

# \$25,000 In Benefits Approved For Portland

## Strikers' Aid Covers Final Three Months

ANG's International Executive Board has authorized the payment of \$25,000 to the Portland, Ore., Guild strikers to cover the final three months of strike benefits.

The Board concluded that the Portland Guild and the majority of strikers are determined "to concentrate their efforts on the establishment of the Portland Reporter as a permanent commercial daily paper, which, while it cannot be expected to win the strike, may provide jobs for an undetermined number of strikers."

As the Board was considering this action, it learned of these developments earlier in the week in Portland:

► The resignation of Portland Guild president Robert Shults and other officers.

► Postponement of the target date for conversion of the strike paper, the Portland Reporter, into a commercial daily, until some time in November.

► A ruling by a National Labor Relations Board trial examiner that the Stereotypers union had committed unfair practices in striking the Oregonian and the Journal. Counsel for the union, however, indicated an appeal will be made to the full Board.

In announcing its contribution of \$25,000 in strike benefits, the Board directed ANG to have the option of taking their benefits in a lump sum or on a weekly basis. The Board directed ANG to set up special services to assist any Portland strikers who may wish to use their benefits to relocate elsewhere and called on Guild locals to provide ANG with the list of job openings in their communities.

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Shults resigned the presidency of the Portland Guild to take full-time work in public relations. First Vice President Allan Delay had previously left because of the

## Drive Launched For Legislation To Curb Scabs

The Guild and other unions in the graphic arts launched a continent-wide campaign this week for federal, state and provincial legislation to curb the use of professional strike-breakers.

The drive was announced at a press conference, October 27, by the Legislative Subcommittee of the Presidents' Committee of Allied Printing and Related Trades. Subcommittee members are Elmer Brown, president of the International Typographical Union, chairman; Anthony J. DeAndrade, president of the International

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# NY Shutdown Imminent, Board OKs Defense Levy



**Taking a Stand:** Kennedy supporters all, ANG's top officers visit the headquarters of Labor's Committee for Kennedy and Johnson following the addition of President Arthur Rosenstock to the committee. Discussing the campaign with George M. Harrison, president of the Railway Clerks and chairman of the committee (seated), are, from the left, Executive Vice President William J. Farson, President Rosenstock and Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perluk Jr. Vice President Frances D'Hondt is a member of the women's branch of the committee.

## Working Group Set Up To Prepare Unity Plan

San Francisco, Calif.—A working committee to draft a blueprint for the consolidation of unions in the graphic arts is being set up following a meeting here of the Board of Governors of the Allied Printing Trades Association.

ANG Executive Vice President William J. Farson, who met with leaders of the craft unions during the Board of Governors session, said the drafting committee will consist of two representatives of each international.

Farson said he had designated Director of Organization J. William Blatz and Director of Research & Information Ellis T. Baker to represent the Guild.

He noted that the working body must first isolate the problems standing in the way of labor unity in the industry and then attempt to find solutions.

Farson said the delegates from each international probably will draft separate plans embodying their own ideas for consolidation. These would be exchanged among committee members and would form the basis for discussion which eventually, it is hoped, will

lead to a master plan acceptable to all unions.

Farson announced at the 1960 ANG convention that he would propose such a working group.

Represented on the committee, in addition to the Guild, will be the Typographical Union, the Pressmen, the Photo Engravers, the Stereotypers, the Bookbinders and the Papermakers and Paperworkers.

## J. Alsop Chides Press In Shop Talk

Twin Cities, Minn.—A good pair of feet, a head of some sort, the ability to write, and "a strong sense of loyalty to the facts" are basic equipment for political reporters, Columnist Joseph W. Alsop observed in the 14th annual Newspaper Guild Memorial Lecture here.

Unfortunately, not all political reporters are true to the facts, he indicated.

"There are some people in my business who have made substantial fortunes out of their lost reputations."

A monthly assessment effective with the start of an imminent strike in New York has been authorized by the International Executive Board.

A board resolution approving the assessment pledged the "full backing" of ANG to the New York local in its negotiations with the city's seven major dailies.

"No Guild member anywhere can overlook the impact of the situation on his own personal affairs," the Board declared. "The role New York settlements play in subsequent contract gains elsewhere has become historic. Thus it behooves all members to stand staunchly behind New York Guildsmen in their struggle."

Federal mediators entered the bargaining this week as the papers threatened a city-wide news blackout.

The Guild assented to a request from New York Times management that the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service be asked to intervene in the talks, although Anthony Stella, chief spokesman for the local in the Times negotiations, expressed the belief that mediators would not be needed if the Times would bargain in good faith.

In more than two months of bargaining the Times and the other six dailies have offered no improvements in their contracts with the Guild. Instead, they have demanded cutbacks in such protections as job security and the Guild shop.

All seven Guild units have voted to uphold the local's policy of "no contract, no work," and to strike if satisfactory renewal settlements are not achieved by the time current contracts run out—midnight, October 31.

The total vote was 3,359 in favor of striking, 46 against, and one abstention. Three units voted

unanimously in favor of a walk-out.

Although mediation has been requested so far only by the Times, other managements may follow suit. The Guild conducts separate negotiations with the seven dailies, but the publishers are united in a solid front, reflected in a nearly unanimous attack on several areas of the Guild agreements, particularly job and union security.

Times and Daily News managements already have announced that if the Guild strikes any of the other dailies and members of any craft union refuse to cross the picket line, they will suspend publication even though they are not directly affected.

The other papers involved are the Herald-Tribune, the Mirror, the Journal-American, the Post, and the World-Telegram & Sun. None has disassociated itself from a similar threat of massive retaliation made by the New York City Publishers' Association two years ago during Guild negotiations. When the independent

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## Up We Go

A new all-time peak in total ANG dues-paying membership—31,609—was reached as of September 1.

This represents a gain of 83 members over the previous all-time high achieved as of August 1. It is an increase of 374 members over July 1 and 250 over June 1, and 592 members over the September 1, 1959 total.

Membership has climbed steadily in the last five months, reaching new highs each month since May except July. The September figure was more than 300 above the May figure.

from more than 25 years of experience in the trade.

"The feet are just about as important as the head," he said. "Your chance of discovering something significant is ten times as great if you talk to ten politicians and experts than if you talk to only one. Indeed, I would say that it would be 100 times as great, because each conversation gives you a kind of cross-bearing on the next."

But the head, too, is important, "preferably a head with some historical equipment. I don't see how it's possible to be a political re-

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## New Brunswick Settles, Strike Bid Prods Gains

**New Brunswick, N. J.**—In a settlement achieved after a strike vote, salary minimums were upped \$2 to \$5 this year, \$1.50 to \$4 next, at the New Brunswick Home News. Reporters' top minimums go to \$118.50 this year, \$122.50 next. Editors move to \$123.50 this year and to \$127.50 next.

The contract provides for general increases of \$2 to \$4 the first year, \$1.50 to \$3 the second.

Improvements include a five-day, 37½ hour week in the second year, an increase of one week to a 26-week ceiling in severance pay, an increase in the mileage rate to 10 cents for the first 200 miles instead of 10 cents for the first 100 and eight cents thereafter, gains in the maternity leave, pension plan, job security and transfers and promotions clauses.

Charles Gruenberg, of the New York Guild staff, assisted the North Jersey local in negotiations.

### Committee Actions Upheld by Board

The IEB upheld the actions of its Contracts Committee in withholding approval of three initial contracts and 11 renewals.

The initial contracts are those with the Perth Amboy, N. J., Evening News, the Toronto, Ont., Globe & Mail (adv. dept.), and the Victoria, B. C., Colonist & Times.

The renewal contracts involved are with the Albany, N. Y., Times-Union, the Slovene National Benefit Society (Chicago), the Indianapolis, Ind., Times, the Day-Jewish Journal (New York City), the Pawtucket, R. I., Times, the Portland, Me., Press-Herald, Express & Telegram, the St. Louis

### CONTRACTS

**Globe-Democrat, Station KMOX (St. Louis), L'Italia (San Francisco), the Toronto Racing Form, and the Bureau of National Affairs (Washington).**

### Boston Hearst Paper Agrees to Pensions

**Boston, Mass.**—A pension of \$75 a month, obtainable at age 65 with 10 years of service, has been negotiated by the Boston Guild with Hearst's Record-American.

The plan contains a provision, also, for retirement at age 60, with 15 years service.

### 3 Percent Pay Hike At B.C. Directories

**Vancouver, B.C.**—A new contract between the B.C. Directories, Ltd., and the Vancouver Newspaper Guild provides a general increase of 3 percent in the first year, a reopening on wages in the second.

Other improvements affect jurisdiction, job security, severance pay, pensions, hours, holidays, sick leave, leaves of absence, jury duty and vacations.

The new agreement provides—in its second year—a third week of vacation after three years. Previously, it was three weeks after five years.

## New York's Victor Leo Dies; IEB Mourns Former Member

The International Executive Board adjourned its fall meeting in memory of Victor Leo of New York, a former IEB member, who died on October 25.

The Board paid tribute to Leo, a veteran member of the New York Guild, for contributing much to the success of both the ANG and his local.

"His tireless efforts and unselfish devotion to the principles of the Guild will be long remembered," said the motion offered by Vice President Harvey Wing of San Francisco-Oakland.

Leo was vice president of the ANG representing Region 5 (New

York City) for two terms, from 1949 to 1953. He had been a vice president of the New York Guild since January 1948 when the Committee for Guild Unity, political arm of the present New York Guild administration, succeeded in ousting the previous administration.

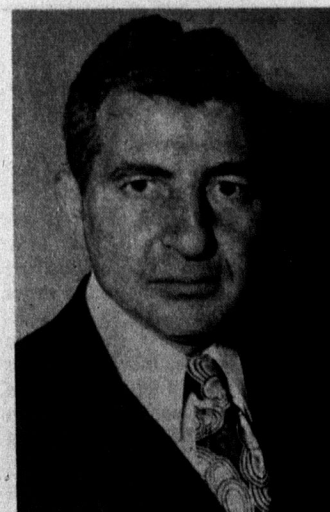
Leo had been active in the local virtually from its beginning. He had been a member of the local executive committee even before his election as a vice president and had been chairman of the Journal-American Unit for several terms.

Despite his long illness with cancer, he was to have been nominated for another term as vice president of the New York Guild at a meeting of the local representative assembly scheduled for October 26, the day after his death.

### Lima

**Lima, Ohio**—New officers of the Lima Guild were given the oath of office at the local's first fall meeting by Jesse Miller, president of the Lima Typographical Union.

The new Guild officers are Lee Cary, president; Ronald Selvagio, chief steward; Mrs. Ruby Fryinger, secretary; Miss Nancy Frueh, treasurer, and Ted English, corresponding secretary. A runoff election has been scheduled for the post of vice president.



VICTOR LEO  
Former Vice President

## Times' Europe Edition Out On Same Morning

European readers of the New York Times are now receiving their copies almost simultaneously with readers in the United States. The international edition of the Times, now printed in Paris, contains most of the news found in the U.S. domestic edition, and is air-delivered to the chief European cities six days a week. Tape, through radio and cable circuits, is utilized to send the news to the Paris office from New York.

Prior to this innovation, mats had been delivered to Amsterdam—then the city of publication—by plane from New York.

Theodore M. Bernstein, assistant managing editor, is in charge of the new Paris operation. Robert Garst is New York news editor for the international edition, with Lee Kanner as assistant.

Duplicates of stories for the domestic edition go to Garst and Kanner who decide how much of them they want to use and turn them over to three international edition copy desk editors for any desired trimming.

Save for some local New York

area stories, which run inside, the overseas edition virtually duplicates the domestic city edition. The front page is duplicated in New York and layout instructions are sent to Paris with stories and heads numbered to correspond.

Eight operators put the copy on tape perforators. In Paris, the perforated tape is fed into line-casting machines.

Bernstein and his Paris staff take care of inside makeup. The position of all advertising is decided in the European office. Because there is no Sunday publication of the international edition, material from the domestic Sunday Times appears throughout the week in the European edition. Four pages of each Monday edition contain "News in Review."

### Newburgh-Beacon

**Newburgh, N. Y.**—President John L. Gregory of the Newburgh-Beacon Guild has been elected without opposition. Other officers, also unopposed, are Jack Devine, vice president, and Albert S. Herth, secretary-treasurer.



**NY Scholar:** First winner of the Newspaper Guild of New York's \$1,000 annual scholarship at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism is Miss Rona Bernstein of Hillside, N.J. A graduate of Rutgers University in 1960, Miss Bernstein majored in English, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year, edited her college paper and yearbook and worked intermittently over the past four years at the Newark Evening News.



**Troublemaker** He never speaks up on issues. He never sounds off in the letter column of his local newspaper. He never writes his Congressman. He is quiet as a clam. And in his wish to offend nobody, he offends Democracy. How could Democracy succeed...if all of us, like this one, withheld our opinions, our ideas, our criticisms? Voting on election day is only part of a citizen's duty. Active, day-by-day participation in government, in society, in business associations, is a responsibility for each and every one of us. The silent trouble-maker fails to understand this. In his worship of "law and order," he never dares to question an oppressive law, never distinguishes "order" from stagnation. He is the apostle of social decay, not Democracy.

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## \$25,000 Aid Given Portland Guild, Locals Urged To Add Contributions

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pressure of free-lance work, and Second Vice President Joe Rigert also resigned on the ground that a full-time job prevented him from serving the local adequately.

Elections to fill the vacancies, and to name 1961 local officers, will be held on November 10.

The Portland Reporter announced in its Thursday edition this week that it had missed the November 1 target date it had set for daily publication as a commercial enterprise. As a strike paper, the Reporter now is published twice a week in a job shop.

J. Lynn Wykoff, secretary-treasurer of the Portland Guild local, said remodeling of the warehouse for the Daily Reporter did not meet the approval of the fire marshal and some of it must be redone. Also, Wykoff reported, final approval has not yet been received from the Securities Exchange Commission for the public sale of stock in the Reporter corporation.

He said conversion to a daily will occur under present plans "some time in November." He said the Reporter staff hopes to be printing the twice-weekly strike paper from its own presses in about 10 days. The presses, now being readied for subsequent daily operation, were brought in from Miami by the Typographical Union.

The IEB said it was making the \$25,000 payment of strike benefits to the Portland Guildsmen because it had become evident that the Chicago convention's enlarged strike program calling for intensified picket lines and boycott activities "cannot now be undertaken successfully in Portland."

This, the Board said, also is the conviction of the Presidents' Committee of Allied Printing & Related Trades.

Specifically, the Guild's Chicago convention called for intensified picketing to discourage strikebreakers and close the struck plants, stepped up campaigns to cut the advertising and circulation of the Oregonian and the Journal, continuation of the strike paper as a strike weapon, additional aid and manpower as needed by the strike director, and

a renewed appeal to the labor movement for aid to carry out strike activity.

"Whatever the course of events in Portland," said the Board in its formal statement, "the paramount interest of the American Newspaper Guild continues to be the future welfare of our Portland Guildsmen. We must insure that they receive the full measure of our support consistent with the decisions of the Chicago convention and convention policy governing payment of benefits and other expenditures of the International Defense Fund.

"Accordingly, the IEB has decided to make a final lump sum payment to the Portland Guild of \$25,000.

"This is to be used to furnish the strikers continued benefits at the present ANG schedule, and in accordance with its regular schedule, for three months after November 1. At the option of the individual, the benefits may be received in lump sums or on a weekly basis. Eligible will be those members on the ANG benefit roll as of October 27.

"The IEB directs that no ANG funds be distributed for further strike activity.

"We know that local Guilds, and Guild members everywhere, are as anxious as we are to help their Portland brothers in their time of decision. We suggest that one way they can do this is to consider further contributions to the Portland local consistent with this decision of the IEB.

"These are the circumstances which require new decisions and which make new demands upon us. We must find a way to insure this full measure of support to our Portland brothers without exposing them to the prospect of the abrupt loss of ANG benefits as required when they take new employment or otherwise lose their status as strikers.

"We must plan today so that they can plan their tomorrow.

"We suggest that all Guild locals provide ANG with a list of jobs available in their communities, and we direct ANG to establish special services to assist those of our Portland members who may seek to relocate elsewhere.

"There may be those who will argue that our actions go beyond the will of the Chicago convention. To them we say: if we must err we prefer to err by doing too much, not too little, when it is within our power to avoid unnecessary further hardship on our members; members who left their jobs eleven months ago, not in pursuit of personal gain, but courageously and unselfishly in support of a sister union.

Vice President Harvey Wing of San Francisco was recorded as voting against the action of the Board. Earlier in the discussion of the Portland strike, he had expressed the belief that further efforts should be made to intensify strike and boycott activities against the Oregonian and Journal.

The \$25,000 contribution to the Portland Guild was recommended to the IEB by Executive Vice President William J. Farson and Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr.

In their original recommendation, Farson and Perlik proposed that the \$25,000 be given the Portland Guild unconditionally, so

that the local might use the money for continued benefits, lump-sum relocation payments or "in any way, or combination of ways, which, in its judgment, best serve the interest and well-being of its members."

Farson and Perlik also proposed that the IEB suggest that Guild locals and Guild members consider purchasing shares of stock in the Portland Reporter, "not as an investment, but as their contribution to the Portland strike."

The IEB, however, restricted expenditure of the \$25,000 to benefit payments and suggested further local contributions to the Portland Guild without mention of the Portland Reporter as the best way to assure maximum benefit to individual Guild members.

Details of other developments:

► Counsel for the Portland Stereotypers Union indicated the local will appeal a ruling by a National Labor Relations Board trial examiner that it had engaged in unfair labor practices in striking the two newspapers. The examiner held that the local's demands for "contract provisions giving them control over the manning of machines and the hiring of substitute employees, when coupled with compulsory union membership for foremen and the incorporation into the contract of the constitution and bylaws" amounted to "an elaborate closed shop hiring system."

► Police still were without substantial leads in their search for the person who fired a shotgun through a basement window, injuring Oregonian Executive Donald Newhouse in the hip and thigh.

Although investigators questioned a number of strikers, they agreed there is no more reason to suspect a striker than a strikebreaker. Detectives said they have reports of antagonism among strikebreakers now working at the Oregonian caused by Newhouse's firm disciplinary policies. There also was reason to believe the shooting could be entirely unconnected with the strike. A local attorney who has been associated with Newhouse in another venture revealed that he had recently received a telephoned threat.

Newhouse, vice president and secretary of the Oregonian, is a cousin of S. I. Newhouse, owner of the chain which includes the Portland paper.

► The Portland Inter-Union Strike Committee announced plans to resume next week its spot radio and television announcements urging Portland area residents to cancel subscriptions to the Oregonian and the Journal.

► Circuit Judge Arno H. Denekke threw out a suit brought by six Journal employees idled by the "strike against trustees and executives of the Journal Publishing Co. and the Jackson trust, set up by the late Maria C. Jackson, widow of the paper's founder. The suit contended that the trustees and executives are administering the trust contrary to the will of Mrs. Jackson, opening the way for "outside interests" to take control of the paper. Judge Denekke said that while the plaintiffs may benefit from certain provisions of the trust, they do not have the necessary legal capacity or sufficient interest to bring the suit.



**Scholarship Aid:** Susan Clark of Seattle, journalism senior at the University of Washington, accepts Martin Memorial Scholarship, honoring the late executive secretary of the local. Local President Hugh Harrison, now on leave to lecture in news writing and editing at the University, presents the scholarship award, which covers a year's tuition and fees.

## N.Y. Set For Shutdown, ANG Assessment Voted

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Deliverers' Union did strike, in December 1958, all seven papers suspended publication for nearly three weeks after four printers at the Daily News refused to cross the Deliverers' picket line.

The Times this week also called on the Guild to extend its strike deadline to December 7, when city-wide contracts between the craft unions and the Publishers' Association will expire.

The New York Guild, however, fully rejected the request and reaffirmed the local's policy of "no satisfactory contract, no work."

Local Executive Vice President Thomas J. Murphy and Secretary-Treasurer M. Michael Potoker, have accused the newspaper managements of following a policy of "brinkmanship"—that is, refusing to do any real negotiating until the eve of a threatened strike, then throwing a money package "and a few crumbs" on the table to achieve a last-minute settlement.

The local, which now has top

minimums for key classifications ranging from \$155.25 to \$160.85, is seeking a \$200 top minimum for these jobs, \$250 for certain higher classifications, and at least \$100 for all adult employees. It seeks a general increase of 10 percent, plus 2 percent of salary to improve pension plans, and improvements in job and union security, overtime, night differentials, vacations and holidays.

Preparations for a walkout already are being made by the local, including the appointment by President Leeds Moberley of a committee to plan a strike newspaper. Ralph Jules Frantz of the Herald Tribune unit was named chairman of the committee, which has worked out plans for a 32-page tabloid with a target daily circulation at the start of about 500,000. In the event of a strike, and the threatened city-wide shutdown, the first issue of the strike daily is expected to hit the streets within a few days, in plenty of time to fill the news vacuum before election day.



**No Contract, No Work:** ANG Vice President James B. Egan addresses the Guild unit at the New York World-Telegram & Sun shortly before the members

voted 301 to 2 to authorize a strike if a satisfactory settlement is not reached before the expiration of its contract at midnight, October 31. Egan is a member of the unit.





**Closeup:** ANG President Rosenstock, left center, and Secretary-Treasurer Perlik, right center, examine frames of a film on new printing processes shown to Guild IEB and staff members. Speakers were Carl Smith, left, director of the International Typographical Union's training center, and Alex Rohan, right, vice president of the International Printing Pressmen & Assistants' Union.

## Defense Fund Rises, General Account Off

ANG's defense fund was at its highest point in history on September 30, 1960, with assets of \$391,265.87, the finance committee reported to the International Executive Board at this week's session.

First quarter operations, of the general fund, on the other hand, resulted in a deficit of \$329.67, reducing the fiscal year's opening surplus to \$8,721.04.

Although income exceeded expenditures for the first two months of the second fiscal quarter—August and September—according to unaudited figures presented to the board, members were told that the usual quarterly charges in the third month would probably produce, when made, a quarterly deficit.

Operations for the first quarter had been predicated on a budget of \$124,754.50. Actual expenditures totaled \$116,657.72. Income for the quarter was \$116,328.05.

The convention in late June and early July estimated average per capita payments from members and agency fees at 29.500. These averaged 29.997 in the first quarter and for August-September, 28.720.

Committee recommendations setting the second quarter budget at \$118,514 and that for the third quarter at \$118,750.50 were adopted.

The defense fund as of September 30 had \$66,317.92 in checking accounts, \$289,539.01 in savings accounts, and \$1,000 in a Canadian Labor Congress bond.

Other assets included \$34,048.94 due from the general fund, Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., reported.

ANG is concluding its overall bonding coverage program required by the Labor-Management Relations Act of 1959, the board was told. Replacing two previous bonds—one covering ANG officers and staff, the other which locals could use to satisfy constitutional bonding requirements—the ANG has undertaken one master bond which will cover both ANG and locals, the latter upon application and payment of their proportionate share of the cost.

The IEB was informed that "those locals which must satisfy Landrum-Griffin bonding requirements can do so less expensively under the ANG program than they could by proceeding independently."

The IEB approved weekly pension contributions of \$4 each, effective May 1, 1960 for the executive vice president, secretary-treasurer, director of organization and director of research and information, to be increased by \$1 on May 1, 1961.

Contributions authorized were: \$2,000 to the AFL-CIO Special Registration Fund at 5¢ per member with the balance to go the COPE educational fund, \$75 to the United Givers Fund of Washington, D. C., \$25 each to the National Child Labor Committee and the Workers' Defense League, \$35 to the National Civil Liberties Clearing House and \$100 to the Fair Campaign Practices Committee.

Later, in a question period, Alsop was asked to give his own preference in the presidential race. A registered Republican, he made no comment on Senator Kennedy, but said Vice President Nixon's campaign "rather shocked" him.

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## Alsop Discusses 'His Trade' In Twin Cities Guild Speech

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porter on a major scale without being able to situate events in history...

"It's also necessary, he said to be able to write grammatical English 'if you're going to be a political reporter and not a sociologist.'"

The need for adherence to the facts, Alsop observed, poses "a genuinely moral problem."

"No one is absolutely neutral; certainly no political reporter known to me in my lifetime has ever been absolutely neutral. You inevitably develop, in every election that you cover, either an intense sense of repulsion or some mild attachment for one candidate or another. It's only human to do so and there's no use telling political reporters that they oughtn't to do this, that they ought to be a eunuch. Nobody really wants to be a eunuch."

"The question is if political reporters have these feelings and attachments, how do they deal with them? The answer, it seems to me, is quite simple. And it's an answer dictated or imposed on any political reporter who has much care for his own reputation by the practical nature of his situation. The answer is that whatever his preference in an election or in any given political situation may be, he must, above all, be loyal to the facts."

"He must report the facts according to their importance and significance."

"He mustn't shove under the rug facts that may be displeasing to the guy he likes or facts that may be helpful to the guy he finds repellant."

"If he doesn't do this, he will in the long run, lose his reputation as a serious and reliable political reporter."

"There are some people in my business who have made a substantial fortune out of their lost reputations. They are known to be so reliably and passionately partisan that people on their side will always be able to hear from them exactly what they want to hear and only what they want to hear. This seems to be a rather boring, though sometimes profitable branch of the trade. It certainly is not a branch of the trade which is held in great respect in the trade itself. The principal check on partisanship in a political reporter, then, is a practical one. If he becomes disloyal to the facts persistently and in a conspicuous manner, he will lose his reputation."

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"The proceedings are paper-bound, with 168 pages of text and tabular matter covering the five days of convention sessions last June 27-July 1. A copy goes to each registered delegate, plus copies to local officers."

Members of the Presidents' Committee include Brown, Farson, DeAndrade, Sampson and Wilfrid T. Connell, president of the Photo Engravers Union of North America, Paul L. Phillips, president of the United Papermakers and Paperworkers, and Joseph Denny, president of the Bookbinders. Connell is committee chairman.

Alsop's remarks were part of a series of speeches by prominent writers and editors at the 27th ANG convention at Chicago, and the 1960 manual containing the Guild constitution as amended by the convention, are off the presses and being distributed to locals.

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## Guild, Craft Unions Open Drive To Curb Professional Scabs

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Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union, and William J. Farson, ANG executive vice president.

The Presidents' Committee is a coordinating committee of leaders of the printing trades and the Guild, formed originally to prosecute the strike against the Portland and Oregonian and Oregon Journal.

The Presidents' Committee has approved a model state bill "designed to stop the importation and procurement of professional strikebreakers," the legislative subcommittee members said in a joint statement.

"It is our aim to have the bill introduced in the more than 40 state legislatures which will meet in 1961, and in the Canadian provincial legislatures."

Pointing out that the campaign has the full endorsement of the AFL-CIO Executive Council and, through it, all the state federations of labor and central labor unions, the statement said:

"It is through the co-operation of these bodies, plus the efforts of the members of the unions immediately concerned with the Portland strike that we hope to achieve a large measure of success toward our goal."

The 11-month Portland strike marks the first time publishers in a major city "have elected to take on all their organized workers in one massive union-busting drive," the statement said.

Factors contributing to "the Portland publishers' ability to undertake" their campaign were listed as:

"Samuel I. Newhouse, multimillionaire owner of the Oregonian, the largest of the two struck Portland newspapers, heads the union, many of whom came from the stable of the notorious Bloor Schleppey, who for over 10 years has made a lucrative business of supplying professional strikebreakers to publishers."

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"Newhouse has made a 'patsy' of the other struck Portland paper, enticing it to join his union-busting binge because of its relatively weak position in the community."

"There are indications that the two struck Portland dailies re-

ceived \$1,000,000 from the strike insurance fund maintained by the Newspaper Publishers Association for the purpose of enabling strike-bent publishers to pay the cost of \$350-\$500 per week wages and expenses resulting from their determination to force strikes or lockouts on their union employees."

As part of the legislative campaign, locals of the international unions will be sent a step-by-step program plus copies of the model citizens' job protection bill and an analysis of it.

Other international unions and state federations will be asked to rally their support.

Details of the campaign are being handled by a group designated by the Legislative Subcommittee. It consists of Ellis T. Baker, ANG director of research and information, Ralph S. White of the ITU, and Alexander Rohan, vice president of the Pressmen's union.

In answer to questions at the press conference, ITU President Brown declared that getting the bills through state legislatures, was one thing, getting them approved by governors was another.

He found it difficult, he said, to understand why state legislators or governors would oppose legislation for the protection of jobs of citizens helping the community and against importation of a "low element"—the "professional goon" who works for a short time to break a strike.

Although he sees the legislative goal as a "rather difficult task," he expects the sponsors of the citizens' job protection legislation to be quite active in the next year. Such activity will not be confined to the printing trades, he asserted.

The model state bill, it was emphasized, doesn't outlaw strike replacements, but does prohibit recruiting strikebreakers by a third party and the employment of professional strikebreakers.

The Presidents' Committee also plans to offer federal legislation to ban interstate traffic in strikebreakers.

Citizens' job protection legislation will be included in the AFL-CIO legislative program, it was stated.

Noting that it was in the newspaper industry that strike insurance first became evident, Farson said the Guild believes the industry has been used as a "trial horse." Citing airlines and railroads, he predicted the spread of the pattern to other operations if it should prove successful for newspaper publishers.

Also present at the press conference were James H. Sampson, president of the International Stereotypers and Electrotypers Union, and Wesley Taylor, secretary-treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.

Members of the Presidents' Committee include Brown, Farson, DeAndrade, Sampson and Wilfrid T. Connell, president of the Photo Engravers Union of North America, Paul L. Phillips, president of the United Papermakers and Paperworkers, and Joseph Denny, president of the Bookbinders. Connell is committee chairman.



**NY Tribute:** Jack Dobson of Toronto (l), newly elected ANG vice president-at-large, is welcomed by the New York Guild at a cocktail party. Dobson stopped off for the party on the invitation of the New York local which supported him, while he was en route to the fall meeting of the International Executive Board. Attending the party were officers, staff members and Chicago convention delegates of the New York Guild.

## Hearst Buys Knick News, 57 Jobs Erased In Albany

Albany, N. Y.—Fifty-seven of 117 jobs in Guild jurisdiction were eliminated in the sale of the afternoon Albany Knickerbocker News by a subsidiary of the Hearst Corporation for \$3,850,000.

The sale was announced October 15.

In making its first newspaper purchase in 32 years, the Hearst group, which publishes the morning and Sunday Times-Union, moved into its first monopoly situation. The other 14 Hearst newspapers all are in competitive markets. Newspapers owned by Gannett now number 17.

Both newspapers will be operated by a new corporation—Capital Newspapers, a division of the Hearst Corporation. The Times-Union has functioned as a division of the Hearst Corporation, outside of Hearst Consolidated Publications, Inc., owner of most Hearst newspapers.

By departments, the Guild job losses include 8 in editorial, 12 in classified advertising, 10 in display advertising, 8 in business office, 12 in circulation, and 7 in maintenance.

Those fired from the Knickerbocker News were selected by reverse seniority and will go on a rehiring list. Management also has indicated that for openings on the Times-Union, first consideration will be given to the displaced Knickerbocker News staffers.

Hearst is considering a proposal to permit resignations with severance pay and thus reduce the number of dismissals.

Five staff members have retired: three in editorial, one in display advertising and one PBX operator. The retirees are to continue to have group hospitalization, medical and life insurance paid until death. In addition, each received \$1,000 in cash.

Still unsettled is coverage of those retained under hospitalization and medical, surgical and life insurance. Management spokesmen have said they will probably extend the Hearst medical insurance plan to cover Knickerbocker News employees and will attempt to get coverage under group life insurance at the employee's own expense.

Meanwhile, the Guild and management are cooperating in a placement service attempting to obtain jobs on other newspapers for those displaced.

A statement from the Press Company, the Gannett subsidiary which disposed of the Knickerbocker News, said it "became clear that two independent newspapers could not be operated economically in Albany under present conditions."

Protests against the sale were made by the Guild's Empire State District Council through its president, Charles J. Tiano of Kingston, N. Y., president of the Gannett Co., Jr., president of Hearst Consolidated Publications; Gene Robb, publisher of the Times-Union; and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

In view of reports of an imminent merger of the Albany Knickerbocker News and Albany Times-Union, the protest said, "the Empire State Council, American Newspaper Guild (AFL-CIO) protests, in behalf of its members and the Albany reading public, any such move."

"Whenever diversity of expression is submerged in the interest of money, the Council can do no more than to deplore it. It is unthinkable that the capital of the most populous state should be reduced to a single newspaper."

"The Council points to an alarming series of mergers in the nation and asks the American people to repudiate those money managers controlling the American press."

With labor contracts assigned to the Hearst Corporation, and the agreement that any who are dismissed will receive severance pay from the purchaser, present rights in the Gannett Pension Fund are to be retained and the \$2,200,000 paid in premiums by the Press Company has been credited to the employees.

These rights can be claimed as

employees reach normal retirement age.

Robb, for the past seven years publisher of the Times-Union, has been named, in addition, chief executive of the Knickerbocker News. The News dates to 1842, the Times-Union to 1856.

Included in the sale were all the land, buildings, machinery, equipment and other physical assets.

Shortly after the announcement of the sale, the transfer of equipment from the News building to the recently modernized Times-Union plant began. The latter building will be enlarged to make room for editorial and other offices of the News, management spokesmen said.

The Times-Union has 71,000 daily circulation and 119,000 Sunday. The Knickerbocker News has 66,000.

Members of the Guild committee which met with management at the time and after the sale announcement included: Jim Gallagher, Albany local president; Paul Lyman, Albany local treasurer; Chester Vanderbilt, Times-Union unit chairman; Ben-ny Danforth, former Knickerbocker News unit chairman; Theron Britain, Knickerbocker News circulation; Ann Bolich, Knickerbocker News classified; Richard Connolly, Times-Union; Joe Colangelo, ANG international representative; and Jim White, former international representative, who came out of retirement to participate in the discussions.

### Akron

Akron, Ohio — The Akron Guild has elected Arnold Miller, a Beacon Journal state desk staffer, as president. He succeeds Ken Jacobson, Beacon Journal labor writer, who becomes a vice president.

Others elected: Craig Wilson and Robert Feldkamp, vice presidents; Howard Goldberg, corresponding secretary; Robert Henretty, recording secretary; Len Tompos, treasurer, and Ted Walls, Al Fitzpatrick, Hal Crapo and Frank Pullo, executive board.

Pullo is a maintenance department employee. All others are on the news staff.

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## EDITORIAL

## One More Step

"This is no time for a minority decision," AFL-CIO President George Meany has declared in urging union members to cast their votes on Election Day.

"This is a year, of all years, when every registered voter has a solemn duty to cast his ballot. The outcome should and must be decided by a clear majority of all the people."

President Meany's plea is particularly urgent in the light of findings by the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education on voting patterns and margins in past elections.

A few years ago, for example, COPE found that 39 members of Congress had been elected by margins of two percent or less.

One Congressman won by a majority of only four-tenths of one percent.

And there are countless examples of elections decided by one vote per precinct.

Unfortunately, COPE also found that workers generally have a poor record of election participation. In ten "silk-stocking" precincts with 18,400 eligible voters, 17,000 persons registered to vote and 15,965 actually voted. In ten organized labor precincts with 43,400 eligible voters, only 11,103 persons registered and only 8,622 actually voted. These are actual figures from an industrial city.

This year, there has been a tremendous increase in voter registrations. And organized labor, working chiefly through COPE in a drive to put union members on voting lists across the country, deserves much of the credit.

Even so, unless workers take one more step and actually cast their ballots, the election may still be decided by the "silk-stocking" minority.

And as George Meany points out, "this is no time for a minority decision."

## R-T-W And Farmers

"It's significant that the very same groups who support 'right-to-work' have opposed every key measure designed to benefit farmers. They attack co-ops and have fought such historic measures as Agricultural Price Parity, the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and even the Rural Electrification Act."

—Chester Schrier, farmer and co-chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Indiana Council for Industrial Peace.

## Thought For Today

When the London News Chronicle and its evening stablemate, the London Star, were suspended recently after their purchase by Lord Rothermere's Associated Newspapers, hundreds of employees were thrown out of work—as is the custom, even in America.

But unlike American publishers, L. J. Cadbury, chairman of the Daily News Ltd., which operated the two suspended dailies, pledged that the whole of the purchase price of about \$4.2 million—"subject to inevitable costs"—would be devoted to the displaced staff and the firm's many pensioners.

It's something to think about.

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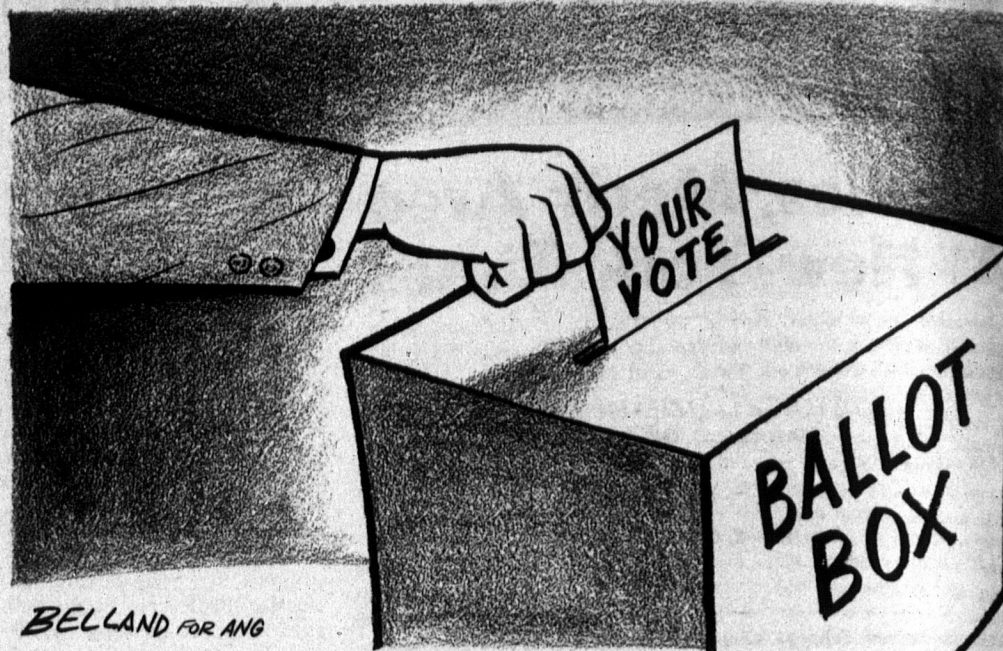
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DATELINE: WASHINGTON

## Candidates' Traveling Camps Reflect Their Differences

By WILLARD SHELTON, Washington Guild

## En Route With Kennedy

—There is a final difference in the traveling camps of the two presidential candidates, Senator Kennedy and Vice President Nixon, that seems to reflect the character of the two men.

The candidates' entourages both suffer from strained nerves, from the knowledge of the approaching day of decision, from incapacity to read with assurance the apparently large group of "silent" voters who claim—at least to the pollsters—that they haven't "made up their minds."

There is a buoyancy, a lilt in the Kennedy camp that this reporter did not find with the Vice President—and I do not think that this feeling arises from freely acknowledged bias.

There is good humor, a certain joy in combat, a flashing wit in the candidate himself that allows even self-ridicule thoroughly for an instant before the Senator turns deadly serious again as he charges his audiences to think hard of the future of our country, of our free society, and what we must do to play our part in the world.

A favorite day was the 14-hour slog by motorcar and bus through the Republican Illinois heartland of Chicago's northwestern suburbs and the lovely Fox River Valley—gleaming in the October sun, rich with the produce of the deep-loam glacial "Wisconsin drift," prosperous, fat and contented.

The natives were unfriendly. They thrust pro-Nixon signs in the Senator's face; in Aurora they heckled him in choruses. Kennedy gravely "talked down" the signs "so the people can see." He asked, in Batavia, how many Republicans and Democrats there were and were there "any citizens who have not decided yet, who are open-minded." There was a show of two or three hands, and he said: "Well, we will talk to you." He then proceeded earnestly to show them the alternatives for those who believed "we never had it so good" and should therefore "click with Dick" and those

who thought we should "do more" and should therefore "help us."

This is a remarkable young man, self-possessed, rapier-sharp in his intelligence, as elevated in language and thought and often as precise in sentence structure as Adlai Stevenson, incredibly self-confident—and possessed of the saving grace of humor. But the humor stings. His smile flashed broadly as he responded to an enthusiast in Rock Island, who shouted that Nixon was on the run: "I must say the Vice President does show some signs of tension."

The Senator's crowds are different; both may be big but with Nixon the electric sense of communication is missing. A dozen reporters have written about the "jumpers," the "road-runners," the girls and middle-aged women who blow kisses to Kennedy, in an atmosphere that can be described only as sensual. It is more than this: behind him, the Kennedy crowds are smiling—men and women—as if they are pleased with what they have seen and heard.

The Vice President's camp is dour in contrast. It is able, intelligent, hard-working, and Mr. Nixon obviously enjoys the confidence and support of many millions of his countrymen.

At a moment—three weeks before the election—when things looked very bad for the GOP, the Vice President and his staff fought bravely to turn what they must have privately acknowledged to be an adverse tide.

It is still difficult to think of

Mr. Nixon entering deliberately on a challenging test in extremely hostile territory. He was warned by highly-placed New York Republicans to stay out of pro-Kennedy New York City and "leave the reduction of the Democratic majority there to Governor Rockefeller," who had proved he knew how to do it.

The Vice President took the advice. He laid plans to enter the city only under the sheltering presence of President Eisenhower.

Some of Mr. Nixon's staff people are personally delightful as well as professionally skilled. They work, however, with a different type of candidate. Mr. Nixon may be President of the United States, and he has risen through party channels to leadership. He is not a "happy warrior" in campaign. The clammy hand of Madison Avenue suffices the candidate; Kennedy would have been incapable of the unctuous guff exploiting Harry S. Truman's "damns" and "hell's" in Texas to give voice to a plea that the Presidency was something the mothers of little children should always be able to teach their children to look up to.

I make no election predictions. The poisonous religious issue pervades the campaign, distorting the usually decent instincts of ordinarily fine, responsible people. Where the "silent vote" will go can be settled only by the voters. Exactly two weeks in advance the Kennedy camp, I think, was truly confident although watchful. The Nixon camp was watchful, resourceful and determined.

## Boston Guild Elects Officers

Boston, Mass. — Jack Broudy, Herald-Traveler, has been re-elected Boston Guild president for a second term and Charles Leveroni, Herald-Traveler, has been re-named treasurer for a fifth term. Other officers: vice-president, George P. Dwyer, Record-American; secretary, William F. Doherly, Waltham News-Tribune; delegates to the New England District Council: Broudy, Dwyer, Do-

herly, Leveroni; John Craig, Malden News; Norman Crook, Haverhill Gazette; Joseph B. Downey, Herald-Traveler; John A. Hulme, Herald-Traveler; Alexander MacDonald, Record-American; Leo V. McCusker, Herald-Traveler; Henry Santosuosso, Herald-Traveler; John H. Thompson, Herald-Traveler and John J. Wyse, Herald-Traveler.