tribune: "I am all for the project . . . I am impressed by the thoroughness with which the research men have considered the various phases of the problem."

Jonathan Daniels, Raleigh News & Observer: "I have no confidence in these new high priests in the journalism schools. Put me down as saying it is an awful lot of motion for mighty little good. One of my greatest fears about the news business is that we are getting hip-deep in Ph.D.'s."

F. M. Flynn, New York Daily News: "I definitely recommend against it. An investigation of this type sponsored by a professional journalistic fraternity and underwritten by Ford money, or any similar fund, is almost certain to do more harm than good."

David S. Ingalls, Cincinnati Times-Star: "We are opposed. Having read the Chicago Tribune on the subject . . . I do not feel that it is necessary to go into details."

Richard Lloyd Jones, Tulsa Tribune: "How silly can you chaps get?"

Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., St. Louis Post-Dispatch: "I favor the proposed study . . . While it may be argued that the findings would necessarily rely on interpretation, and while one might quarrel with that interpretation, I do not see why an open-minded editor would not welcome the study."

Eugene C. Pulliam, Central Newspapers: "I think the whole idea is full of holes. As a publisher, I certainly wouldn't want to ask Robert Hutchins for anything, and as a founder of Sigma Delta Chi, I would resent ever being under any obligation to a man who had no sense of loyalty to the American republic. I want to be recorded as saying 'emphatically no.'"

"30" For "Rogue"

Bakersfield, Calif. — "Rogue" Anderson, honorary member of the Bakersfield Guild for his picketing services in the Bakersfield Press strike of 1949 with his companion (and master) "Andy" Anderson, died recently in northern California. "Rogue," an Irish setter as well as a fervent trade unionist, has walked his last tour of picket duty.

Washington Roundup

By WILLARD SHELTON
Washington Guild

THERE WAS A BAD GAG around this town a few weeks ago, that the only way for the natural-gas bill "debate" to make page one would be for Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.) to get himself called a pro-Communist again and to respond with another revolted "shriek" in the Senate chamber. The debate made page one, at last, on the strength of an indignant speech by Sen. Francis Case (R., S. D.) about the piddling \$2,500 "campaign contribution" tossed to one of Case's "friends" by a Nebraska lawyer who promptly professed extreme hurt that Case had misunderstood his motives.

This situation is ridiculous. Here is a bill involving literally billions of dollars to a handful of giant corporations calling themselves "dependents." It is a bill directly involving the power of the oil-and-gas interests to dominate the Senate.

Not every oil-and-gas millionaire is a knave and a scoundrel. But some of them try to "buy" senators in perfectly well-known if devious ways.

Burton K. Wheeler, a former chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, once told me he thought the big broadcasting chains were the greediest people he had ever met. He might think otherwise now; both liberal Democratic senators from the state of Montana, which Wheeler used to represent felt compelled, on this occasion to vote in favor of the oil-and-gas corporations.

What is the true situation regarding a member of the Senate forced to deal with this enormously wealthy lobby? He knows that if he displeases the lobby, money by the fistful may be flung into his next campaign to defeat him.

A TEXAS SENATOR, such as Lyndon Johnson, the Democratic floor leader, may be compelled to recognize that if he challenges the oil-and-gas lobby he will certainly be forced to ask other "friends" for substantial amounts of campaign money to beat off an attack in the next election year.

It is one of the axioms of politics that a fellow shouldn't go to his "friends" too often, that he should avoid wearing them with repeated requests for campaign funds to maintain his principles if any, that he ought to strive to arrange things—particularly in the South where the Democratic primary is the decisive election—so that he can forestall any serious opposition.

The record shows that in recent years oil-and-gas money intended to affect election results went into many states, including Rocky Mountain states, to finance efforts to destroy liberal Democratic senators. From Montana and Wyoming, Senators Murray, Mansfield and O'Mahoney, all Democrats, all subjects of vicious attacks in their most recent campaigns, voted for the gas bill.

I do not disparage the motives of the gentlemen; doubtless all were voting their convictions. Oil-and-gas money, nevertheless, is a factor of some importance in political campaigns, because the oil-and-gas boys have so much more of it and are willing to invest it freely.

I don't know how much it costs to be elected a U. S. Senator these days. I am certain that the money expended in behalf of the late Sen. Robert A. Taft in Ohio in 1950 exceeded \$2 million; expert labor statisticians totted it up and compiled the results from official reports of the sundry law-avoiding "committees" set up to "help" Taft.

WHAT WOULD IT HAVE COST Lyndon Johnson, from his "friends" if he could get enough to beat off a determined effort by the

Two No-Raiding Pacts Are Signed For ANG

Officers of the American Newspaper Guild have signed an extension of the AFL-CIO no-raid agreement, successor of the series of such agreements signed a year ago as forerunner to the merger of the two national labor groups in December.

Also signed, for the first time, is a Canadian no-raiding agreement, paralleling such action in the United States. Two Canadian labor groups, the Canadian Congress of Labor and the Trades & Labor Council, held a merger convention at Toronto in April.

oil-and-gas boys to drive him out of office in the 1954 Texas primary? All I know is that Johnson definitely preferred not to have to engage in a full-scale primary fight and that he devoted himself wholeheartedly in 1953 to forestalling a full-scale primary fight. (And maybe that is the reason we don't have Allan Shivers, still governor, in the Senate — and that's a mercy.)

So what during the gas-bill "debate" makes page one? The preposterous \$2,500 in an unsolicited campaign "contribution," from an out-of-state lawyer "interested" in the gas bill, to a "friend" of Sen. Francis Case.

Maybe in a non-populous state such as South Dakota \$2,500 is an important sum in "campaign" funds. It is ridiculously small to become the instrumentally through which the giant oil-and-gas industry and the Harris-Fulbright gas bill were propelled to page one. The documented four-day speech by Sen. Douglas, which talked of \$600 to \$900 million a year to be extorted from consumers, of "windfall profits" of \$12.5 billion on proved gas reserves, was reported among the truss ads.

I acknowledge news values, and the fact must be admitted that the Harris-Fulbright bill "debate" was not a fight, in the accepted newspaper concept; Johnson had the skids greased and Republicans thought the White House had given the bill a green light. But surely newspapers have some obligation, at least editorially, to tell their readers the truth about the insignificance of the \$2,500 to Case in relation to the enormous money at stake in the basic contest.

THE INCIDENT IS IRONIC even in the fortuitous identity of the hero—Sen. Case, a South Dakotan who was naive enough to get up on the Senate floor, denounce the proffered "campaign contribution," and to say that the very offer proved to him that Douglas must be right in charging that the oil-and-gas lobby anticipated enormous profits from passage of the bill.

Who ever heard of Case before? Well, I did. He is a man of unexceptionable personal probity who had made the grade seriously, in a national news sense, on only one previous occasion—in 1946, when he popped up as so-called "author" of the Case anti-union bill.

This bill was the predecessor of Taft-Hartley. It passed Congress, was vetoed by Harry S. Truman, and died. And except for the incident of Case's elevation by South Dakota from the House to the Senate in 1950, that was the last time the nation was aware of him.

I ran the record on Case, as a member of the House, in 1946, when Joe Martin, the Republican leader, and some other GOP boys decided that Case was a "non-controversial" person to figure as official "sponsor" of their bill to bust unions.

I discovered that Case wasn't a member of the Education and Labor Committee, that he lived in the sparsely-settled, ranching western region of South Dakota where modern-city industrial problems are like a foreign country. The man had no personal experience with or knowledge about mid-20th Century industrial relations—but Joe Martin got his name on an anti-union bill to be dropped in the hopper and rushed through without hearings.

Nine and a half years later, Francis Case suddenly gets the "debate" on the Harris-Fulbright bill on page one on the basis of a "campaign contribution" that is insignificant in regard to the public interest at stake. Newspapers and politics are curious businesses.

Guildswoman Named Party Club Head

For the first time in the history of New York County Democratic political clubs, the Samuel J. Tilden Club has elected a woman for president.

She is Barbara Yunker, on the news desk of the New York Post, an active member of the New York Newspaper Guild.

She started her political career by working

actively for Judge Ferdinand Pecora in 1950, for Mayor Robert Wagner in 1953 and for Governor Harriman in 1954. She is a graduate of DePauw University and was a member of the Guild's caucus which succeeded in electing communists from the union.

The Samuel J. Tilden Club has been described as giving a New Look to Tammany. Composed of alert, young men and women, it has swung a Republican district into the Democratic column in only three years of existence.