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Louisiana Lawmakers Repeal Work Statute

Baton Rouge, La.—The Louisiana legislature has voted to repeal the state's so-called right-to-work law enacted in 1954.

Erasure of the law from the state's statute books awaits only the signature of Gov. Earl Long (D.) on the repeal measure, which he has pledged to approve.

The State Senate completed legislative action on the bill by voting 21 to 18 for repeal. This followed similar action by the House of Representatives, 57 to 44.

The Louisiana repeal action is the first since 1947, when three states wiped out "right-to-work" laws which bar union shop agreements between employers and labor unions. In that year, Maine, New Hampshire and Delaware repealed their previously adopted "right-to-work" measures.

Signing of the Louisiana bill by Governor Long will reduce the number of these anti-labor state laws to 17. Attempts to win repeal of half a dozen others in 1955 failed.

Intensive political activity on the part of organized labor, starting with the original enactment of the Louisiana "right-to-work" law two years ago, was a major factor in winning support for repeal.

AFL and CIO state organizations worked together to help defeat sponsors of the law in last year's primaries in Baton Rouge, New Orleans and nine other parishes, and replace them with legislators pledged to vote for repeal. In all, 58 representatives and 14 state senators who voted for the law have been removed from office since its enactment in 1954 under the administration of former Gov. Robert Kennon.

At the time, the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, the American Sugar Cane League and other anti-labor forces teamed up in the Louisiana "Right-to-Work" Committee, spending an estimated \$100,000 to get the act passed. This year the same groups lined up against the repeal measure, renaming their committee "Louisiana Free Enterprise."

Strong support for labor's demand for repeal came from Roman Catholic Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans and clergymen of other faiths, many of whom testified before the legislature in opposition to the "right-to-work" law as immoral. Not a single clergyman spoke in support of the law.

Shaffer was employed by the Times in 1949. His work was satisfactory, management conceded, but its confidence in his ability "to do the kind of job the Times wanted done" was shaken when he divulged his political record.

He was asked to resign, and when he declined, was discharged.

Corsi emphasized that among other duties, Shaffer read copy for foreign news, edited it, often revised it and wrote headlines for it. He was often the last staffer to pass upon items of foreign news before publication.

"It is obvious," comments Corsi, "that Mr. Shaffer had much influence in determining what items . . . would be printed, where they would appear and what headlines they would carry"—tasks which "involved the exercise of sound judgment and discretion in a high degree."

Shaffer also told Times management that

West Coast AFL Newsmen's Union Gives Up Charter, Joins SFONG

San Francisco, Calif.—A 26-member AFL federal union representing editorial employees of the Richmond, Calif., Independent has voted 20-2 to join the ANG and become a part of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild.

It was the first such post-merger move by an old-AFL federal local holding a contract with a daily newspaper.

The affiliating local also represents five newsmen in a contract with Olympic Press of Oakland, which publishes several labor papers.

Also a member is Louis Burgess, editor of the East Bay Labor Journal and a Guild martyr in the organization of SFONG 24 years ago.

The affiliating union is Newspaper Writers and Reporters Local Union No. 22279, AFL-CIO.

Its members took the step as one logically indicated by the AFL-CIO merger.

And, said the local's president, Jack W. Bradshaw, "we are confident our bargaining position will be strengthened and our membership better protected if we are part of the recognized international with jurisdiction over newspaper workers."

All members of the federal local have been accepted as dues-paying members of SFONG since the secret-ballot referendum last month and the surrender of the local's charter to AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer William F. Schultze.

SFONG will administer the two existing contracts until their expiration next April, when they will be succeeded by Guild-negotiated agreements.

Bradshaw, 34-year-old police and court reporter on The Independent and a former Guildsman, appointed a committee to investigate Guild affiliation after the AFL-CIO merger.

The committee, questioned SFONG Executive Secretary Sam B. Eubanks and submitted a factual report to the federal local's membership without a recommendation. Included in the report was SFONG's higher dues schedule. The 20-2 decision to affiliate followed.

Richmond is on the northeast shore of San Francisco Bay about midway between Oakland



MERGE AT LOCAL LEVEL—SFONG welcomes move by federal Newsman's union local at Richmond, Calif., to affiliate with the Bay Area Guild local. Jack W. Bradshaw, at the left, confers with SFONG President Kenneth J. Cottrell, right, and Sam B. Eubanks, standing, SFONG's executive secretary.

and Vallejo, where SFONG also has a unit. The Independent, with a circulation of about 30,000, is owned by Owens Publications, Inc.

Olympic Press, in Oakland, is owned by Sheldon F. Sackett, who also publishes the Coos Bay,

Ore., Times. He recently hired Langdon Post, housing official in the Franklin Roosevelt administration, to run the Olympic Press papers.

The Richmond Independent members will comprise a separate unit.

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Toronto Sets Plans For Record Meet

Toronto, Ont.—A week-long program of activities has been arranged by the host Toronto Guild for the record number of delegates and their families expected here for the 23rd annual ANG Convention, July 9-13.

As of last Wednesday, the unofficial delegate count being kept by the Toronto Guild had reached well over 200 from 57 Guild locals.

With 42 locals still to be heard from, it appeared quite likely the final convention tally would surpass the previous high mark of 230 delegates and alternates

set in 1950 at Washington and equaled in 1953 at Boston.

Compared with this count, ANG headquarters in Washington had received credentials from 140 delegates. This year, in conformance with instructions of the 1955 convention, one copy of the

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CONVENTIONS MEAN PAPERWORK—This year's Officers Report to the Toronto Convention is here being assembled into book form for mailing to delegates for whom credentials have been received. The Washington office staffers pictured, from the left, are Mrs. Alberta Padgett, Miss Merle Winn and Ruth B. Zwick, office manager. Report contains 120 pages, including pictures and charts, and covers the year's record, with IEB recommendations for convention action.

Says Democrats Are Party Of Hope, Espousing Ideal Of Human Dignity

By DANIEL BELL
Fortune Unit, NY Guild

Most political arguments tend to degenerate quickly into accusations that one's opponent is "evil" and affirmations that the man one supports is "good." We've come in recent years, and with good reason, to distrust these facile accusations and affirmations. The world doesn't go completely to the dogs if "our" side loses; the world does not quickly become a paradise when "our" side wins—whatever the side.

But the fact that we have recognized the complexities of politics, and the fact that there is no simple black and white, yes or no, either/or answer, does not mean that there are not differences—and significant ones—between the two men who represent them, Dwight Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson.

In what, then, lie the differences? In what—mood or temperament or philosophy—can we discern a distinction that reflects a fundamental cleavage in understanding America? It is not just a matter of attitudes towards Taft-Hartley, federal aid to education, public support of low-cost housing, and similar important, but transient, issues that illuminate the distinction between the two parties and the two men.

Between Adlai and Ike, what is the heart of the matter, the root of the difference?

The answer lies in a distinction that was recently elaborated by a literary critic. In seeking to understand the American past, its many divergences and cleavages, its difference in mood and temperament, he wrote that in America there has always been "a party of hope" and a "party of memory."

The writer, Professor E. W. B. Lewis of Rutgers, was talking primarily of writers. The distinction, I believe, holds true of political philosophies as well. The American scene has always witnessed this inner tension. It has always heard this vital debate between those who feel the surge forward, the image of America as a vast new continent with untold promises, and those who held back, who feared the participation of masses of people in politics (even in America, in early years one had to hold property to vote in some places), who sought to impose a brake on the wheels of

progress which the "party of hope" was driving.

The debate reached its first formulation at the founding of the Republic, in the sharp divisions between a Thomas Jefferson, and a John Adams. For Jefferson, and the vast wealth which a mighty America held concealed in its land and resources, the democratic process by which people would be encouraged to accept responsibility, all promised a "hope" that America would fulfill the plan of "God, the workman," to create a new society on earth. For Adams, there was largely fear, stirred by the memory of the agrarian struggles of Greece and Rome, and of the excesses which an unchecked society might produce.

The debate was won by Jefferson. His vision is stamped on the Great Seal of the United States itself. The front of the seal shows an eagle with the familiar phrase, *E Pluribus Unum*, but on the back stands another phrase, *Ordo Seclorum—A New Order of the Ages*. This was to be, the Continental Congress asserted, a new way for men to live.

The debate, the debate between the "party of hope" and the "party of memory," continues today. It reflects itself in the differences between the Democratic and Republican parties; it shows itself most strikingly in the attitudes and contrasting vigor of Adlai Stevenson and Dwight Eisenhower.

America has come to be proud and vigorous and strong in the last quarter of a century because it was led by "the party of hope." From the ringing declaration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in the chill days of March 1933, that we have "nothing to fear but fear itself," America has given leadership and a sense of purpose to the free peoples of the world. What is "the party of hope"? It is the affirmation that each

single person is an individual of worth. Such a statement is abstract, but its consequences are not. It means many things. It means:

Each individual is entitled, by right, to a job. Unemployment is an economic waste of a human resource. It is a psychic scar on an individual's personality. A government must be dedicated, as a first purpose, to guard against unemployment.

Each individual is entitled, by right, to the opportunity to find his place according to his talents. Inadequate schooling, poor housing, racial discrimination, all these are regiments which the "party of hope" seeks to strike off.

It means:

Each individual is entitled to the basic securities regarding medical care, hospitalization, and protection against loss of income during disability—since these are catastrophes which are not subject to his control.

What else is the "party of hope"?

It is the affirmation that the policies of government should and can reflect the interests of the people as a whole.

Again, abstract; but its consequences are meaningful.

Just as the government should not, for doctrinaire reasons, seek for public ownership of power plants or similar regulated enterprises; so the government should not, for doctrinaire reasons, seek to sell public plants to private companies. The yardstick should be service. Yet the administration, for its own dogmatic reasons has sought to sell-off public power plants and dismantle the T.V.A., one of the finest symbols of imaginative public enterprise in the world.

These differences in philosophy, in approach, emerge strikingly in the visions of the two political parties. The Republican, well-meaning, well-intentioned, stands as the prisoner of the "party of memory." This party, in simple-minded fashion, looks on a world whose complexity it cannot fathom. It issues slogans but lacks policy. It utters platitudes and cannot implement a reality.

The Democratic Party has not, nor does it offer, any easy answers. It offers something rare in the American political scene: intelligence, imagination, and high courage. It stands with the banner of the "party of hope," and whatever hope there is for America lies with it.

"I remember thinking I wasn't wanted, and that you can't fight City Hall," said Langer afterward. He signed an already typed-out resignation form.

His job was promptly filled by a 553-a-week newcomer, and the Guild took notice of the situation. Langer's "resignation" was the third recent instance of such replacement, the petition notes, without advance notice to the Guild.

"And you can fight City Hall," says George Muldowney, Guild unit chairman, "with the help of the Guild. But it would be much easier if the employee consults the Guild, his legally designated bargaining agent, before he signs any document presented by management."

Langer put in fourteen years with the UP, mostly at indoor studio work, but he had for a quarter century been an outside worker at his picture-making craft.

His immediate superior recently suggested that perhaps studio work was onerous, considering Langer's age, occasional illness and consequent sick leave. Langer agreed that he would welcome

Brockton Management Wants To Be Legal (But Barely)

Brockton, Mass.—Management of the Brockton Enterprise-Times, whose publisher, Charles Fuller, is treasurer of the New England Daily Newspaper Publishers Association, is nothing if not law-abiding. And the law with which it is most determined to comply is the Federal Wage & Hour Act, which calls for a minimum of \$1 an hour.

That was the conclusion Guildsmen here reached after a negotiating session at which Frank Phillips, secretary of the NEDNPA, told Guild bargainers seeking a new contract that aside from a few top editors, some full-time truck drivers and one shipper, the starting minimum of \$40 per week—\$1 an hour—would be at that legal level, in any new pact signed by the management.

Phillips cheerfully agreed that the figures for various starting minimums are realistic. No one in Brockton recalls being hired in at the rate of \$36 specified in the old contract as starting pay for reporters, social writers, obituary reporters, sports writers, cartoonists, district men or librarians.

But, declared Phillips, Brockton management would rather give everybody a \$2 raise than move its minimum structure a penny beyond what the law provides.

A Guild meeting flatly rejected the suggestion, and instructed its negotiators to seek a personal meeting with Publisher Fuller, who has thus far delegated the bargaining role to Phillips.

The Guild also asked for a Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan, now in effect for mechanical department employees. To get it, the Guild offered to take over payment of premiums on a term life insurance policy for its members. Phillips said No.

The Guild asked, too, that some improvement be made in the painfully low "ceiling" of 26 weeks in severance pay. The answer to that was No, too.

Phillips threw in the comment that "it would do no good" to resort to federal mediation, since the mediator couldn't "compel" management to do anything.

The Enterprise-Times is an evening daily of some 42,000 circulation.

St. Louis Gains Its Point With Strike Ballot Action

St. Louis—With a strike vote scheduled for Sunday, June 10, the Guild local here won from the Globe-Democrat, which is owned by S. I. Newhouse, agreement to arbitrate a dismissal wherein the publisher claimed the right to be the sole judge of competency.

The company proposed to fire a reporter who had been with the company six months and had four months' summer replacement experience elsewhere; though the company hired him in as "inexperienced."

Guild members familiar with the reporter's work declared they believed the proposed dismissal to be unjust. A thorough investigation by committee members led them to the same conclusion. Approval of a proposal to arbitrate, though application is not provided in the contract, was obtained from the Unit and the local Executive Committee.

At first a company spokesman said the company refused to arbitrate. Then, after long delays, the company proposed to arbitrate but to include in the arbitration the question of whether the publisher should be the sole judge of competency. The committee replied that the Guild would never let an arbitrator decide whether job security itself should exist.

ANG officers and Irving Leuchter, ANG's attorney, were consulted and the local was pledged full support if a strike was necessary to protect its job security rights.

Notices of a meeting for the purpose of taking a strike vote were distributed Thursday. Friday morning employees received a letter from Publisher Richard Amberg questioning the Guild's position.

Amberg's letter narrowed the issue to whether management had the sole right to judge the competency of beginners, declaring, "We do not intend to invoke incompetency as a cause for discharge of experienced staff members."

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Name 4 Guild Members To Nieman Fellowships

Cambridge, Mass.—Four Guild members are among the 19th annual group of Nieman Fellows appointed for the academic year opening in September.

Their fellowships cover one college year of residence at Harvard where they will pursue studies of their own choice as background for further newspaper work. They will be on leave of absence from their newspapers for the period of study.

The Guildsmen are: Charles Hale Champion, reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, who plans to study history, particularly the history of California.

Burnell Albert Heinicke, reporter for the Chicago Sun-Times, who plans to study political history and government finance. He has been covering state and local politics for the Sun-Times.

Anthony Lewis, reporter for the New York Times, who plans to study law with special reference to the Supreme Court. He won the Guild's 1954 Heywood Broun Memorial Award and a Pulitzer Prize while a reporter for the Washington Daily News.

Frederick W. Pillsbury, editorial writer for the Boston Herald, who plans study in the fields of education, defense and conservation.

Broun Room Fund Is 47.5% Pledged

Financing of the Heywood Broun Room at ANG headquarters in Washington approached the half-way mark this week with a contribution from the New York Guild of \$500, to be used for the portrait area.

The fund for equipping and furnishing the library and conference room now stands at \$2,375, or 47.5 percent of the \$5,000 total ANG officers estimate will be needed.

The New York Guild also has turned over to ANG two original editorial drawings by Rollin Kirby, who won the Pulitzer Prize in cartooning three times while a colleague of Broun's at the old New York World. The drawings were published at the time of Broun's death in 1939.

With the portrait area, walnut table, six walnut and leather chairs and several shelf sections

now spoken for, eleven and one-third shelf sections remain to be underwritten. The cost of each walnut shelf section is estimated at \$300, which may be broken down into gift units of \$100 each. Each contributing Guild branch will be identified by an inscribed plate.

The fund donors to date:

Southern District Council \$100
Toronto Guild \$100
Greater Philadelphia Guild \$100
Sales Guild \$100
Minneapolis Guild \$100
Lima Guild \$100
Pittsburgh Guild \$100
Wilkes-Barre Guild \$100
Mid-Atlantic District Council \$100
Baltimore Guild \$100
New York Guild \$500
Total \$2,375

Howard Bell, former Milwaukee president and 14 year veteran at Sentinel, has left to edit a banking publication in Minneapolis. . . . Bob Malcolm, copy desk, has left to join staff of Reading, Pa. Times. . . . Lou Burns, copy desk, has left for position in Chicago; George Smedal, former financial editor, now head of copy desk; Wayne Gashke, from re-writing to acting day city editor; Hank Garvey, prize-winning feature writer and general assignment writer and general assignment writer, to real estate dept, replacing Bell.

W. A. "Red" Copeland, one-time ANG vice president, honored by the Tennessee State CIO Council for his work as council president and editor of its Journal. Presentation of a plaque to Red coincided with the merger of the Tennessee AFL and CIO forces.

Jean O'Toole, vice president of the Pittsburgh Guild and for three years its treasurer, will wed George Lippert June 30. They plan a Canadian wedding trip. . . . Retirement for Thomas Bicks, for 28 years a golf writer for the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph.

John McCarthy, one-time member of Greater Philadelphia's Record unit, now at Cincinnati, in the publication department of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

Three promotions at Seattle take Guildsmen out of their union's jurisdiction. George Meyers moves up to sports editor job, Jim King becomes assistant news editor and Jim Dillon promoted to sales manager in classified. Dillon's new job had been held by Bob Regd, who has left to operate his own paper in California.

"Spectacular," manuscript for a novel by Bob Thomas, AP columnist for Hollywood, bought by M-G-M for movie purposes. It's the story of a television show centering on a Hollywood producer's fabulous career.

IEB Praises Bayton
The IEB paid tribute at its May meeting to Ernie Bayton of Hammond for his long service to the Guild before his recent retirement. The Board adopted a resolution submitted by Vice Presidents Ed Marcinko of Chicago and Robert Stafford of Cleveland, wishing him "well-deserved leisure, continued health and happiness."

In Local Balloting

Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio — Cleveland Local 1 will send its full quota of eight delegates to the Towns convention. Webb Seely, local president, discovered he would be unable to attend after he had been elected. The delegation will be completed by the choice of Dick Smith (AP), first alternate.

Others will be Bill Davy, local executive secretary; ANG Vice President Robert C. Stafford (Press), Gene Kelly (News), Forrest Allen (Press), John Turner (Press), Mike Lapine (Press) and Mike Hrehock (News).

Stockton

Stockton, Calif.—Vince Vandre has been elected to a full term as president of the Stockton Guild, having held the post since last December, when a bylaw change provided for June elections. Named with Vandre were the following:

Vice president, Bob Whittington; recording secretary, Dorena Gonzales; corresponding secretary, Ann Sausado; treasurer, Helen Neimi; sergeant at arms, Irv Sprague.

Tom Marquis, elected as alternate, will become a Toronto delegate.

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rate unit of SFONG, and other members of the affiliating local will form a new East Bay Labor Press Unit of the Guild local.

The local plans to present membership cards at a dinner meeting next Tuesday, when the new Guildsmen will be welcomed by SFONG officers.

The Richmond Independent contract provides for a top reporter minimum of \$11,750. Influenced somewhat by SFONG's contracts with the Vallejo Times-Herald & News-Chronicle, it has, however, a number of deductions not found in any SFONG contract.

Bradshaw, who has been on the Independent staff about 3 1/2 years, is no stranger to SFONG. He was a member for 21 months while a reporter on The San Francisco Chronicle in 1951-52.

Then, thanks to the Chronicle's mass economy layoff in 1952 and to alphabetical chance, he became the petitioner of record in SFONG's court action to upset the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board's denial of laid-off Chronicle employees' claims for unemployment insurance benefits.

Earlier this month the State Supreme Court, dividing 4 to 3, decided against the Guild's position. The majority ignored precedent established in other jurisdictions and based its findings on the assumption that severance pay is related to unemployment pay, and hence a "duplication" for the number of pay weeks earned by past service to the employer, in the form of severance. (GR, June 8.)

Agree On Unit At Akron Paper

Akron, Ohio—The Akron Newspaper Guild has reached agreement with management of the Akron Beacon Journal on the size of a new unit organized in the maintenance department, and has withdrawn a petition for a representation election.

Management agreed to bargain with the Guild for ten employees in the group of sixteen originally signed by the Guild. This number includes four whom management had sought to bar from the unit, and excludes six for whom the Guild had sought representation rights.

The compromise came at an informal conference called by Nora Friel, field representative for the NLRB regional office.

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The Toronto Guild again wants that United States residents should be sure to bring proof of their citizenship, which may be required by the U.S. Immigration Service on reentry across the Canadian border. Canada itself welcomes U.S. guests without passport requirements. Such evidence of citizenship as a permanent voting registration card, birth certificate or a letter from an official of the delegate's home community will serve.

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Coast Decision Is Palpable Error, Threat To Other Unions --- Perlik

The California Supreme Court decision denying unemployment insurance benefits to workers who have received severance pay was "palpably wrong," ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., declared this week.

He said the 4-to-3 decision of the court "constitutes a serious threat to the benefits won for California workers through collective bargaining, not only by the Guild but by many other unions as well."

Perlik noted that the dissenting opinion in the case pointed out that the majority decision might be construed to invalidate benefits provided by the guaranteed annual wage contracts in other industries.

The court ruling brought to a climax efforts of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild to obtain unemployment compensation for jobless members, most of whom were discharged by the San Francisco Chronicle several years ago in an economy wave. The local had upset an adverse administrative ruling of the state in Superior Court and was upheld in the State Court of Appeals. Various employer associations then teamed up with newspaper publishers to take the case to the Supreme Court (See Guild Reporter, June 8, 1956).

In his statement, Perlik denied the court majority's contention that severance pay "obviously" is intended to serve "the same purpose as unemployment insurance."

"It is not obvious to us," he

asserted. "That has never been the intent of severance pay as far as the Guild is concerned, and nowhere in the collective bargaining agreement or in the evidence presented in the case is there any support of this theory."

"Severance pay is compensation for an employee's equity in his job. It is based on past service, not future unemployment. The court's error is plainly revealed by the unchallenged fact that payment of severance pay is in no way contingent upon unemployment. The employee is entitled to the same amount of severance pay on losing his job, whether he remains unemployed one day or one hundred days, as the dissenting opinion emphasized. Workers are not disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits simply because they have been thrifty enough to conserve part of their past earnings."

"Furthermore, the California Supreme Court's theory has not been 'obvious' to the courts of other states with similar unemployment insurance laws. Where-

ever the Guild has been forced to appeal a denial of unemployment benefits because of payment of severance pay, it has been upheld in these other states. The same is true of other unions, as the dissenting opinion in this case pointed out.

"It is difficult to see how the court majority could conclude that these decisions in other states are not helpful."

Perlik said the Guild would continue to fight any similar attacks on its severance pay clause through the denial of unemployment compensation, whenever they may occur.

156 Industry Credit Unions

Employees in the newspaper industry now operate 156 credit unions, the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) reports.

In the printing and publishing industry as a whole, CUNA reports there are 235 employee-owned credit unions.

CUNA is a non-profit organization serving 21,500 credit unions with 10 million members in the Western hemisphere.

Guildsman Sells Commuters On Organization Benefits

Chicago, Ill.—As chairman of his Guild unit while an AP staff member in the Chicago Bureau, Larry Eldred knew first-hand what organization could do for workers.

As a commuter faced with an 80 percent fare rise back in 1952, it occurred to him that organization might be the answer for commuters, too.

The result is one of the most successful commuter groups in the Chicago area, the Milwaukee Road Commuters Assn., which—The Sun-Times recently called "as vital and vociferous as the diesel locomotives it persuaded the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific RR to buy."

Eldred was one of 16 commuters who met back in 1952 in nearby Northbrook, where he lives. They had one purpose: To do something about the Milwaukee Road's proposal to increase rates 40 percent with elimination of off-peak service, or 80 percent with retention of all service.

Only a year before Milwaukee road riders from Northbrook had been hit by a 50 percent fare rise, although the average for the line had been 18 percent.

From this first meeting, the Milwaukee Road Commuters Assn. has grown to a membership of 7,000 members in 11 branches representing 20 communities on the Milwaukee Road's two suburban lines out of Chicago.

Along the way it:

• Succeeded in blocking the railroad's proposed fare increase temporarily and forcing it to trim its demands by nearly two-thirds before the rise was submitted to and later approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

As of now, however, the helmets adorning the neckties still have their visors closed. And in days of old that was an announcement of unfriendly intentions toward an adversary.

Boston Guild Wins Arbitration, Third Against Herald-Traveler

Boston, Mass.—The score is now Boston Guild, 3; Herald-Traveler, 0, in the field of discharge arbitration settlements.

Professor Lon Fuller, of the Harvard Law School, has ruled that Marianne Walsh, general circulation clerk, must be reinstated in the job from which H.T. management discharged her without just cause.

Miss Walsh along with some other new employees had signed an agreement when she was hired, that her employment would be on a trial basis for a year. After seven and one-half months, she was discharged, the Guild being notified that she could not fill the position for which she was hired.

But the Guild, last March, had learned of the signing of the trial agreement, and had promptly notified the Herald-Traveler that such personal agreements contravened the Guild contract and were illegal.

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Honoring Will

New York — The Union of CARE Employees is commemorating the late AFL-CIO Vice Pres. Matthew Woll, a founder and for 10 years a vice president of the cooperative assistance agency, by sending a set of the CARE American Bookshelf overseas in his name.

merce Commission. (This alone has saved Milwaukee's 9,500 commuters more than \$4,000,000 to date.)

• Joined the Illinois Commerce Commission in a federal court fight to beat down the ICC's order and retain authority within the state over rates between Illinois points.

• Established a semi-monthly newspaper for commuters, at the suggestion of Eldred, then with the AP and now in the public relations field.

• Elected Eldred its first president.

• Adopted a 10-year program aimed at raising \$100,000 for the association and talking the Milwaukee into installing lightweight, self-propelled diesel coaches.

The association has adopted a "crusader" theme for neckties worn by the members of the board of directors at their monthly meetings. The lance, pennant, shield and helmet of the medieval knight adorn the tie.

Someday the association hopes to have a voice in the actual management of the Milwaukee Road. The organization and its members are buying stock in the railroad with that end in mind.

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Winners of the award will be

Warren Rogers, Jr., Washington, has been elected a member of the AP National Committee, in the only contest which developed. The committee members assumed office June 15.

Richard Smith, Cleveland, is chairman, other members being Matt Kramer, Portland, Ore., William Alexander, Philadelphia, and Fred Kerner, New York.

One vacancy on the new UP National Committee was occasioned by the withdrawal of Francis Brennan, Chicago, from an unopposed nomination. Phil Thomas, Detroit, has been named to replace him until new nominations have been completed. The terms start July 2.

William Stanford, San Francisco, will be the only holdover on the committee, of which he is chairman. Others named are Charles Webb, Dallas; Harry Vandermoot, Washington, and George Muldowney, New York.

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Toronto Garagemen Granted \$8,000 In Back Pay Claims

Toronto, Ontario—Retrospective pay totaling more than \$8,000 for about 150 employees of the Toronto Star has been won by the Toronto local after successful arbitration of a disputed contract clause. The decision also establishes the Guild's contention that employees working more than an hour's overtime are entitled to \$2 "supper money."

The retroactive payments, mainly to drivers and helpers in the garage-delivery department of the big daily, Canada's largest, represent unpaid supper money back to July 12, 1955.

The Star had refused to make the payments, despite several Guild grievance sessions at which the claim was pressed.

Failure to reach agreement led the Guild to a demand for arbitration of the dispute. The hearing was held in March, with the five-man board headed by Ford Brand, a member of Board of Control of the City of Toronto.

Brand ruled that the Guild's interpretation of the contract clause involved was the correct one. He ordered the back pay and application of the provision from here on.

The contract clause involved calls for the \$2 payment when overtime is to continue more than one hour "after the end of a regular shift." Directly involved were payments to drivers

and helpers called in to work early each Monday morning. Under a provision of the contract permitting it, Star management did not schedule the earlier starting times but told each man the preceding Saturday that his reporting time was advanced two or three hours.

Star management contended this was not a change of shift and that the overtime was not worked "after the end of a regular shift" but before it.

The Guild called this interpretation "quibbling" and charged that the Star was "trying to do indirectly something which the agreement does not permit it to do directly."

The chairman of the board agreed.

Representing the Guild on the board were IEB Vice-President Joe Beaulieu and TNG Executive Secretary Bob Buchanan, who prepared the Guild brief and presented argument. Star representatives on the board were J. E. Atkinson, chairman of the board of directors, and Alex Stark, QC, secretary-treasurer.

Outstanding stories on local and state government and politics are eligible for judging, and will be considered for ability to clarify a complex issue, persistence and imagination of research, originality of presentation and writing skill. Articles printed between January 1, 1955 and June 1 of this year will be considered.

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Looking Ahead

Looking forward a year, the Guild's International Executive Board has fixed the dates of next year's ANG convention. The 1957 convention will begin on Monday, July 8, and continue through July 12, at St. Louis.

The forward look was occasioned by the necessary scheduling of events in the convention hotel, the Sheraton-Jefferson.

Convention cities, for the same reason, are chosen two years in advance. Next month's Toronto delegates will be imported by at least three Guild locals, each of which would like to be the 1958 host. Cleveland Local No. 1 wants the honor of entertaining the ANG in its twenty-fifth birthday year; San Jose again renews its bid to back in the central California climate, and New York City, home of the late founder of the Guild, Heywood Brown, points out that a silver anniversary homecoming would be in order.

Experts Warn Against Soviet "New Look"

Thirty-nine experts on the signs and signs of Soviet Russia and international communism, including AFL-CIO Pres. George Meany and the late Vice Pres. Matthew Woll, have taken a good look at the Communist Party's new look and pronounced it a dangerous phony.

Their views are given in a symposium published by the House Un-American Affairs Committee under the title "The Great Pretense."



AWARD WINNERS—Nancy Welch (left) and Barbara Noblitt, both of Tracy High, receive certificates of merit from Stockton, Calif., Guild president Vince Vandre (right) after a Guild-sponsored seminar for high school and junior college students.

Stockton Guild's First Seminar Honors HS Journalism Students

Stockton, Calif.—High school and junior college students of the Central California area had their semester's work judged and received tips on the newspaper business from members of the Stockton, Calif., local ANG, during the first annual seminar held here.

Entries in the judging were received from 31 high schools in Central California. Winners in the various divisions of general news, sports, feature, photography, and cartoons were given scrolls, with their accomplishments set up in story and headline style.

Guild members participating in the seminar were Vince Vandre, local president; Elizabeth Chapman, Marge Flaherty, Bob Whittington, Mel Bennett, Tony Galtington, Mike Benincasa, Bill Rogers, and Stan Klevan, all members of the Stockton Record editorial staff.

Students at the session also took a tour of the Record plant, including the new 7-unit Goss Headliner press now in operation.

May-July Quarterly Budget

The financial operation of the American Newspaper Guild during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, started May 1, is based on a budget approved by the meeting last month of the International Executive Board. The full year's budget is subject to action by next month's ANG convention in Toronto. The first-quarter estimates of expenditures total \$112,096.50.

1. PER CAPITA TAXES		6. GUILD REPORTER	
AFL-CIO	\$ 4,350.00	Editor	\$ 2,372.50
Secy-Store	300.00	Assistant	680.00
CL	4,350.00	Editorial	187.50
2. ORGANIZING & SERVICING		Printing	1,000.00
Salaries	\$ 16,000.00	Distribution	500.00
Director and Secy	100.00	Postage	500.00
Expenses	2,500.00	Advertising	100.00
Director and Secy	2,500.00	File & Special Material	100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 25,500.00	Engravings	100.00
3. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING		Miscellaneous	\$ 11,375.00
Salaries	\$ 1,350.00	7. ADMINISTRATION	
Exec. Secy-Contracts Committee	500.00	Salaries	\$ 1,734.15
Secy-Store	100.00	Office Mgr.—Head Shopper	1,000.00
Expenses	100.00	Secretaries (17)	1,000.00
Personal	25.00	Bookkeeping Dept.	500.00
4. WIRE SERVICE ADMINISTRATION		General Clerical	500.00
Salaries	\$ 1,200.00	Equipment	2,000.00
Admin. Administrator	1,200.00	Stationery & Supplies	1,000.00
Secy-Store	700.00	Equipment	1,000.00
Expenses	1,000.00	Phone & Telegraph	1,000.00
Admin. Administrator and Asst.	2,500.00	Repairs & Improvements	1,000.00
Wire Service Council	1,000.00	Postage	500.00
Regional Conferences	100.00	Insurance & Bonding	1,000.00
Wire Service Paper	250.00	Miscellaneous	\$ 15,541.25
Organizing & Servicing	\$ 10,000.00	8. EXECUTIVES	
5. RESEARCH & INFORMATION		Officers' Salaries	\$ 5,565.00
Salaries	\$ 2,372.50	Expenses	\$ 6,745.00
Director	2,400.00	9. OTHER EXPENSES	
Assistant (15)	500.00	ANG Education	\$ 500.00
Secy-Store	100.00	Local Fees	2,000.00
Expenses	100.00	Payroll Taxes	100.00
Director	100.00	Contributions	500.00
Assistant	100.00	Bids Award	500.00
Books & Periodicals	150.00	Bids Award Expenses	1,000.00
Legal & Col. Rep. Service	75.00	Delegates & Committees	1,000.00
Subscriptions	100.00	IR Meetings	2,000.00
Human Rights, COPE and other printed materials	100.00	IR Conventions	1,000.00
Publications & Literature	500.00	IR Conventions	1,000.00
Contracted Survey	250.00	IR Conventions	1,000.00
Training Conferences	500.00	IR Conventions	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,782.50	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 112,096.50

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Labor Press Tightens Code Of Advertising Practices

A new tightly-drafted code of ethics has been adopted by the International Labor Press Association, AFL-CIO, as a part of its campaign against advertising rackets by phony labor publications.

Former ANG Vice President Gordon H. Cole heads the ILPA. The Guild Reporter is a signatory to the revised code.

The code, adopted unanimously by the 17-member executive council, reads as follows:

To better serve the members of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and to protect the good name of labor from exploitation by racket papers masquerading as union publications, the International Labor Press Association (AFL-CIO) and its members publications subscribe to and shall abide by this Code of Ethics:

1. Member publications will serve the best interests of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations and uphold the high ideals of the AFL-CIO Constitution at all times.
2. Member publications will plainly and prominently publish in each issue an accurate statement of ownership and endorsement.
3. Member publications will not represent either in their publications or in the promotion or sale of advertising that they are endorsed by the national AFL-CIO.
4. Member publications will not, knowingly, solicit, accept or publish advertising from any firm against which a strike or lockout is in progress or from any firm on the unfair list of a central labor body.
5. Member publications will not solicit nor accept local advertising from outside their area of circulation. This does not apply to national advertising.
6. Member publications will not employ high-pressure, long distance telephone solicitors or accept or publish advertising obtained through such methods.
7. Member publications will make no claim or suggestion directly or through salesmen that the purchase of advertising space can accomplish anything for the advertiser beyond winning consumer acceptance or approval of the advertiser's product or services.
8. Member publications will not associate themselves in

any manner with the publication of any yearbook, directory or program that has for its primary purpose the solicitation of donations under the guise of selling advertising.

Violation of this Code of Ethics by a member publication shall constitute cause for suspension and expulsion under procedures provided in the constitution.

Membership List Beyond 28,000

Dues paying membership in the American Newspaper Guild has pushed beyond the 28,000 mark, it is shown in tabulations at headquarters for May 1 standings. The figures are compiled from remittance reports by 99 local treasurers, plus the group of members-at-large who pay dues directly to ANG.

The May 1 total of 28,167 breaks through the 28,000 level for the first time in Guild records, and is 226 more than the high mark of 27,941 established a month earlier. In seven months of the fiscal year closing April 30, new high totals were reached in dues-paying figures.

COPE Announces Area Meetings

Four regional meetings are being planned for mid-July by COPE, the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education. Purpose is to discuss current activities and plans for the congressional campaigns this fall.

The dates, places and States from which local unions are invited to send representatives are: July 12, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, for Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

July 14, Hotel Des Moines, Des Moines, for Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

July 16, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, for Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Wisconsin.

July 19, Hotel Statler, Hartford, for the six New England States and New York.

All meetings will start at 10 a.m.

Washington ROUNDUP

By WILLARD SHELTON
Washington Guild

THE BAD JOKE IN THIS TOWN was the alleged comment from Senator William Jenner (R-Ind.) that the GOP would "run Eisenhower again if they had to call a taxidermist to stuff him and prop him up." A worse joke was the sorry comment of Dr. David Allman, president-elect of the American Medical Association, that the stricken President, after a serious abdominal operation, was in "better health" than any of his Democratic potential rivals had "ever been."

Dr. Allman, so far as has been revealed, has never examined Adlai E. Stevenson, Averell Harriman, Stuart Symington or Estes Kefauver. Harriman was for a year a top-flight polo player, better in that field of athletics than Eisenhower was as a football player, and in a more strenuous sport Kefauver was a genuine tough man in a University of Tennessee football line.

Stevenson, Harriman and Symington have all had substantial operations in recent years. It is still hard to see how Dr. Allman, never having examined them or Eisenhower, can say that Eisenhower is in "better health" than any of them has "ever been."

It is hard to see how Maj. Gen. Leonard W. Heaton, commanding officer of Walter Reed Hospital who performed the actual cutting operation on Eisenhower, could tell reporters before the President had recovered consciousness from his anesthetic, "I certainly do not see any reason he shouldn't run for office again."

IT IS NECESSARY TO SEPARATE the professional performance of James C. Hagerty, Ike's press man, in doing his primary job—informing the people—from Hagerty's skill in getting the doctors to say all the pleasant things about the President's prognosis that Leonard Hall and the Republican National Committee require.

Hagerty in an emergency is a marvel. If he suspects that the President may die, he feeds out every detail of information that the most insistent reporter may demand. He anticipates the reporters.

Still, from Walter Reed Hospital just outside this town we have had a snow job, with Hagerty not innocent.

Miss Doris Fleson, a columnist whom I nominate for a Heywood Brown Award, a Pulitzer Prize and everything else available, ran to the risk manuals of the insurance companies to learn about ileitis—the inflammation of the lower part of the small intestine from which Eisenhower suffered.

Miss Fleson discovered that the risk companies are extremely wary about giving life insurance to a person who suffers a bout with ileitis. As far as disability insurance, none at all. Miss Fleson for a second column went to the Armed Forces Medical Library here. She came up with findings that destroyed the snow job from Walter Reed Hospital.

The medical literature, Miss Fleson found, showed that the most recent physicians' report on ileitis revealed skepticism and worry, a realization that the disease frequently recurs, that former surgical techniques might have to be abandoned.

A conscientious doctor, the medical literature suggests, will tell his patient the truth and "emphasize to him that he is suffering from a condition which will require observation, if not active treatment, the rest of his life."

It makes no difference which method of surgery is used—whether removal of the diseased intestine or the "bypassing" employed on Eisenhower. The rate of recurrence "is high regardless of the surgical technique used."

Meany Urges 'Top Priority' For German Reunification

AFL-CIO Pres. George Meany called on the U. S. to give "top priority" to the problem of German reunification in freedom in a radio address commemorating the East German workers' uprising against communism on June 17, 1953.

There are immediate reasons, he stressed, why "prompt and energetic" U. S. leadership is especially urgent now.

NLRB Stands Pat In Rutland Case

Rutland, Vt.—The National Labor Relations Board has refused a request from the management of the Rutland Herald to reconsider the board's definition of the Rutland Newspaper Guild's bargaining unit.

Management had objected to the inclusion of delivery drivers and a secretary, and asked for a new hearing on these points, which the board declined to grant. The board did say that the new representation of management as to the duties of the secretary in question would alter her status. Management wrote that since the Guild won its representation election last year, the secretary had assumed duties which gave her a "confidential" classification under the Board's definition.

The dispute over the bargaining unit arose when Herald management refused to bargain with the Guild, earlier this year, for the jobs involved.

HAGERTY, ASKED FOR A STATEMENT ON

Miss Fleson's first column, said he had read it but "Miss Fleson is no doctor."

The baker's dozen of doctors in charge of the President, he said, had said everything that needed to be said, and the White House was depending on the statements of the doctors in charge.

This is nonsense in the face of the medical literature. The medical literature is impersonal; the people who write it are writing what they believe is the closest approximation to the truth. They are not concerned, at the moment of writing, with persons or politics; they are concerned only with life and death.

The doctors are much finer people when they are writing medical literature than when a few are answering the necessary questions of reporters under very difficult circumstances at Walter Reed, when a 65-year-old President wanting to run for re-election is their patient, and Hagerty is riding herd over them.

HARRY S. TRUMAN used a fine phrase after President Eisenhower's coronary thrombosis last Sept. 24. He said he wished the President a swift and complete recovery and a "happy tour of duty" during the remainder of his term.

This is something different from saying that Eisenhower, after a second serious illness and a long, difficult operation, should be ruthlessly run again to save the Republican party from the dangers of defeat.

Len Hall wants to run him again. Len Hall wants his party to stay in power.

A gentleman on the White House staff told this reporter, shortly before Ike announced last February 29 he would run again, "The real tragedy will be if he says he will run and doesn't really want to."

There may be some other people on the White House staff who have enough genuine affection for Eisenhower as a man to feel more concerned for him than the "future of the Republican party."

This reporter hasn't been able to find them. Those with whom I am able to speak are red-hot advocates of the school of thought expressed by, "Well, of course I don't know but I think he will run"—and what they mean is, "My God, I hope so."

THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH has entered in-

credibly into the campaign.

As a Republican high functionary recently said, "You take that chance"—of a sudden illness—in both parties nominating "anybody." But "anybody" doesn't have a history of massive coronary thrombosis and acute ileitis going immediately into the campaign.

"Anybody" does not necessarily have Richard M. Nixon as a running-mate for re-election to the Vice Presidency when the top man is older than any other citizen who has ever been elected President and survived to serve out his term.

Mr. Eisenhower, in the opinion of this observer, is vastly superior to his party. He is also, in my opinion, an extremely astute personal politician, able to command the resources for advance in the Army and in civilian political life.

It will require something more than the present assurances of Maj. Gen. Heaton and Dr. David Allman to persuade me that he is physically capable of another full four-year White House term.

It is perfectly possible that he might make it. It is also reasonable to suggest that if the GOP wants to run Nixon it should do so honestly, not hide the Nixon bid behind the Eisenhower facade.