

Bargaining Resumes In St. Louis Globe Strike

Guild Studies Pension Offer In New Talks

St. Louis, Mo.—Negotiations between the St. Louis Guild and management of S.I. Newhouse's Globe-Democrat were resumed here, May 1, after a long period without meetings.

Both sides said it was still too early to determine if any progress is being made toward settlement of the strike. The Globe unit walked out February 21 in a dispute over pensions to which job security issues later were added. Publication of the Globe-Democrat has been suspended since then.

Members of the Guild bargaining team said they are still studying a management offer on pensions under which retirement payments would be secured through commitment of assets rather than long term funding.

Job security questions raised by the company after the strike still pose serious obstacles to settlement, the committee said. The Guild fears that a large number of dismissals are contemplated as a result of the Globe-Democrat's sale of its building and mechanical equipment to the Post-Dispatch. The latter will do the mechanical work for the Globe under contract when publication resumes.

Since Newhouse acquired the Globe-Democrat in 1955, the number of employees covered by Guild contract has been reduced from about 400 to 300.

As negotiations reopened, the Guild still was warding off interference with the strike by State Senator Michael Kinney.

Kinney was unable to win adoption by the state legislature of his resolution calling for an investigation of the strike. He nevertheless scheduled a meeting in St. Louis purportedly as an investigation. The state attorney general, however, ruled he had no authority to issue subpoenas.

The Guild refused to participate in the inquiry, declaring that Kinney's efforts were "highly irregular and for no proper legislative purpose." Kinney had sought the investigation as a prelude to possible legislation which would classify newspapers as public utilities and make them subject to seizure in the event of strikes.

When the Guild refused to respond to threats and pleas from Kinney, he postponed the hearing and later said it would be held.

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Providence Election Set For May 27; 215 Eligible

Providence, R. I.—The National Labor Relations Board will conduct an election Wednesday, May 27, among 215 employees of the Journal and Bulletin editorial departments, to determine whether the Guild shall represent them in collective bargaining.

At a hearing last Monday, the parties signed a stipulation setting the size of the appropriate bargaining unit, leading to the fixing of the date for the consent election.

The unit of 215 eligibles is a compromise between the positions of the Guild and management, and still leaves two positions sub-

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San Jose Guildsmen Join Strike As Pact Runs Out



Bargaining Rivals: Lawrence Wallace, industrial relations director for the San Jose Mercury-News, stares out from the doorway of the struck plant at his op-

ponent in negotiations, Sam Eubanks (left), executive secretary of the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, who is handling the San Jose Local's presentation.

NY Reopens Strikebreaking Probe

New York City—Investigation of the subject of strike-breaking in the newspaper industry is to be resumed this weekend when a special committee for the State Department of Labor will again conduct hearings.

A State-appointed committee of three members had been ordered to halt their inquiry into strike-breaking, after three hearings had received testimony that in Westchester County, where the ITU is on strike against the Macy group of daily newspapers,

organized recruiting of scab printers had occurred (GR, April 10).

Said the three-man board:

"According to the evidence before us, the heads of this (strike-breaking) business are sometimes retained by newspaper publishers on an annual basis. In other situations, they are called in to make an estimate of the probable cost of breaking a strike. They are frequently hired secretly before bargaining between unions and employers is actually begun, or during the course of such bargaining, and in these cases their strikebreakers are moved into the area on a 'standby' basis."

Political pressure was cited by Elmer Brown, president of the International Typographical Union, for the sudden halting of the investigation.

In a telegram sent to Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, Brown said he was "shocked and angry to think anyone in your administration could be pressured by non-union publishers to pull the rug from under an unbiased committee investigating strike-breaking."

Brown's wire to the Governor said that he had learned that "a leading anti-union publisher with direct political ties to high places in your administration put the heat on to stop exposure of hiring out-of-state rats to break up unions in his plants."

Industrial Commissioner Martin P. Catherwood, a Rockefeller appointee, had directed the com-

mittee to halt, questioning its powers of subpoena. Such power was granted specifically by Catherwood's predecessor, Theodore Lubin, who had named the investigation group at the end of the Harriman administration last December.

Last week there was a break in the stony silence with which Westchester County Publishers, the struck Macy group, had viewed the revelations of the committee.

A 30-column-inch space was given over to a statement prompted, so said the publishers, by belief that "the time has come to clear the air on Westchester is-

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Globe & Mail Admen Seek Guild Bargaining Status

Toronto, Ont.—A new unit of about 120 employees in the Globe & Mail advertising department has sought Guild affiliation and is the subject of a representation petition filed last week with the Ontario Labor Relations Board by the Toronto local.

The Guild holds cards from a majority of the estimated total.

The membership accession was both sudden and unexpected, although Guild interest in the advertising department had been

San Jose, Calif.—Locked-out Guildsmen here have become striking Guildsmen. They joined the picket line of pressmen and stereotypers at the Mercury and News when their contract expired at midnight Thursday, April 30.

The decision to strike was reached at a membership meeting a few hours earlier in the nearby Labor Temple.

The vote—by secret ballot—was 123 to 20. The action was recommended unanimously by the local's negotiating committee and concurred in unanimously by the Executive Board and the steering committee.

Members of the negotiating committee took the first early morning shifts on the picket line with Sam Eubanks, executive secretary of San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, who has handled the presentation of San Jose's demands.

Guild negotiators said the alternative to striking was acceptance of a sub-standard management offer which had been presented at one of 12 bargaining sessions held during April.

The management proposal was for a two-year contract providing \$4 now and \$3 next year at the top, scaled down to a \$2 and \$1.50 minimum in the lower brackets. The increases would average about 7 cents an hour the first year and 5 cents the second, according to the committee. This compares with a 3 1/2-cent hourly raise negotiated with the printers by the Mercury-News.

The company asked exemptions for seven positions in addition to one granted at the outset of negotiations—that of "assistant to the publisher." About 45 employees already are exempt from contract provisions. In addition, exemptions from Guild membership have been claimed

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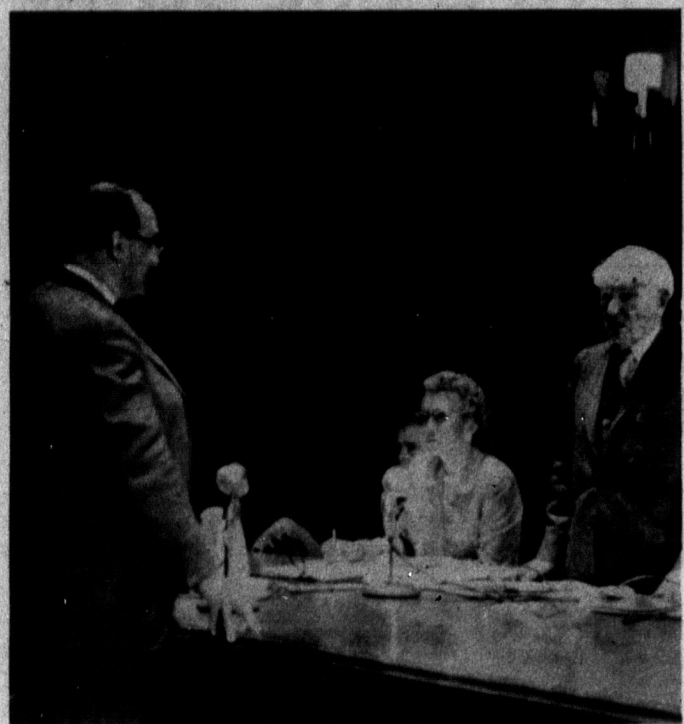
expressed about a year ago by some staffers.

Two weeks ago display salesmen called to a staff meeting by S. T. Bardal, advertising director, were told that he wanted to say goodbye, since he had just been discharged.

And, he added, "If this can happen to me, it can happen to you."

Agitated staff members called International Representative Fred Jones at his home, and at an emergency meeting plans were developed for canvassing the personnel for Guild membership po-

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Confrontation: Attorney Morris Levin, for the St. Louis Guild, faces State Senator Michael Kinney, the St. Louis Guild strike against the Globe-Democrat. The Senator, a St. Louis resident, was chairman. For the Guild, Levin declared that the resolution calling for the hearing infringes on press freedoms and pre-judges the issues.

—Photo by Ed Meyer, St. Louis Guild

Contract Talks Resumed In St. Louis 11th Week

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this week in Jefferson City, the state capital.

There was also an attempt to substitute Kinney for Globe Publisher Richard Amberg to give management's view of the strike on a television program. Rollin Everett, Guild executive secretary, was scheduled to represent the Guild and submit to questioning on the program. He refused to appear, however, unless the Globe was represented by a recognized management spokesman. The program was cancelled.

Kinney, a local resident, has received various awards and commendations from the Globe-Democrat. The Guild did appear at a committee hearing on its resolution, but he refused the local any opportunity to rebut statements made by Publisher Amberg.

Meanwhile, Guild members were distributing door-to-door 200,000 copies of a tabloid—"The Case for Striking Guildsmen of the Globe-Democrat"—which

explained the strike issue in detail. They reported a gratifying reception for the paper throughout the community.

Working members of the St. Louis Guild are contributing a day's pay per month in April and May under a special assessment voted by the local to help finance the strike.

Contributions to strikers reached a total of \$8,545.50 as the strike entered its 11th week.

Previously acknowledged	\$7,545.50
Wilkes-Barre	50.00
Seattle	50.00
San Francisco-Oakland	200.00
Buffalo	50.00
Scranton	50.00
Pearl	50.00
Southern District Council	50.00
Lima	50.00
Hudson County	50.00
New England Dist. Council	50.00
Pueblo	50.00
Milwaukee	50.00
Knoxville	50.00
North Jersey	50.00
Cleveland	50.00
Portland, Ore.	50.00
POL District Council	50.00
Woonsocket	50.00
TOTAL	\$8,545.50

Toronto Signs Fast Majority

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tentials. Directed by Jones and Peter Reilly, local assistant executive secretary, teams of Globe & Mail volunteers rounded up a majority of the signatures required, in less than 10 days. Immediate filing for a petition was decided on, while the membership contacts proceeded.

On a showing of 55 percent membership, the Ontario labor board issues automatic certification, although preliminary hearings are usually needed to determine the legal makeup of the unit.

Just prior to the filing, there was an exchange of letters between the Guild and Oakley Dalgleish, publisher and editor of the Globe & Mail, where the Toronto Guild is certified bargaining agent for editorial and maintenance department employees.

The first letter notified management that employees had sought the aid of the Guild in organizing

for collective bargaining, and suggested that Mr. Dalgleish might wish to join in a declaration of the legal rights of the employees in so doing. The letter noted that while top management is fully aware of the legal status, it frequently happens that lesser managerial personnel is not so informed.

Mr. Dalgleish replied with a statement that it is both company policy and law, to recognize the right of an employee to join, or not to join, a union of his choosing. The policy has been followed in all other unionized departments, he added.

The publisher sent copies of both letters to supervisors in the advertising department, for display on bulletin boards.

Jones notified Mr. Dalgleish that the Guild shares a hope that all department employees will give fullest cooperation to R. W. Campbell, successor to Bardal in the post of advertising director.

90 Delegates From 14 Locals Attend Closing ANG Institutes

Ninety delegates from fourteen locals in eastern Canada and the United States attended the last two ANG regional weekend training institutes of the 1958-59 series in Toronto and New York.

Totally, 230 delegates from 46 locals in the United States and Canada attended the six institutes of the 1958-59 series. The previous institutes were held in Indianapolis, Chicago, Fresno and Vancouver.

In addition, the ANG Research and Information Department conducted local seminars in Twin Cities, Denver and Victoria during the year.

Theme of the Toronto and New York institutes, like most others in the recent series, was local administrative problems with special attention devoted to building inter-union cooperation at the local level.

The Toronto institute also included several sessions on contract enforcement and steward training.

Guest speaker at the Toronto institute was David Archer, president of the Ontario Federation of Labor, who described proposed restrictive labor legislation in Ontario and how labor is mobilizing to defeat it.

The Toronto institute, held in the King Edward Hotel, was sponsored by the Canadian District Council which was host to the fifty delegates from Toronto, Ottawa and the Canadian Wire Service local at luncheon and reception both days. Council President Eric R. I. Cawdron pre-

sided, and arrangements were handled by Council Secretary-treasurer Jerry MacDonald.

The New York institute was sponsored jointly by the Middle Atlantic and New England district councils, and was attended by forty delegates from eleven locals. The meeting was held at the Abbey Hotel.

The institutes were conducted by Ellis T. Baker, ANG director of research and information, and Charles A. Perlik, Jr., ANG secretary-treasurer. ANG President Joseph F. Collis and Executive Vice President William J. Farson also were present for the sessions in New York, Collis representing his home local, Wilkes-Barre.

Bob Buchanan, Toronto execu-

tive secretary, and Phil Galder, Canadian Wire Services, joined Baker and Perlik in a panel discussion on inter-union cooperation at Toronto. Dave Schick, Greater Philadelphia executive secretary, and ANG International Representative Ed Allen took part in a similar panel discussion in New York.

Several guests from the New York Guild were present at the New York institute. Among them were ANG International Vice Presidents Wilfred Alexander and Jim Egan; M. Michael Potoker, New York secretary-treasurer, and Arthur Rosenstock, chairman of the New York Representative Assembly and former international vice president.

Boston Press Club Honors Howe-Elie Award Winners

Boston, Mass.—Cash awards from the Boston Press Club and Paul Revere bowls from the Boston Newspaper Guild went to two Boston newspapermen at the annual awards dinner. The awards are memorials to two newsmen active in early Guild history here, Amasa Howe of the Globe news staff and Rudolph Elie, of the Herald. It was the ninth in the series of Howe awards, the first in honor of Elie.

Robert L. Healy, of the Globe, took the \$500 Howe award with his series from Washington centering on the Goldfine-Adams story last year, in which he scored several "firsts."

The Elie award of \$400 went to Earl Foell, of the Christian Science Monitor, for a 21-article feature series on modern municipal problems.

Presentations were by the Press Club president, Alfred J. Monahan, day city editor of the Globe. Judging was by Rt. Rev. Francis J. Lally, editor of the Pilot; Pat Yale, Associated Press bureau chief, and Henry Minott, news manager for Boston UPI.

San Jose Votes Full Strike Status

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for some 10 others now working in the plant.

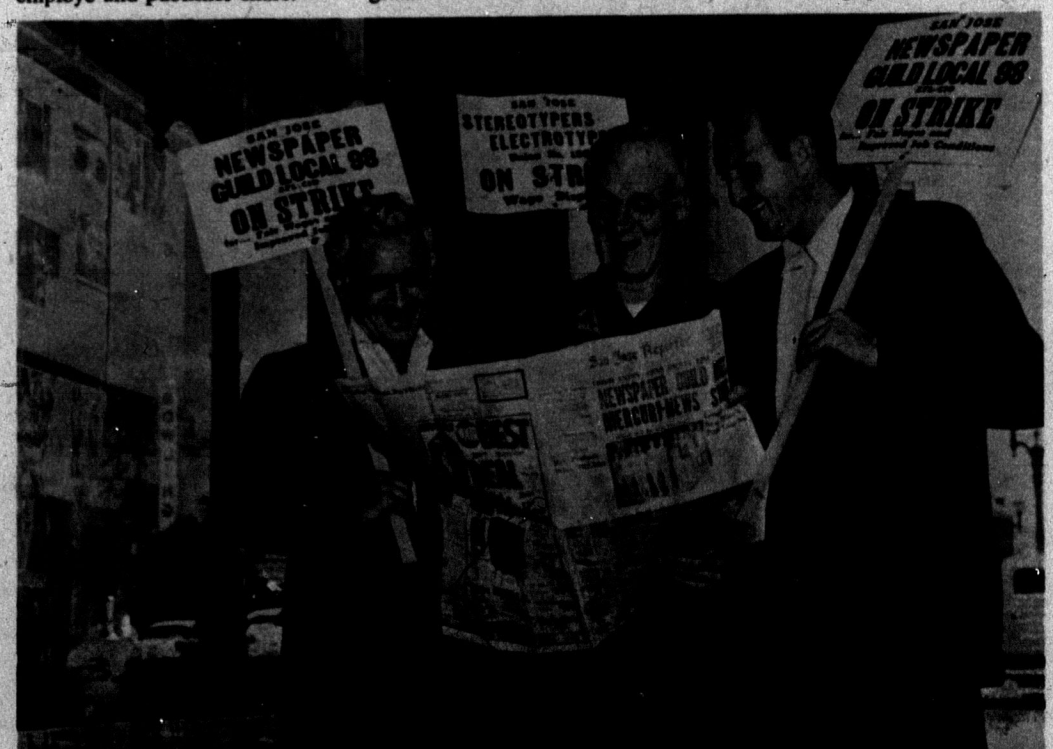
Management offered to pay the cost of health insurance for employees and leave the purchase of coverage for dependents up to the individual. Information elicited from the company spokesman by the Guild showed that the cost to the employee with children under the proposed change would be \$10.50 monthly compared to \$6.16 under the present arrangement in which employee and publisher share.

The Negotiating Committee stated these conditions as being necessary to a settlement: Guild shop jurisdiction clause, and a package of economic benefits comparable to those agreed to with other unions in the plant.

The money package would include a minimum increase of \$4 a week for everyone; parity with the San Francisco city-wide rate in key classifications; and, in lieu of fringe benefits already settled with other unions, a fully paid life and health insurance program.

San Jose Guildmen have been out of work since February 14, when the stereotypers and pressmen struck in a wage dispute. Since then, the pressmen have approved a contract but it remains unsigned. Pressmen have stayed on the picket line. Negotiations between the stereotypers and management are stalemated and few meetings have been held recently.

Picket headquarters were set up in the building where Guildsmen are producing their five-day-a-week newspaper, the Reporter.



Reinforcements: Francis Carey, center, stereotypers' leader in San Jose, welcomes Joe Campo, left, ANG international representative, and Bob Hickey, president

of the San Jose Guild, to the picket line in front of the Mercury-News. Stereotypers have been picketing the plant for 11 weeks. The Guild joined the line when its contract expired.

Year-long Talks Are Futile, Florida Guild Plans Strike

Daytona Beach, Fla.—The Daytona Beach Newspaper Guild, chosen a year ago as bargaining agent for the editorial employees at the Journal and News, has moved into strike formation as the result of adamant management attitudes toward normally-accepted contract language.

Negotiations are in their eleventh month, with such issues as a five-day week, overtime pay and arbitration of grievances wholly unsettled.

Last week the Guild, after some 30 bargaining sessions, authorized its executive committee to set up machinery for conducting a strike if necessary, including the publication of a strike-interim daily. The Journal and News occupy a monopoly position here.

Wayne Chandler, provisional president of the local, notified all Guild locals of the situation in a letter which said that financial aid would be needed should the local

here be forced to strike for its first contract.

J. William Blatz, ANG director of organization, and International Representative Bob Christoffer-son have attended recent negotiating sessions, and the Guild committee has also been augmented by four spokesmen for the Central Labor Union and Building Trades Council.

A five-day week and overtime are included in the craft union contracts at the News and Journal, but management insists that their application to the editorial staff would result in "an inferior product" without "flexibility."

As to arbitration, management turned down its own attorney's recommendations for adopting such a practice, saying that editorial temperaments are "mischievous" and the provision for arbitration would mean harassment of management by ill-considered moves by the Guild.

"It would be used not as a last resort, but as a weapon," said Editor Herbert Davidson. "I fear the over-zealousness of people

who have little experience in the role they have elected to play.

"I do not trust this outfit to be conservative. It is an emotional group. Its very formation was an expression of lack of confidence in me."

Although normal practice has been to observe the five-day week, management refuses to write into a contract anything better than the 40-hour week guaranteed by federal law. That 40 hours, says management, can be spread over six or seven days, and this is "a distinct possibility" in the case of several employees.

Insisting that cost is not a factor in objecting to a five-day week, management spokesmen several times admitted unwillingness to pay extra for a sixth day of work, called the provision a "strait jacket" in which they could not fit without spending a lot of money, which would mean "considerable trouble and expense."

The strike steering committee is headed by Gordon E. Kipp, local vice president; Bob Vance heads the publications committee for a strike paper; Bob Desiderio, local treasurer, is chairman of pickets; Ray LaPrise and Joan Ware will share leadership of the welfare and finance committee; Mary DeVillar will be in charge of fund-raising; Betty VanSteenbergh, local vice president, will direct the headquarters and commissary, and Dotti Finhorn heads a committee on membership. President Chandler and Sam Malphurs will be a special committee on inter-union liaison.

ANG Membership 30,749 March 1

Guild membership at March 1 stood at 30,749, as totaled from local treasurers' reports received at ANG headquarters. The figure represents active dues-paying members, and is exclusive of 532 dues-exempt members now serving in the armed forces.

The March total is 28 below the all-time high mark set just a month earlier, but is 530 higher than the standing registered for March 1, 1958.

Individual locals which reached new high totals in the reports are Akron, Buffalo, Manchester, Toronto and Utica. Two locals, Baltimore and Pueblo, moved back up to previously attained record levels, and two others, Hampton Roads and Reno, held steady at topmost levels.

Of the total, 89.3 percent were in good standing, higher than had been registered since last May 1, when the mark was 89.8 percent. Good standing means dues-paid through the preceding month, in this case February.

Charles M. Wagoner

Detroit, Mich.—Charles M. Wagoner, for 35 years an editorial staffer with the Detroit Times, died April 22 at Surfside, Fla., where he had lived since retirement December 1957. He had suffered a heart attack while at work last August, and never fully recovered.

His last post with the Times was director of its financial department, but he is best remembered for his 20 years as editor of the Sunday Times.

During World War II he tried his hand at being a publisher, while he retained his Times job. He acquired the River Rouge Herald, which he sold after the war.



Uptate Honors: Arthur Rosenstock, center, chairman of the New York Guild's representative assembly, receives a Page One Award in Labor from Charles J. Tiano, Kingston Guild president, at last month's fourth annual affair. ANG Executive Vice President William J. Farson joins in the congratulations.

—Photo by John Kruh, Kingston Guild

Kingston Page One Ball Called Best In Series

Kingston, N.Y.—Personalities in the field of labor, journalism and art were honored along with local celebrities at the Kingston Newspaper Guild's highly successful Page One Ball on Saturday, April 25.

More than 250 persons packed the Crystal Room of the Governor Clinton Hotel to see Arthur Rosenstock of the New York Guild receive the Page One plaque for labor.

Ira Wolfert, a former Pulitzer Prize winner, and an associate editor of Readers Digest, received the journalism award. He is a resident of New York and Woodstock, the summer art colony near Kingston.

The Page One award in the field of art went to John Pike of Woodstock, N.Y., one of the nation's top watercolor artists and illustrators.

Honored on the local level were Leonard Stine, musical director for Kingston schools, and Miss Mary Leach, of the Kingston High School physical education staff.

Miss Lorette Helen Budd, 20-year-old junior art student at New Paltz State Teachers College, was crowned Page One Queen for 1959. Her attendants were Miss Jean Hessdorfer of Kingston and Mei-Kuo Shen of Taipei, Taiwan.

Other chairmen for the event included Robert Sachloff, Jack Crawford, Jr., William Bates, Mrs. Jean Dolan, Craig Plough, Philomena Gehring, Doris Parlow and Milton Wagenfohr. Robert Hillis served as treasurer.

Strike Bites Postmen

San Jose, Calif.—The postman's lot is not a happy one during a newspaper strike.

Suspension of the San Jose Mercury and News since February 14 has brought about a sharp increase in the loads of local mailmen. Postmaster Lionel J. Worden reported that bulk mailing of third-class matter from the San Jose post office increased 62 percent over an eight-week period. He attributed the rise directly to the strike, noting that many businesses have increased their direct mail advertising to compensate for the loss of newspaper space.

The Greater San Jose Chamber of Commerce reported that despite the strike, department store business in March was up 24 percent and apparel store business 30 percent over the comparable period in 1958. Many observers felt the gains would have been even greater, however, had local papers been publishing. They pointed out that March 1958 was a recession month in which business was cut even further by heavy rains which kept shoppers home.

Consultation: Joe Burns, Stereotype Council secretary of the Vancouver Guild, has an inquiry concerning the points raised at the Pacific Northwest training institute, conducted by two ANG officers, Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., and Ellis T. Baker, director of research and information. The locale was Vancouver's Hotel Georgia.

—Photo by Ken Orr, Vancouver Guild

NY Revives Probe Of Strikebreaking

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sues which have been indirectly referred to by the State committee.

There follows a narrative of the events leading to the strike, which the Publishers call an attempt by the printers to force signing of an "illegal" contract. Despite the claim of illegality, the Publishers offered to arbitrate all the issues, a move understandable in view of the provisions of the publishers' strike insurance policy.

When the strike occurred, the air-clearing statement continues, "the publishers, in order to stay in business, filled the positions vacated by the strikers and continued to publish."

The "issues" indirectly referred to get no further clarification. The rest of the text complains of being selected as a target of inquiry, stresses the "illegality" of the strike, and repeats the charge of lack of jurisdiction, as to the committee's powers.

The reversal order by Catherwood still leaves unresolved the point as to whether subpoena power rests with the committee. Expressed doubt of such power caused the original halting of the hearings.

A resolution adopted last week-end by the Empire State District Council, meeting at Utica, was addressed to Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, and read:

"The Empire State District Council applauds the action taken by your Industrial Commissioner M. P. Catherwood in resuming the hearings on the use of strikebreakers, particularly by the Macy Chain publishing company. We sincerely hope that all witnesses who are requested will appear and give full testimony to the committee. However, we feel that the issues are so important that should witnesses refuse to testify, the necessary steps should be taken to grant subpoena powers to the commission."

NY Printers Vote Sunday On New Settlement Offer

New York City—A new offer from the city's daily newspaper publishers for a contract settlement will be considered by members of Big Six, the Typographical Union local here, on Sunday, May 10.

The printers have been bargaining for a renewal of their contract for more than six months. At times, the dispute has threatened to bring another city-wide shutdown of daily papers.

Terms of the latest offer from the publishers were not revealed. They reportedly include, however, a compromise on the knotty issue of resetting of advertising, agreement on the union status of foremen, and the same two-year \$7 wage package accepted by other unions.

The Publishers Association of New York City submitted a new settlement offer last week when Elmer Brown, president of the International Typographical Union, again appeared for the printers

at the bargaining table. The offer was amended, however, after it encountered opposition from local officials on the grounds that it still did not give adequate protection against the use of mar-traded advertising copy.

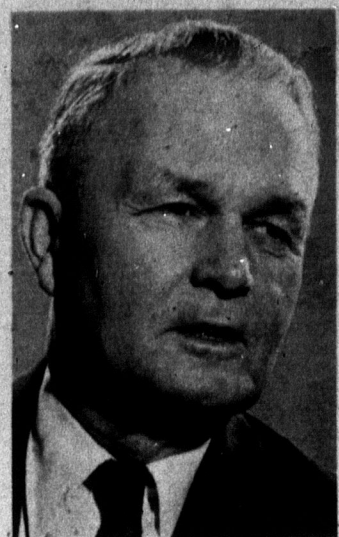
It is the amended offer which Big Six members will vote on Sunday.

The right to reset local ads which come to the paper from advertisers in plate or matrix form has appeared in ITU contracts since 1871. Last year, an arbitrator ruled that the ads of certain local chain stores should be considered national ads exempt from the resetting rule. It was this ruling that led to the dispute in current negotiations.

The papers involved are the Times, Herald Tribune, Mirror, News, Journal-American, Post, World-Telegram & Sun, Journal of Commerce, Long Island Press and Long Island Star-Journal.



Quarter-Century Member: Alice Larson's membership in the Twin Cities Guild dates back to November, 1933, prior to the actual chartering of Local No. 2. On her retirement from the women's department of the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press after 50 years' service, Alice was given a gold Guild pin and a scroll. Amy Brindall, a co-worker, does the honors.



WILLIAM M. DAVY
25 Years Of It

Anniversary Tribute Set For Bill Davy

Cleveland, Ohio—Taking advantage of the vacation absence of their executive secretary, William M. Davy, the Cleveland Guild's officers are planning a 25th anniversary dinner this month in honor of Davy, first and only executive secretary of the local.

A committee headed by Robert C. Stafford and comprising other past presidents of the local made commitments while Davy was away, thus forestalling what might otherwise have been effective protests from the proposed honor guest.

The affair is set for Wednesday, May 20, at the Hotel Carter, with a reception preceding the dinner, ANG President and Mrs. Joseph F. Collis will be among the guests, who will also include long-time personal friends of Davy and his wife, Kate.

Except for a period following June, 1935, when Davy was appointed the first ANG organizer, he has served continuously with the Cleveland local as its full-time administrative officer.

Woodworkers Thank Local Guild Donors

Portland, Ore.—Acknowledgments have been sent to the Boston Guild and the North Jersey Guild for gifts of \$50 each to the loggers strike in Newfoundland, received here by the International Woodworkers of America.

In sending letters of thanks, William Botkin, IWA secretary-treasurer, notes that two pulp companies in Newfoundland have "recognized" the union set up by Premier Joe Smallwood and have signed contracts with the new government-backed organization. "There is one flaw in Smallwood's scheme," says Botkin, "and that is he has no membership."

2 Florida Guildsmen Win Press Honors

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Two Florida Guildsmen won honors in the annual press contests sponsored by the Florida Daily Newspaper Association.

James F. Southerland, editorial writer on the Daytona Beach Morning Journal, tied for third place in the state editorial writing contest.

Wire editor Robert P. Vance of the Daytona Beach Evening News won second place for his paper for effective front page makeup in the 20,000 to 50,000 circulation class.

Pulitzer Prizes Go To Five Guildsmen

New York City—Guild members figured prominently in the distribution of the annual Pulitzer awards, announced last Monday.

J. Harold Brislin, of the Scranton Guild, won the prize for local reporting, without deadline-writing pressures.

Two Guild members on the New York Daily News were deemed best in the field of international reporting, for their story of the collapse of the Batista regime in Cuba. They are Joseph Martin and Philip Santora. Bill Mauldin, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, took top honors for editorial cartooning.

William Seaman, of the Minneapolis Star, won the award for news photography.

A former Guild member, Archibald MacLeish, was cited for the drama award, with his play, "J.B.," a modernized version of the Biblical Job. MacLeish was an early Guild leader in the Time Magazine unit in New York. The current award is his third in the Pulitzer series, the two previous recognitions stemming from his work in poetry.

The gold medal for meritorious public service in journalism went to the Guild-contract staff of the U.S. Observer-Dispatch and Press, for a thoroughgoing crusade against local vice, gambling and corruption.

The fiction award went to a former member of the St. Louis Guild, Robert Lewis Taylor, who now writes for the New Yorker. His novel "The Travels of Jaimie McPheeters," tells of the 1849 gold rush, and is his ninth book. Brislin's stories were an expose of violence in the building trades and by teamsters' union officials, going back over a period of years and culminating last year in the conviction of some of the offenders and their expulsion from union office by rank-and-file action.

The series gained a special mention from the judges for the Guild's Heywood Brown Award this year, given for work done in behalf of the underdog, in the crusading spirit of the Guild's founder. Brislin's work also gained an award in the annual contest conducted by the Middle Atlantic District Council, comprising Guilds in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

It is the second Pulitzer citation for Mauldin. In 1945, while he was drawing for the United Features Syndicate, his work was chosen for the best editorial cartoon of the year.

This year's prize cartoon dealt with the Nobel prize winner, Boris Pasternak, being forced by the Soviet to refuse the award in literature.

Guild-member photographers are running up a string of consecutive honors. Seaman's choice is the fourth successive year that pictures taken by Guildsmen have won top rating. The Seaman photograph was of a child victim of a traffic accident.

Ottawa Journal Is Sold

Ottawa, Ont.—Majority control of the Ottawa Journal has been bought by Victor Sifton, of Winnipeg, publisher of the Free Press in that city. Continuance of editorial control and policy will remain in the hands of M. Gratian O'Leary, now president. It was announced, with succession to I. Norman Smith, vice president of the Journal corporation, when Mr. O'Leary retires.

To make the purchase, Mr. Sifton paid more than \$1.5 million, based on a price of \$30 per share. That price has offered to minority shareholders, owners of an unspecified number of the

100,000 issued shares of Journal stock. On the Toronto exchange, shares of the Journal stock were sold, prior to the Sifton bid, at \$17 each. They have paid dividends of \$1 in recent years.

Financial statements for 1958 showed the Journal's net profits at \$142,110, compared with a net of \$132,000 for 1957. ABC figures for the Journal are 65,925, and the circulation of the Citizen, owned by the Southern interests, stands at 65,138.

The Ottawa Guild is under contract at the Citizen for nearly its full jurisdiction, but is unrepresented at the Journal.

IT SEEMS TO US

"No Need Of Services," Yet He Won Citation

MIDWEST, U. S. A.
Editor: With reference to the April 24 item on the American Political Science Association awards, I should like to point out that the list of Guildsmen should contain a fifth name. Mine.

The omission is of no consequence, nor is my present address, but it provides me the opportunity to remind the membership of the pioneering effort which took place in Peoria little more than a year ago.

Some 19 editorial employees—myself included—were dismissed after that strike on a flimsy excuse—"lack of need of services," and I feel I owe it to the other 18 to write this letter.

The work for which I was cited by ASPA was initiated just weeks before the strike became necessary. It never was actually finished, since a series of interpretive articles was conceived

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

as a continuing weekly feature. I was one of the original members of the Peoria Guild and, I think, the only journeyman reporter discharged after the strike. Some very good craftsmen were displaced or had their careers cut short by management reprisal. I send them regards wherever they are.

But the point of this letter is to remind members—although a reminder should not be needed—that to a vindictive management the reward for initiative, resourcefulness and dedication to the craft may very well be dismissal.

WILLIAM E. WILSON

NY Prepares Busy Week For Convention Delegates

New York City—As Guild locals across the country make their choices this month of delegates to represent them at the 26th annual ANG convention, the New York local is busy with preparations for the convention week's activities.

It is the first time since 1936 that this Guild, ANG's largest, has been convention host. The city selection was made by delegates to the St. Louis convention two years ago.

The Astor Hotel, half a block from the Guild's headquarters at 133 West 44th Street, will be the scene of all general convention sessions. The pre-convention cocktail party is also set for the

hotel, at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 21.

As time and the business program of the convention permit, there will be other activities to which delegates will be invited. Among them are a luncheon at the United Nations, a tour of the buildings and a visit with Dag Hammarskjöld, secretary general. The diplomatic corps at the UN will be host at a cocktail party, as well.

A tour of the Daily News plant, visits to television studios, a boat trip around Manhattan Island for wives and children of delegates; a test at Gracie Mansion with Mrs. Robert F. Wagner, the Mayor's wife, as hostess to delegates' wives, and a closing

cocktail party at the Guild Club Friday afternoon are among the entertainment plans.

The week's top event will occur after the convention closes on Friday, with 500 places reserved for convention goers at the local's Page One Ball. All other seats available for this affair, at the Astor ball room, have long since been sold. Guild officers reported this month.

Always a notable event, the Ball this year is expected to outdo its predecessors. Choice of Miss Page One for the affair will be made May 20, and four ladies-in-waiting will also be selected.

Page One awards by the local will go to recipients in journalism and related fields such as labor, literature, movies, music, public affairs, radio-television, science, sports and the theater. Choices were to be made this week by panels of specialists in each field, with a dozen categories in the field of magazine and newspaper work.

Entertainment will be by headliners in theater, motion picture, television, radio and nightclub circles.

M. Michael Potoker said this week that contrary to the official convention call sent to local officials, reservations by delegates for rooms at the Astor Hotel will be handled directly through the New York Guild office. Reservations request cards are to be returned to the local's 44th Street headquarters.

Among recently reported elections of local delegates are:

New York City—Thirty delegates and 20 alternates have been designated by the New York Guild, host to this year's ANG convention. It will be the largest representation the local has had in any Guild convention. New York sent 23 spokesmen to the Albany sessions in 1956.

The delegates selected: Joseph B. Kommer, Thomas J. Fay, Victor Leo, George McNickle, Thomas J. Murphy, M. Michael Potoker, Harry Adams, Wilfred Alexander, Magnus Breidenbeck, Joseph Carter, Eugene Connolly, James B. Egan, Ralph Jules Frantz, Charles Gruenberg, Morris Iushewitz, Edward Johnson, Arnold Drapkin, Frank O'Sullivan, Horst Petzall, Robert Keane, Amos Wysinger, Ann Decker, Arthur Rosenstock, Alfred Franceschetti, Harry Crone, Bill Warren, Janet David, Frank MacMaster, William South and Jack Deegan.

The alternates: Jean Davidson, Anthony Stella, Henry Walter, Andrew Rapp, Harry Ryan, Nancy Seely, Frank Marra, John Belson, Harold Miller, Helen Hiltbrand, Robert Gabor, Edward Easton, Jr., Theodore Cron, Mary Mulligan, Harry Berkowitz, John Anderson, Nat Dabrowski, Ben Kocivar, Robert Sherman and Henry Marx.

Philadelphia—David Schick, Roberta Bailey, Bill Streckfuss, Sid Sagel, William J. Farson, Joseph Martin, Harry Mount, Gladys Fisher, Earl Gilbert, Bill Hall and Frank Gleason.

Albany—Jim Gallagher, Paul Lyman, George Kearney, Ben Danforth and Howard Lewis.

Lima—Joyce Link, delegate; Robert Inskeep, alternate.

Victoria—Pete Sallaway.

Statewide Tribute: Mrs. Nina Donberg, 37-year veteran reporter for the Cleveland News, is honored by the "Hattie" Award of the Ohio Newspaper Women's Association, for her long and distinguished news service. Presentation is by Mary Strassmeyer of the News staff, at the Charity Hospital, where Mrs. Donberg was being treated for pneumonia. Both are Cleveland Guild members; Mrs. Donberg having enrolled in 1933. Miss Strassmeyer is a former Guild executive board member.



Multiple Winner: New York Guildsman Art Christopher, editor of "The Communicator" for IUE Local 400, received four awards at the fourth annual labor editors conference at Rutgers University. The citations were for front page, photograph, editorial and community feature categories. Right is Joel Jacobson, North Jersey Guild member, a newly-named member of the Board of Governors at the university.

SFONG's Pension Plan Aids 33 In First Year

San Francisco, Calif.—First-year operation of the pension fund established in 1957 by the San Francisco-Oakland Guild with city publishers shows 33 beneficiaries during 1958, who were paid a total of \$31,708. Balance sheets and a statement of income and expenses are included in the published annual report of the fund, covering the calendar year.

As of December 31, the fund totalled \$420,375.55, with 89 percent of that amount invested in stocks and bonds, listed at cost. Income for the year was \$217,778.47, contributions accounting for 95.47 percent of the total, and interest and dividends representing 4.53 percent. The year's disbursements to beneficiaries amounted to 14.56 percent of the income, administrative costs were 1.01 percent, and \$183,882.56, or 84.43 percent, went into reserves for future benefits and expenses.

The reserve fund was started

March 27, 1956, as the result of a collective bargaining agreement with the Publishers Association. The framework of the pension plan was adopted in May, 1957, and the trust fund by an agreement dated March 26, 1958. Internal Revenue authorities approved the plan last July 17 and first benefits, retroactive where applicable to the first of the year 1958, were paid last July 22. One of the beneficiaries died only four days later, and the death of a second occurred early in 1959.

C. E. Gilroy, business manager of the Chronicle, is chairman and Kenneth J. Cottrell, of the Guild, is secretary of the administrative board.

Columbus

Columbus, Ohio—Gene Grove has been reelected president of the Columbus Guild, and Bob Omohundro succeeds the late Leon E. Roettger as treasurer. Charlotte Curtis is returned to another term as secretary.

Guild's May Day Greeting Beamed To Eastern Europe

New York City—May Day greetings from the American Newspaper Guild to the "underground radio audience" in the Iron Curtain countries were among messages beamed to eastern Europe by Radio Free Europe last week. Spokesman for the Guild was ANG President Joseph F. Collis, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who is also a vice president of the International Federation of Journalists.

The Collis message:

"The 30,000 working journalists affiliated with the American Newspaper Guild join with trade unionists throughout the free world in sending May Day greetings to the working men and women of the nations held captive by the U.S.S.R."

"We are determined that the American people shall not be allowed to forget your plight, your ceaseless struggle for freedom, and your fundamental right to have it."

"Democracy is a hard-won thing, which must be fought for, even when acquired. Two of democracy's surest guarantors are a free trade union movement, and a free and independent press."

"As participants in both, we of the American Newspaper Guild have a keen awareness of how precious freedom is. We know that the loss of freedom for anyone, anywhere in the world, is a threat to the freedom of everyone, everywhere."

"Our special greeting goes out to those journalists in your lands who have been silenced and imprisoned, and to the families of those journalists who have been killed, in their fight to maintain freedom of expression."

"We, journalists of the free world, pledge ourselves in their name to continue to uphold our American constitutional guarantee of a free press and to continue to work for the reestablishment of freedom of expression in the countries under Soviet domination."

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A Door Reopens

It isn't often that the pressure of public opinion gets as speedy results as followed from the revelation last month (GR, April 10) of the existence and operation of organized strike-breaking, with immediate manifestations in Westchester County, N.Y., newspaper circles.

Three weeks to the day after State Industrial Commissioner Martin P. Catherwood issued his ill-advised order to halt the hearings which had recorded testimony embarrassing to newspaper publishers, he reversed his order. The hearings, it seems, will resume.

Meantime the office of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, whose appointee the commissioner is, had been battered by wrathful demands that he hold a stranglehold of truth not be permitted to see the record of the State administration, now in its first half-year.

The indignation of labor organizations, chief among them the Typographical union, was doubtless effective. So too was the obvious injustice of halting the hearings with only half the sordid story told. The publishers' version, if any, had not been recorded.

True, the publishers had boycotted the proceedings as being outside State jurisdiction and solely within the purview of federal law. Perhaps sober second thoughts followed this rash suggestion that the McClellan committee take over, complete with a Washington sounding-board, ogling television cameras and resort to "the Fifth."

Resumption of the State hearings is a victory for an honest three-man committee, appointed to find the facts and insist on so doing. It is equally a victory for informed and vocal public opinion.

Success Story

Consider the financial progress of Thomas L. Robinson, publisher of the Charlotte News, North Carolina's largest evening paper, who last month sold his daily to the Knight chain, his competitor in the morning field, out of economic "necessity."

His story, as told in Editor & Publisher, is that he came to Charlotte in the summer of 1946, a stranger to the south, and possessed of a capital of only \$20,000. In six months he found financial backing and bought the News.

In less than nine years, he prospered to the point where he bought out the interests of his 34 fellow stockholders, for approximately \$1,000,000. This was in September, 1955.

Last month's sale to the Knight group was for between \$1.5 and \$2 millions, E&P quotes from AP "unconfirmed reports."

Small wonder that Publisher Robinson said, "I cannot remember 12 happier or more productive years in my life."

Yet the sale became "absolutely essential," when the books showed that operating costs were increasing at a faster tempo than revenue.

In liquidating the enterprise, Publisher Robinson also cancelled out a Guild contract which called for severance pay to 20 employees, averaging out to about 12 weeks' pay apiece.

The affected employees were given a choice, at the same time they heard the announcement of the sale. They could have their severance pay, and be jobless; or they could transfer, as beginning employees, to work for the new ownership.

The whole amount of severance pay? About the same amount as Publisher Robinson had in original capital when he began his climb to millionaire status, a little over 12 years ago.

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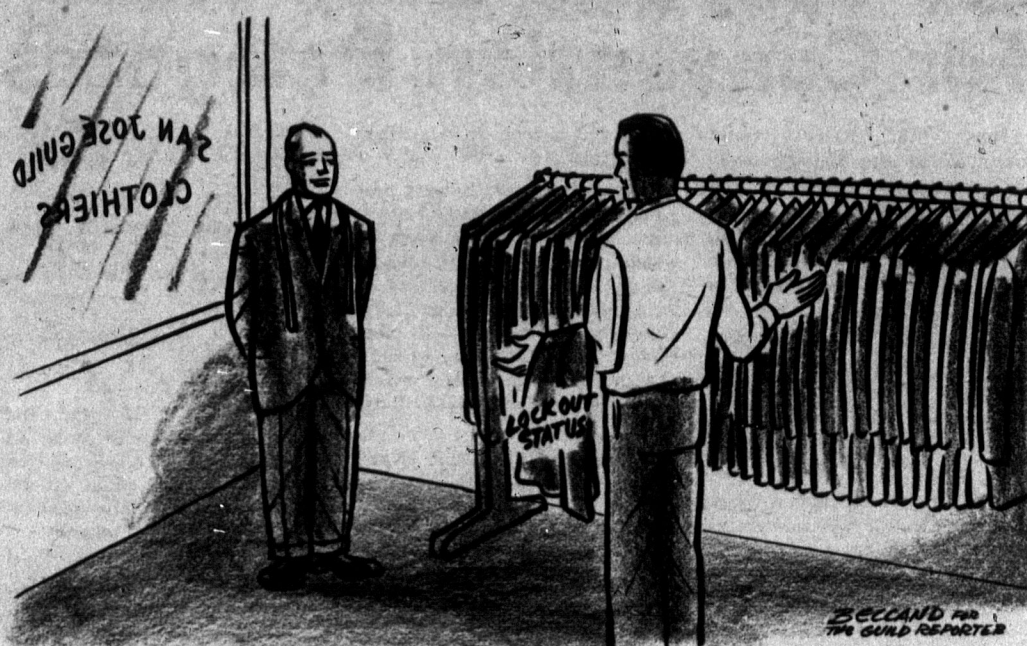
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"Something To Harmonize With a Picket Sign, Please"



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Let's Have A Real Defense Fund

By JOSEPH F. COLLIS
ANG President

THIS IS A COLUMN which I have started to write, at least half a dozen times since Christmas. And each time I have pulled the half-finished copy out of my typewriter and thrown it away.

There were two reasons for not finishing them: 1. I didn't want to jeopardize our locals—a good many of them were then in negotiations—by exposing financial weaknesses of the Guild to our bargaining opponents, the publishers.

I may be doing this, even now. But I think the situation is sufficiently serious to make your President speak up and so assume the leadership Guild members should receive from him.

2. As a convention delegate last year I was among those who voted for a special committee to study our strike-financing situation. And I wanted the committee to have time to work at their job and come to a conclusion.

The second reason for delay has been removed, now that the interim committee has brought in its recommendation for an increase of 30 cents per month per member, to be allotted directly to the ANG defense fund.

I'd like to be among the first to support this recommendation. And I intend to cast my half-vote for the 30-cent boost at the New York convention, when the report comes in for approval by the delegates.

THE REASONS ARE SIMPLE ENOUGH. Ever since our trouble in Cleveland in November, 1956, it has been apparent that the Guild would have to step up the amounts regularly paid into the ANG defense fund.

You remember the Cleveland situation. Our members at the Cleveland Press went on strike, whereupon the other two newspapers closed their doors and turned all their employees out on the streets.

This was a new tactic—rival publishers acting in concert against a union. By locking out non-striking employees, the city-wide management bloc hoped to increase pressure on the single striking union, set up antagonism among the several unions, and perhaps break the union movement in the process.

The Cleveland program of massive retaliation didn't succeed in breaking any of the unions. But the experimental pattern was established, and it spread. We have largely moved away from the day

when a strike against one newspaper doesn't tie up the operations of all others in the city.

Since Cleveland, there have been city-wide news blackouts in Detroit, Boston and New York.

And it should be noted that in only one of the four cases was it a Guild strike that triggered the publishers' action.

The Guild had six of the 38 strikes affecting newspapers in 1958. There were four by the Pressmen, 16 by the Printers, three by Mail Deliverers, two by Stereotypers, two by Teamsters, and five by other smaller unions.

Since our people, as good union members, respect duly authorized picket lines, we become involved, expensively, in many situations where we do not have sole control.

MORE MONEY IN OUR DEFENSE FUND is one answer to the problem. But a bigger defense fund has other benefits, not so apparent.

Many of our contract bargaining settlements are directly related to what our biggest local, New York City, is able to negotiate for its own membership. The "New York pattern" affects all the rest of us, hence it is important that the New York local has all the backing we can give it, all the strength we can lend.

We should be able, financially, to back a strike in New York as readily as we would for any other local. For example, in last October's negotiations at New York, I believe a better money settlement would have been reached, if at that time a more adequate ANG defense fund had been available.

Instead, the New York local beat a strategic retreat, which I agree was necessary. But there is a moral obligation involved. New York pays its large share of per capita income to the ANG defense fund, but derives less proportionate benefit from it than do our smaller locals.

And it is bad economy for all of us, if this deficiency leads to a lesser "New York pattern" in wage settlements. It's important that the bellwether standard be a high one. New York should be able to sustain a strike if the need arises. Our bargaining chain cannot afford any weak links.

A bigger defense fund, then, is a good business investment, which should yield returns in larger pay increases all along the line.

I urge that all convention delegates be asked to support the increase, as a matter of insuring our future welfare. We all hope it doesn't happen, but who knows whether the next call for defense fund help may not arise in our own home local?

Second Honor For Broun Winner

New York City—The series of articles which won the Heywood Broun Award in February for George N. Allen has also gained recognition from the journalism school alumni of Columbia University, as an example of distinguished service to journalism.

This week, the World-Telegram & Sun reporter who became an "undercover teacher" and described his experiences in a "tough" Brooklyn junior high school, was cited by the alumni for his "contribution to the Co-

lumbia tradition of persevering and courageous reporting of facts that lie beyond the reach of mere routine effort." Allen is a 1954 graduate of Columbia, with a master of science degree.

The series which has won him double honors led to a Grand Jury investigation of the conditions he described, observed over a period of several months. Allen became a teacher by passing the required examination, and his newspaper management retained him on its payroll throughout the assignment for which he had volunteered. His earnings as a teacher were donated to the city's Teachers' Relief Association.

ROBOT INSTITUTION?

'Twas PEOPLE Who Made Guild

By R. D. LINTON
New York Herald Tribune Unit

"It took the Guild to better our lot," says Judith Crist in the April 10 condensation of her article from the Columbia University Forum.

Fact is, it took courageous newspaper men and women, UNITED in the American Newspaper Guild, fighting together and risking their jobs and economic lives, "to better our lot."

The idea that headline conveys, it seems to me, is another example of the foggy half-thinking that would picture those who created the Guild, made it what it is today, and are keeping it alive as a collection of R.U.R.s which, cell-like, constitute a Super Robot.

Such thinking—glorifying the "mamma image" of the Guild—I believe could destroy the Guild by atrophy of individual effort, and by reliance on the mythical Super Robot for the Guild's life.

It was this sort of foggy half-thinking, it seems to me, that made Judy Crist shut her eyes and mind and gulp down Ben Hecht's phony caricature of pre-Guild newspapermen.

"We were a newspaper tribe of assorted drunkards, poets, burglars, philosophers and boastful ragamuffins... supermen with soiled collars and holes in our pants... but on the whole... a somewhat pathetic crew of paupers and ignoramus... glorying in a fourteen-hour day."

Now Judy's a nice gal. I remember when she came on the Trib—she's improved a lot.

But according to the Guild Reporter piece, she was a 1945 graduate of Columbia's school of journalism. If she entered school at the usual age and didn't skip grades, she was born between 1921 and 1923, and was from seven to nine years old in 1930. A "depression child," she would recall virtually nothing of the Roaring '20s Hecht keeps harping on.

Surely, if she had stopped to think, Judy would have realized that it was Hecht's "assorted drunkards" and "boastful ragamuffins" who formed the Guild and made it what it is today.

"Crew of... ignoramus?" How about Broun, Swope, Cobb, McIntyre, Ruyton, Casey of Hecht's own Chicago Daily News, and his buddy, Charlie MacArthur of the Herald-Examiner, and Ring Lardner, to cite but a few of the host of the '20s and '30s Hecht libeled?

How about Hecht himself? Hecht was no drunken bum in pre-World War I days and thereafter when his ability sent him soaring. He was no drunken bum when he led the

CAPITALIST PLOT

Nothing To Lose But Weight!

By HARRY FLEISCHMAN
National Labor Service
New York Guild

I am one of the many people who have been talking about going on a low-fat diet. For one thing, doctors warn that there may be a close relationship between high-fat diets and the high death rate in the U.S. from heart disease. And, besides, I'm getting tired of people saying to me, "My, you're putting on weight." All sounds fairly clear and simple, doesn't it?

But a Soviet doctor, Professor I. Gurevitch, writes in Klinicheskaya Meditsina, that the campaign to reduce fats in the diet is a capitalist plot—"advantageous to the ruling classes, who are at present engaged in lowering the living standards of the masses, in lowering their wages and in raising the price of food and particularly of fat. The masses in capitalist countries suffer from a shortage and not from an excess of fat."

Comes the revolution—we'll have to eat fat—even if it kills us!

The New York Times theater news tells us that Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee are planning a biographical play about Harry L. Golden, author of "Only in America." I guess it's "only in America" that a Robert E. Lee would write a play about an East Side Jewish boy turned North Carolinian.

Speaking of Robert E. Lee, that great American and Southerner gave himself wholeheartedly to the task of helping to patch the wounds of the Civil War. And his daughter, Mary Curtis Lee, followed her distinguished father's example in expressing her own disapproval of discrimination. She rode in the back seats of streetcars running between Washing-

Chicago literary renaissance and with MacArthur wrote "The Front Page." Hidden in the laughs of that great comedy was a serious sociological protest, particularly against the exploitation of Negro voters by political gangsters, typical of the Prohibition era.

No, Hecht was no drunken bum when he invented a new journalism and wrote "1001 Afternoons" for the Chicago News.

But he sold his soul to Hollywood and was never the same afterward. The tragedy of his decline and literary death, his interment by TV-writing failure, his headstone his poor imitation of Mike Wallace—these are in your morgue, Judy.

I'm not suggesting that "there were giants" in those pre-Guild days, only that there were good newspapermen then, too, and not Judy's gang marked with "personal, professional and ethical carelessness bred by such (job) insecurity."

There were hardworking newspapermen, some of whom, contrary to Judy's dictum, were "inspired creative artists" in that they saw news others missed, and had the artistic ability to pick precisely the right words and perspective to make the story a perfectly cut diamond.

Those men and women did the best their publishers would permit them to do. Comparison of newspaper work in the '20s and '30s with that in the recent two decades is to view the scene through a glass, darkly.

B.R. (before radio) competition for the "first with the latest," for circulation, was piratical. Pressures on the reporter and the rewrite were tremendous, to get the story on the street, whether it was the whole story or not.

With radio and now television, the pressure is removed, for no mechanical process can beat the speed of electronics. So the good newspaperman has more time to do a better job.

Now, too, publishers have discovered what Victor Lawson proved long ago with the Chicago News, that circulation outside the local trading area is valueless. This has ended the mad circulation race, and cuts still more the destructive pressures to hit the street first. Better reporting has resulted, and good newspapermen welcome it.

Contrary to Judy's assertion, nothing has been really added. In those days she paints so darkly, good newspapermen had "a sense of service beyond one's self and a consciousness of craft, in short, professional pride."

So Hildy Johnson never had it so good? Well, what present-day Hildy ever got up in court during a criminal trial and yelled:

"Your honor, I demand that the State's attorney be ordered to stop badgering the witness!"

On crossing the state line into Virginia she would refuse to move forward. On at least one occasion, reports Harriet Harmon Dexter in "What's Right With Race Relations" (Harper, \$4.00), Miss Lee was arrested for violating the segregation law. White Citizens Councils please note.

Satire is a weapon that has been used to point up the foibles of the powerful for hundreds of years. Recently, George Ballis, editor of the Valley Labor Citizen of Fresno, Calif., turned this weapon on the U.S. Post Office when he received word that it was holding "foreign political propaganda" from East Germany addressed to his paper and would destroy it unless Ballis asked for it within 15 days.

Tongue in cheek, Ballis replied: "This writer feels so clean and pure. So warm and secure. Just to think that Big Brother in the postal service is watching over all of us. Guarding our minds from the infection of Communist propaganda. Who knows, if all this stuff was allowed in the mails..."

Why it all is so tantalizing that this writer would fall for it head over heels and begin printing the Central Valley edition of the Daily Worker.

But, adds Ballis, wetting his knife some more, how about protection from domestic propaganda too? Why not have the Post Office set up a propaganda classification division, with rubber stamps for left-wing, liberal, conservative, labor and business propaganda? Then, instead of a stack of mail every day, suggests Ballis, "we would get only short notes from the Post Office itemizing and classifying all our mail. We could just shuffle through the notes, order the delivery of only labor propaganda and rest assured that we were publishing the straight labor line. . . . Big Brother, we can hardly wait."

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

By WILLARD SHELTON
Washington Guild

IN VIEW OF THE STRONG PROBABILITY that a labor-management reform bill will be passed this year, and signed by the President, a realistic approach requires recognition that major battles still must be fought to keep the eventual law from being punitive, meddling and discriminatory.

Some factors have entered the picture this year that were not present so clearly last year, when the Kennedy-Ives bill passed the Senate in tolerable and generally entirely legitimate form even though it failed in the House.

There is a more intense drive by business interests to get restrictions saddled on peaceful picketing, boycotts and other proper union techniques of economic persuasion. The rationale advanced is that "the people" want to "stop" Teamsters President James R. Hoffa—a dubious proposition when phrased in those words and basically an unsound approach for a legislature attempting to frame detailed criminal law.

There is a change among Republicans—or at least there was in the Senate—that substantially offsets, in the labor-management field, the results of the November 1958 election.

This change was seen in Senate roll calls on three amendments: only 11 GOP senators voted against a stringent "informational" picket restriction; only 7 against a secondary boycott ban, only 2 against the McClellan "bill of rights" on its first test. The now-retired Senator Ives of New York, was able last year to rally 13 to 18 or 20 Republicans against union-punishing stuff like that.

ON THE HOUSE SIDE, where the legislation is still in the stage of subcommittee hearings, a calculation of the balance of forces must take account of additional facts.

There are no Republicans, either on the committee or in the House, comparable to Senators Javits of New York, Kuchel of California and Cooper of Kentucky in being both reasonably well-informed and influential. The Democratic chairman of the full Labor Committee, Representative Barden of North Carolina, is antagonistic and exceedingly cunning in parliamentary matters. Democrats have an 8 to 4 majority on the subcommittee, but if Barden and ranking committee Republican Kearns of Pennsylvania exercise their prerogative of voting with the subcommittee, the group may split 7 to 7 on reporting an original bill.

Southern Democrats in the House are proportionately more hostile to unions than in the Senate; on the McClellan "bill of rights," which was later modified, 9 Southern Democrats voted against it—on the labor issue involved, not the "civil rights" issue later discovered—as against 10 for it.

McClellan, who had the good sense last year to realize that chasing "improprieties" and racketeers did not equip him for writing legitimate labor law, has been unable to maintain this admirable self-restraint. Beaten in the Senate on most major points, he may still prove troublesome through influence with the House Southerners.

ADD TO ALL THIS THE FACT that Secretary Mitchell and the President are still demanding tougher legislation, and the outlook is not promising. Add the fact that the House conferees, whenever a bill reaches that stage, probably will be controlled by Barden and Kearns. Add the massive campaign just launched by the National Association of Manufacturers to get Congress flooded with canned messages purporting to originate with rank-and-file union members demanding approval of McClellan-type amendments to the Senate bill.

It is this observer's guess that an intolerable bill can be prevented—but it may be suggested that if this is so a principal reason is that responsible union spokesmen had the decency and good sense to give affirmative approval and support to the enactment of a proper bill. The reservoir of good will and public confidence thus created is the greatest element of strength in labor's fight against those who want to use isolated instances of corruption as an excuse for damaging unions as economic units.

A MELANCHOLY FOOTNOTE TO HISTORY was the unveiling of a bust of the late Senator Joe McCarthy in his home town of Appleton, Wis. Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, the driving force of Republican Old Guardism in the Senate for a decade, traveled to Appleton to dedicate the memorial. Attendance from the townspeople, from Wisconsin Republicans who elected McCarthy twice and from the legions who followed the late senator rapidly to a total of 400.



SHELTON

Free Europe Staff Wins Pensions; Gains Listed In Other Settlements

NEW YORK CITY—Pay hikes of up to \$6 a week, effective July 1, and a new pension plan are among the terms of a renewal contract between the New York Guild and the Free Europe Committee.

The agreement covers New York employees of Radio Free Europe and Free Europe Press for an 18-month period beginning last January 1. Because management is paying the full cost of past credits for the pension plan, the Guild agreed to forego a pay increase for the first six months.

Next July 1, a general increase of \$3.25 to \$6 will be applied to minimums, depending on salary. Top minimum for reporter and senior writer will go to \$141. The highest classification under contract, which includes chiefs of the information bureau and music department and managing editor, will go to \$161.

Two additional holidays, Lincoln's Birthday and Election Day, bring the total to 10. Improvements also affect experience credit, job security and life insurance.

The pension plan is an insurance annuity. Management pays the full cost of past service credits and part of the cost for future service credits. Benefits are based on a percentage of income.

Normal retirement benefits for past service are based on salary as of February 1, 1959. Benefits for future service will be based on actual salary.

Employees become eligible at

age 30 or after 1 year of service, whichever is later, prior to age 56.

Normal retirement benefits at age 65 for an employee who becomes eligible now at age 30 and who averages \$600 a month in salary over the course of his employment will be about \$210 a month.

The plan also provides for early retirement, disability retirement and vesting.

Other recent contract settlements include:

SIoux CITY (IOWA) JOURNAL & JOURNAL-TRIBUNE: Minimums are increased \$5.50 to \$3.50 this year, \$5.50 to \$3.25 next. Top minimum for reporters goes to \$109.50 in the first year of the two-year agreement. Differentials for various editors all are increased 50 cents a shift.

A seventh holiday is added if department stores close on Veterans Day, and the service requirement for three weeks of vacation is cut from eight years to six. Sick leave, which is granted at the rate of 10 days per year, now may be accumulated to a maximum of 25 days instead of 15.

SCRANTON (PA.) TRIBUNE & SCRANTONIAN: A two-year contract effective last October 1 increases minimums \$1.70 to \$4.27 in the first year, \$1.28 to \$3.20 in the second. Top minimums now go to \$139.66 for

reporters and \$122.60 for society writers.

The weekly mileage allowance for photographers and district managers is increased \$1.50, making it \$16.50, and the rate for mileage in excess of 160 miles goes to 11 cents, up one cent. For others, the straight mileage rate also is increased to 11 cents.

The contract adds a seventh holiday and a fourth week of vacation after 25 years of service. Other improvements affect overtime on days off and leaves for military service.

KENOSHA (WIS.) LABOR: Salaries are increased \$3.70 across the board in a one-year contract which brings the top minimum for editor to \$161.10 and for head ad salesman to \$116.79.

In addition, an insured pension plan is financed by employer contributions of \$2.22 per week per person and employee contributions of \$1.80 a week.

Employees are eligible after two years of service, except that new employees must be under age 56. Benefits amount to \$1.11 a month for each year of service prior to the effective date and \$1.16 a month for each year of service thereafter.

LITALIA (SFONGE): Pay is up \$16 a month across the board (about \$3.69 a week). New top minimum for editorial personnel goes to \$114.13 a week and for business and advertising to about \$82.09 a week.

The work week is cut from 37½ hours to 35.



Into The Archives: The brief but profitable existence of the Columbus Daily News, strike-duration tabloid published during the pressmen's strike in March, goes into the bound files at the Ohio Archeological and Historical Museum. Gene Grove, right, newly returned as Columbus Guild president, makes the presentation to Robert S. Hauser, museum director. In six issues the tabloid netted profits of nearly \$9,500.

Cleveland's Labor Papers Combine

Cleveland, O.—This city's two labor newspapers, The Cleveland Citizen and the Cleveland Union Leader, merged May 1.

Under the merger agreement, which has been approved by the Cleveland AFL-CIO central body, the newspaper will retain the name of The Cleveland Citizen which was founded in 1891, and claims the title of "America's oldest labor paper."

The Citizen had been the publication of the former AFL unions, and the Union Leader of the former CIO Council.

A. I. Davey, Jr., editor and publisher of the Citizen, will be publisher of the combined operation and Union Leader Publisher John F. Cummins will be the editor. Union Leader staff members were given the choice of moving over to the Citizen or collecting severance pay equal to two weeks pay for each year of service.

A committee of the Cleveland AFL-CIO will serve in an advisory capacity to the merged newspaper. The editorial and advertising staffs will be covered by a Newspaper Guild contract.

Reporter & Photographer Starting Minimums

137 Contracts, 177 Newspapers, April 15, 1958

N.Y. Times	\$93.80	Manitoba Chronicle	70.00	Chickadee & Ky Post & Times-Star	60.50
N.Y. News	89.60	San Mateo Times	70.00	Columbus Citizen	60.25
N.Y. Post	86.75	Shelbyville Press	69.50	Albany Times-Union	60.00
St. Louis Post-Dispatch	85.75	Portland Oregonian & Oregon Jnl.	69.00	Chatter Times	60.00
Chicago Wall St. Journal	85.00	Salem News	68.25	Denver Rocky Mountain News	60.00
N.Y. Herald Tribune	83.00	East St. Louis Journal	68.00	Lansing State Journal	60.00
N.Y. Journal American	83.00	Niagara Falls Gazette	68.00	Memphis Commercial Appeal & Press-Scimitar	60.00
N.Y. Mirror	83.00	Toronto Star	68.00	Portland (Me.) Press-Herald, Express & Telegram	60.00
N.Y. World-Telegram & Sun	83.00	Cleveland News	68.00	Public Star-Journal & Chronicle	60.00
St. Louis Globe-Democrat	83.00	Cleveland Plain Dealer	68.00	Washington Daily News	60.00
Philadelphia Daily News	82.50	Reno Gazette & Nevada State Jnl.	68.00	York Dispatch	59.50
Sacramento Bee	81.30	Washington Post & Times Herald	67.50	Portland Times	59.15
San Francisco Call-Bulletin, Chronicle, Examiner, News	80.00	Tonawanda News	67.00	Albany Katholischer News	59.15
Detroit Free Press	78.00	Waukegan News-Sun	67.00	Flintship Post-Gazette	58.75
Detroit Times	78.00	Hannover Times	66.75	Madison Erg. Independent	58.32
Stockton Record	78.00	Lynn Telegram-News	66.75	Palm Beach Post	58.00
Madison Capital Times	78.24	Gary Post-Tribune	65.50	Terre Haute Tribune & Star	58.00
Chicago Sun-Times	78.00	Denver Post	65.00	Houston Press	57.50
Toronto Telegram	76.00	Garden Grove News	65.00	Vancouver Sun & Province	56.75
Richmond (Calif.) Independent	76.00	Hollywood Citizen-News	65.00	Madison Plain Dealer & Standard-Sentinel	56.50
Santa Rosa Press-Democrat	76.00	Indianapolis Times	65.00	St. Paul City Jnl. & Jnl. Tribune	56.00
N.Y. Long Island Press	76.00	Pittsburgh Courier-News	64.00	Utah Chronicle	55.00
N.Y. Long Island Star-Journal	76.00	San Diego Union & Tribune	64.00	Wilson News Record & Times-Leader, News	55.75
Long Beach Independent & Press-Telegram	75.00	Honolulu Advertiser	64.00	Granville News & Record	55.50
Los Angeles Herald & Express	75.00	Bakersfield Californian	64.00	Richmond (Va.) News-Leader & Times	55.00
Poola Journal Star	75.00	Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph	64.00	Dispatch	55.00
Vallejo Times-Herald & News Chronicle	74.90	Huntington Park Signal	63.83	New Kensington Dispatch	54.50
Seattle Post-Intelligencer	73.74	Yonkers Vindicator	63.33	Newburgh News & Beacon News	54.25
Minneapolis Star & Tribune	73.50	Bay City Times	63.00	Scranton Times	54.16
Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, Times-Union	73.50	Chattanooga Times	63.00	Scranton Tribune & Scrantonian	54.16
Joliet Herald-News	73.25	Knoxville News-Sentinel	63.00	San Antonio Light	54.05
Tacoma News-Tribune & Ledger	72.50	Jersey City Jersey Journal	62.00	Utah Observer-Dispatch & Press	54.00
Rochester Morning Star & Register-Republic	72.25	Washington Star	62.00	Wilson News Record & Times-Leader	53.75
Kenosha News	72.00	Great Falls Tribune & Leader	62.00	New Brunswick Home News	53.00
Napa Register	72.00	Baldwin Sun & Exp. Sun	62.00	Worcester Call	53.00
Sacramento Union	72.00	Philadelphia Inquirer	62.00	Lynn Evening Item	52.00
San Jose Mercury & News	72.00	Toledo Blade & Times	62.00	Utah Chronicle	51.00
Buffalo Evening News	71.72	Eric Times & News	62.00	York Gazette & Daily	50.75
Klamath Daily Freeman	71.00	Indianapolis Star	62.00	Cambridge Times	50.25
Buffalo Courier-Express	70.75	Boston Herald & Traveler	61.50	Blackburn Post & News	50.00
St. Paul Dispatch & Pioneer Press	70.75	Elizabeth Daily Journal	61.50	Blackburn Post & News	49.25
Seattle Times	70.75	Manchester Union-Leader & Sun, News & Herald	61.50	Albany Call & Chronicle	49.00
San Pedro News-Tribune	70.50	St. Paul Dispatch	61.50	Scranton Times	48.25
Albany Beacon Journal	70.00	Chicago Daily News	61.00	Scranton Times	48.25
Chicago Daily News	70.00	South Creek Register & News	60.50	New Westminster British Columbia	41.33

Local Copy

A PAGE FOR OFFICERS AND STEWARDS

Earnings Up For Some Despite Business Slump

Newspapers which make up their annual financial statements generally fared better in 1958 than the typical dailies whose operations are studied each year by Editor & Publisher.

Southam Company, Ltd., which operates eight newspapers and two radio stations in Canada, netted \$3,427,950 last year against 1957 profits of \$2,669,108. The 1958 net was 9½ percent of operating income. Total revenue for the year was at a record high of \$35,730,733 and operating expenses were reduced by 2 percent.

Over a 10-year period net earnings of the company have improved nearly three-fold. Net profit per share has risen from \$1.70 in 1949 to \$4.57 in 1958.

The Boston Herald-Traveler Corp. had a 1958 net profit of \$1,173,755 or \$2.99 a share, compared with earnings of \$813,335 or \$2.16 a share in 1957.

Total net revenue of \$28,977,012 reflected gains in circulation, advertising, and broadcast income. Earnings from newspaper and radio operations, however, were somewhat lower than in 1957. The company's report attributed this decline primarily to the lower level of general business.

Saturday Editions Combined in Toledo

Toledo, Ohio—Starting this weekend, the Saturday issues of the Blade and Times, both owned by the Black Newspapers, will be combined into a single edition, published in the morning.

The move extends a practice now observed by the two dailies on the six major holidays of the year. The morning Times has a circulation of 38,295 (ABC October, 1958) while the evening Blade's figure is at 183,143. The Blade also has a Sunday morning edition.

Paul Block, Jr., heads the Toledo operation and William Block directs the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the other daily in the group. There are Guild contracts on all three papers.

Guild membership met in emergency session this week, after local officers failed to obtain details of the management plans.

Government Halts Efforts To Tax Strikers' Benefits

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Dana Latham has stopped the federal government's efforts to collect income taxes on strike benefits.

In a telegram to the 65 District Directors of Internal Revenue, the commissioner instructed them to take no further action to collect taxes on strike benefits pending a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in a test case.

The case before the Supreme Court involves Allen Kaiser, a Kohler Co. striker who received benefits from the United Auto

ness. Television operations for the first full year were gratifying, the report said.

New York Times net profit for 1958 dropped to \$1,285,359 from \$3,010,067 the previous year.

Only \$166,052 of last year's profits came from the newspaper operation, which the report said suffered revenue losses during the general business decline in the first half of the year and during a 17-day suspension caused by the delirious strike at the height of the Christmas shopping season. The bulk of the company's profits came from its 42-percent interest in the Spruce Falls Power and Paper Company, Limited, which supplies the Times with about two-thirds of its newsprint.

Publisher Arthur Hays Sulzberger estimated that the strike had cost the Times about \$1,500,000 before taxes. Strike insurance, however, reimbursed the paper \$282,001.

It was the 61st consecutive year that the Times reported a profit. Sulzberger predicted on the basis of first quarter business that 1959 will be a record advertising year for the paper.

The Chicago Daily News, which John S. Knight sold early this year to Field Enterprises, Inc., had net earnings of \$872,173 in 1958 against \$784,233 in 1957.

Combined income from advertising, circulation and building rentals was \$26,861,753 as compared with \$26,864,906 for the previous year. Operating expenses totaled \$25,106,318, a decline from the 1957 figure of \$25,408,889.

Hearst Consolidated Publications, Inc., holding company for many of the Hearst newspapers, reported a loss of \$2,710,378 for 1958 against a profit of \$19,327 for 1957.

Hearst Consolidated nevertheless declared a dividend equal to 4334 cents a share on a stock last December 2.

The Ottawa Journal posted a net profit of \$142,110 in 1958 as compared with earnings of \$132,000 in 1957. Advertising volume was equal to that in 1957 and paid circulation increased, the report to stockholders of the Journal Publishing Company said. Total revenue for 1958 was \$3,595,901.

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Workers. Following an Internal Revenue Service ruling in 1957 that he must pay taxes on all benefits received from the union, Kaiser paid but sued for a refund.

A jury verdict in his favor was reversed by the U.S. District Court at Milwaukee, which ruled that strike benefits are subject to income taxation. The U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago, however, decided late last year that the strike benefits are not taxable. The government promptly asked the Supreme Court to rule on the issue.

E&P Studies Reflect Dip As Costs Outpace Income

Newspaper operating expenses last year rose faster than revenues in all circulation groups of the annual cross-section study of the industry by Editor & Publisher.

Two other cost studies by E&P—of two actual dailies with circulations of 12,758 and 60,127—showed dollar profit declines as costs outgained income.

Despite the trend revealed in the E&P studies, several of the newspaper enterprises which make their annual statements public reported healthy increases in profits in the face of the general business recession (see story on this page).

In its cross-section study, E&P gathers percentage figures from a sampling of newspapers in these groups: 10,000 to 25,000 circulation, 25,000 to 50,000 circulation, 50,000 to 100,000 circulation, and over 100,000 circulation.

In addition, a composite daily is arrived at by projecting percentages for all papers in all groups.

Local advertising revenue in 1958 climbed slightly in each group, helping to offset sharp declines in income from national advertising. Circulation revenue also showed substantial gains.

Total revenue from all sources was up .63 percent on the composite daily but costs rose 2.09 percent.

The number of newspapers in each group and their actual dollar figures for costs and revenues are not reported in the study.

Forty percent of the papers surveyed reported losses in total income ranging from 2 percent to 10.9 percent. Revenue increases for the remaining 60 percent ranged up to 13 percent.

One-sixth of the papers were able to cut expenses by as much as 10 percent. Cost increases on other papers ranged up to 12 percent.

The small-city daily whose operations are reviewed each year by E&P reported a drop in net profits of \$15,819.84, or about 26 percent, below the 1957 figure.

The 1958 net of \$43,973.82 represented 6.77 percent of total

revenue of \$649,385.61. Operating profit (before taxes) was \$79,752.08, or 12.32 percent of operating income.

The report showed a decline in all categories of advertising and a drop in total revenue of 2.09 percent. Against this, costs rose 3.49 percent, to \$569,633.53.

Over the previous five year period, net profits had risen 44.51 percent.

The 50,000-circulation daily reported its lowest net since 1945, the year E&P began studying its operations.

Profit after taxes for the paper amounted to \$94,918, a decline of 24.48 percent from the 1957 net of \$125,684.

Total revenue for the paper was the highest in its history, \$2,880,927 or 1.77 percent above the 1957 total. But operating expenses also reached a record level, \$2,696,709 or 4.45 percent above the previous year.

Profit before taxes of \$196,918 represented 6.83 percent of total revenue, and the net profit amounted to 3.29 percent of business.

Acute Illness Rate Drops As Age Rises, U.S. Finds

People tend to have fewer acute illnesses as they get older, the U.S. Public Health Service has found in a nationwide survey.

The survey counted about 438 million acute conditions requiring medical care or restriction of activity in the year July 1957 through June 1958.

The average was 2.6 conditions per person. The incidence rate was slightly higher among females—2.7—than among males—2.5.

The youngest age group had the highest incidence of acute conditions and the rate decreased progressively in each older group, ranging from 4.0 conditions per child under 5 to 1.6 conditions per person 65 years or older.

But in the 65 or over age group, acute conditions caused the loss of 9.82 workdays per person for the year. This was nearly matched by the loss of 9.60 workdays per person in the

17-24 age group. Work-loss days associated with acute conditions averaged 5.15 per person in 25-44 age group and 5.45 in the 45-64 age group.

Respiratory ailments accounted for about 65 percent of all conditions requiring medical attention or restriction of activity. But the Public Health Service notes that the Asian flu epidemic occurred last year and that respiratory conditions probably do not typically represent such a high proportion of acute conditions.

The incidence rates for females were higher than those for males in all condition groups except injuries, in which the reverse was true.

Copies of the study—U.S. National Health Survey, Series B-6, Acute Conditions—may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., for 35 cents each.



Stewards' Council: The Victoria Guild, ANG's newest Canadian affiliate, has set up a system of shop stewards for membership contact and contract enforcement. Seated, from left, are Sylvia Jones, council secretary; Elsie Robertson, Enid Van Buren and Lynda Murphy. Standing are Jim Ryan, Les Larsen, John Milka, Pat McLoughlin, Gordon McKay and Jack Wellburn, chairman.

Detroit Ball Draws Record Attendance

Detroit, Mich.—The twelfth annual Page One Ball attracted an attendance of more than 500, with Gov. G. Mennen Williams heading the guest list, for a most successful Guild event.

Presentation of the awards for outstanding work by Detroit Guild members was by the Governor. Interest was added by the use of photographic slides, projected on a large screen, picturing each winner and a copy of his photographic or news entry. Judging of the entries was by Guild units in Cleveland, Toledo, Buffalo, Toronto and Chicago. Six plaques went to Free Press staffers and five to Times employees.

A new category, for excellence in any phase of newspaper work, resulted in two winners. They were Jean Whitehead, society editor of the Times, and Willard Gignac, of the Free Press advertising staff. Honorable mention went to Thomas Kleene and Jerry Kabel, of the Times editorial staff, and to Beverly Busch, of the Free Press women's department.

Other categories and winners: **Public Service**—Warren Stromberg, Free Press. Special award to the Times for conducting a fund for relief of ship disaster victims. Honorable mention to

Ken McCormick and John Griffith, Free Press; and John Creecy and Ed Batchelor, Times.

Sports Photography—Roy Bash, Times. Honorable mention to Tony Spina, Free Press, and Ed Nold, Times.

Feature Photography—Dick Heyza, Times. Honorable mention to Heyza and to Howard Shirkey, Times.

News Photography—Ed Keran, Times. Honorable mention to R. K. Arnold, Times, and to Burt Emanuele, Free Press.

Art and Cartoons—Jon Buchel, Free Press. Honorable mention to Harry Packman, Times, and Charles Thurston, Free Press.

Feature Writing—Jean Sharley, Free Press. Honorable mention to Bernard Mullins, Frances D'Hondt and Elmer Williams, all of the Times.

Best Coverage, Breaking News Story—Free Press team for the story of the Bradley ship disaster in Lake Michigan last November. Honorable mention to Times team covering UAW negotiations, and to Free Press team covering the death of four children in a railroad salt car.

Individual reporting—Jean Pearson, Free Press. Honorable mention to Jerry Kabel, Ed Breslin and Ed Batchelor, all of the Times.



Craft-Skills Seminar: The Memphis Guild's Press-Seminar unit is conducting a journalism clinic for old and new staff members. Shown at the fourth bi-monthly session are, from the left: Local President Elton Whisenhut, James H. White, P-S Managing Editor J. Z. Howard, Paul Vanderwood, Roy Hamilton, William M. Leaptrott, Clark Porteous, Alfred C. Andersson, Joe Guess, and Orville Hancock. Guess is unit chairman, Andersson and Porteous head the seminar committee.

—Photo by Ken Ross, Memphis Guild

GUILD 'OUR SALVATION'

40th Year For Blind Reporter

Gary, Ind.—On March 19, Guildsman Allen T. Naive wrote his share of the news that appeared in the Gary Post-Tribune.

It was about the 12,700th time the paper had gone to press since the first time, 40 years before on March 19, 1919. Naive started work as a reporter for it.

And though Naive has written for The Post-Tribune for these 40 years, covering every "beat,"

he has never read a copy of the paper.

He cannot see.

A charter member of the Gary Guild, Naive has served continuously on the standing committee of the local since its inception.

Naive recalls that Gary organized one of the first newspaperman's locals in 1933, during the early stirrings of the Guild movement. That one folded, as did another in 1938. It was not until 1942 that the present body came into existence.

Naive is strong in his beliefs in the Guild.

"Having worked for this newspaper both before and after the Guild came into being, I am thoroughly convinced that newspapermen owe their rapid improvements in living standards solely to the Guild. It has been their salvation."

His fellow Guildsmen at Gary in 1952 honored Naive with a "Mr. Page One Ball" award because of his service.

Accompanied by his Braille notebook, Naive has sat in on City Council meetings, interviewed celebrities, covered City Court proceedings and written all manner of stories that make their way into a newsroom.

He takes notes in Braille, a little faster than most reporters write in longhand, and then transcribes them on his typewriter.

His 40th anniversary didn't pass without notice. At noon Mayor George Chacharis, who has been a friend for 36 years, called at the Post-Tribune and took the reporter to lunch. With the mayor were a group of civic leaders, including Thomas Hunter, general superintendent of Gary Steel Works.

At the luncheon Chacharis presented Naive with a wrist watch, inscribed "To Allen Naive—for 40 years of fine perception—From Mayor George Chacharis."

Naive has been unable to see since shortly after birth. He attended Kentucky School for the Blind and then came to Gary to visit a sister.

That first trip was followed by a second and then a third, the last leading to a try-out for the newspaper job which became his full-time life work.

Naive started working for this paper when it was the Gary Post. He remained on after it became "The Post-Tribune."

Only three people associated with the Post-Tribune have more seniority than Naive. They are

H. B. Snyder, editor and publisher; Mrs. Beatrice Clarke in the business office, and Mrs. Clara McCullough of the composing room.

Naive's memory for facts and voices impresses his co-workers. His mind retains a wide array of telephone numbers, and he has a mental cardfile of background on countless happenings in the Calumet Region.

One of his great interests is politics. He is a staunch Democrat, a little impatient with those who are not. In 1932 he decided not to accept when his party offered him the nomination for Lake County clerk.

"This was a Republican county then," Naive said, "and I just didn't have the money to run for an office we couldn't win."

That was the year every Democrat was swept into office in Lake County.

Naive is an avid sports fan. He follows his favorites, the White Sox, and the University of Kentucky's football and basketball teams. Every winter, when Kentucky's basketball team makes an appearance in Chicago, Naive is on the sidelines rooting for the "hometown team."

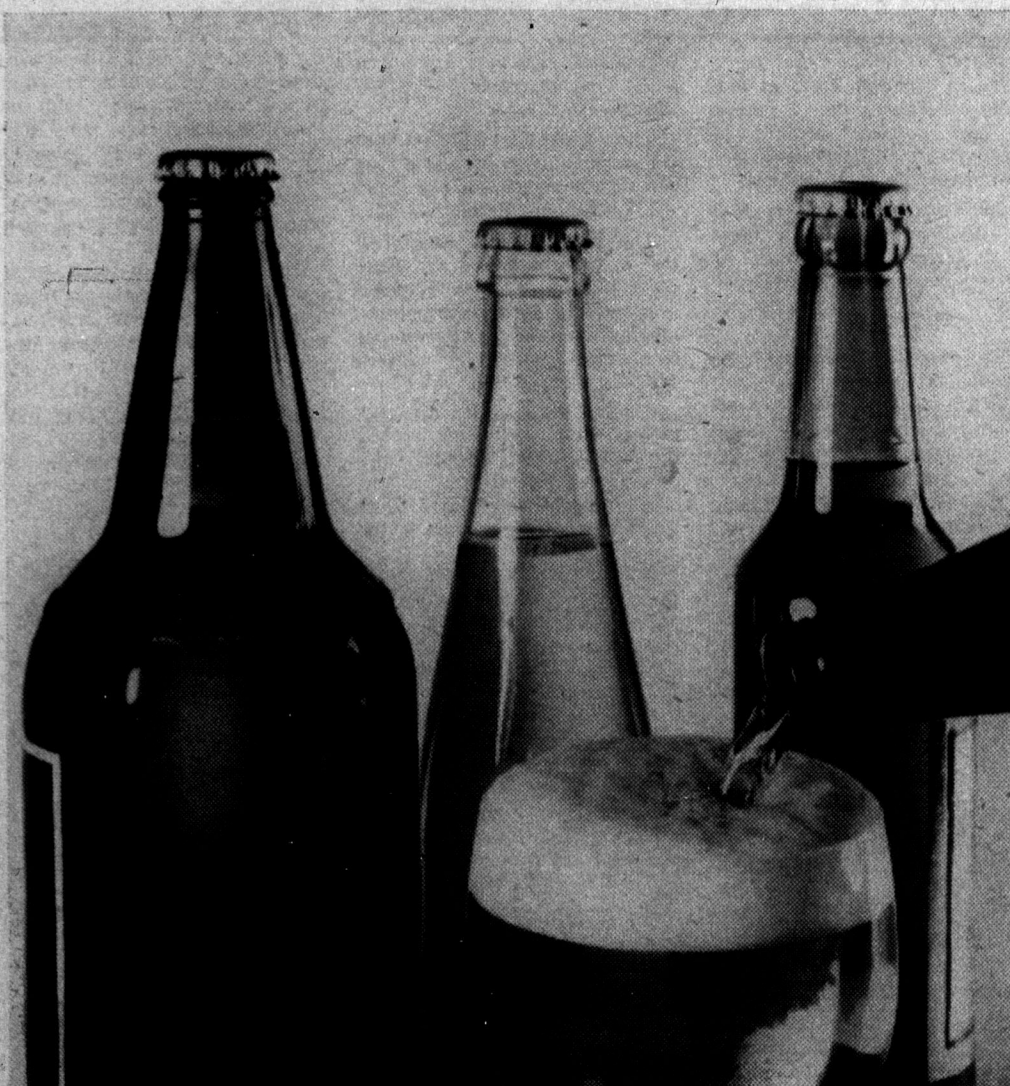
He plays a shrewd game of poker with a patently marked deck—marked in Braille. And collects phonograph records. His taste here runs to the classics, chiefly opera.

Someday he's going to retire, Naive says, and go back to the land of the racehorse and mint julep. But in the meantime, he's going to go ahead for a while covering his beat as he has done for the past 40 years.



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