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Ballots And Eligible Lists Go To Locals Next Week

Ballots for the Guildwide referendum on the Vancouver convention decision terminating benefits to Portland, Ore., will go out to locals next Tuesday, Nov. 28, following a meeting in Washington of the International Election and Referendum Committee. Guild members will vote Dec. 14-19.

Along with the ballots will go lists of eligible voters in good standing as of November 1.

Immediately after the ballots and eligibility lists are received, locals must protest any inaccuracies. These protests, the constitution provides, shall be sent registered mail, return receipt requested to the IERC in care of ANG headquarters.

Letters bearing on the referendum appear on several pages in this issue of the Guild Reporter.

There are printed in this issue also, statements from the Portland Referendum Committee of which Barney Peterson of SFONG is head; and the Committee to Uphold the Convention of which Robert M. Golden, Lehigh Valley, is chairman.

The Committee To Uphold the Convention is backing convention action terminating the benefits as of August 11, 1961; the Portland Referendum Committee would extend them to Dec. 1.

Both the provisions for the statements—limited to 300 words each — and for unpaid advertising — limited to 18 inches—are by direction of the International Executive Board at its meeting Oct. 23-26. The IEB banned any paid political advertising.

Each group is utilizing 16 of the 18 inches in this issue.

By wire, the Portland Guild has disclaimed any official role in the sending of a telegram predicting a

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Exclusive Club: James C. Hagerty and Pierre Salinger, two of the three surviving presidential press secretaries, were speakers at the Twin Cities Guild's 15th annual memorial lecture this month, at the University of Minnesota. They detailed the rigorous schedule in their role of the "bridge" in White House communications, and both defended the quality and frequency of presidential press conferences.

—Photo by Minneapolis Star

Twin Cities Hears Salinger, Hagerty

Twin Cities, Minn.—The exacting role of presidential press secretary demands complete personal loyalty, a "24-hour working day," constant attention to detail, and ability to identify one's self completely with the thinking, habits and personality of the Chief Executive.

So said James C. Hagerty, who served eight years with President Eisenhower, and Pierre Salinger, his successor in the Kennedy administration. They were joint speakers at the 15th annual memorial lecture sponsored by the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild, at Minnesota University's Northrup auditorium, November 9.

Salinger, who was twice elected Guild unit chairman at the San Francisco Chronicle during his 15 years of ANG membership, prefaced his remarks by saying:

"I've always prized my membership in that organization, and I would always advise any young newsman I know who was venturing into the profession to become a member of the Guild."

The joint appearance was not in the nature of a debate. Salinger spoke first and was followed by Hagerty's presentation, after which both men were asked to comment and to answer audience questions.

Both men noted that criticism had been directed at their respective chiefs for "lack of communication," specifically in the frequency of the general press conferences through which the President expresses policy while gaining a sense of public thinking from the type of questions put by the newsmen.

They agreed that the press conference was the President's own, to utilize as he chooses, while Salinger emphasized that the timing of many announcements dealing particularly with foreign policy must be determined by factors other than domestic news deadlines, or the wishes of White House correspondents.

Introduction of the televised press conference, in the Eisenhower administration, and its extension to "live" coverage under President Kennedy, have given the American public a better knowledge of the Presidency and its occupant, than has ever before been the case. Both men deemed this a step forward in the democratic process.

It has fallen to the press secretary to be the manager of foreign trips by the President, which in-

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Profits Up, Head For New Highs

A picture of booming profits is being painted by top U. S. economists, leading business publications and government reports.

Alike they predict for the current quarter, which began with October, a greater gain than the similar period last year.

They see this as a part of an uptrend that promises to break all records in 1962.

Backstopping their optimism are reports covering the July-September period revealing that profits before taxes are running at an annual seasonally adjusted rate of about $46 billion. In the second quarter of this year the rate was about $45 billion.

The outlook for this fourth quarter, if the trend continues, is, according to Business Week, for an annual rate of "$49 billion or better" which should make 1961 profits overall "at least the second best year on record, thus slightly topping last year's $45 billion."

Peak profits year was 1959 with $46.8 billion.

The profits scorecard of the Wall Street Journal covering 444 corporations in 30 industrial groups showed a third quarter gain of 9.3 percent over the same period a year ago. The paper said that "prospects are that the current quarter will show a larger gain from the like period of 1960."

For the first half of 1961 profits jumped 14 percent between the first and second quarters, the U. S. Commerce Department has reported.

U. S. News and World Report finds "Business activity is expanding. Incomes and employment are on the rise. Consumer spending, over all, is setting new records. Government outlays for defense are giving growing support to business. Result: Profits are up—and heading higher.

"But that's only the beginning. Next year new records will be set every quarter."

"There seems to be general agreement that the momentum of the recovery will carry through 1962," Gerhard Colm, chief economist for the National Planning Association, told an audience of economists at the University of Michigan's annual conference on the economic outlook meeting at Ann Arbor.

In terms of 1960 prices, Colm predicted a 1962 gross national

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1961 Broun Award



DEADLINE for entries: February 1, 1962.

SEND entries to the Broun Award Committee, American Newspaper Guild, 1126 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.

PRIZE is $500 in cash and a Guild citation to be awarded for the outstanding journalistic work "in the spirit of Heywood Broun," done or completed between January 1, 1961 and December 31, 1961.

ELIGIBLE are all newspapermen and women in Guild jurisdiction in the United States and Canada, whether they are Guild members or not.

ENTRIES should be submitted in scrapbook form with an accompanying letter telling the circumstances under which the work was done.

JUDGES will be a panel of distinguished leaders in the news industry.

BROUN AWARD Committee

Strike Threats On Three Fronts: Duluth, Milwaukee, San Juan

Strike threats mark Guild-management relations on three fronts.

At Duluth, Minn., upon recommendation of the executive board, the Lake Superior local has voted, 58 to 31, to strike if necessary to obtain a reasonable contract.

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Guild's newly-organized group on the Star has asked for—and received—ANG permission to take a strike vote.

At Milwaukee, where the ITU mailers are on strike against the Journal, the Guild has voted to support the mailers and to honor their picket line, if one is placed at the Sentinel.

The Sentinel, however, has continued full operations. The mailers have a single contract with both papers.

The Milwaukee Guild action came at an emergency membership meeting Nov. 13.

Utilizing chiefly supervisory personnel, the Journal has continued to put out regular—though sometimes tardy — editions since the mailers put up their picket line Nov. 15.

Printers have been honoring the picket line; so have engravers and stereotypers as individuals; pressmen began honoring the line, Nov. 21, after the Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO, gave its sanction to the strike. The other departments are unorganized.

As a result of the Nov. 21 action, the Journal published only

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Sharing The Victory: Re-elected mayor of New York City, Robert F. Wagner receives congratulations from—and expresses his gratitude to—two leaders on labor's committee backing him: M. Michael Potoker, New York Guild's secretary-treasurer, who was Wagner committee secretary, and Charles H. Kerrigan, United Automobile Workers, who was committee chairman. This election night celebration was held in the Heywood Broun Room of the Newspaper Guild of New York, scene of Wagner's first campaign kick-off rally in 1953.

Wagner Lauds Potoker, NY Guild

New York City—Re-election of Robert F. Wagner as New York's mayor was a victory for organized labor and in no small measure the result of labor's campaign efforts carried on through the Labor Committee for Wagner, of which M. Michael Potoker, secretary-treasurer of the Newspaper Guild of New York, was committee secretary.

At a victory reception of the committee in the Heywood Broun Room of the New York Guild on election night, the just re-elected mayor said:

"In my book this is the most important stop for me tonight. This is where I made my start in 1953, with Charlie (Charles H. Kerrigan, committee chairman) and Moe (Potoker, secretary). You helped us when we were alone, and now tonight with your help we have another victory."

This group was a continuation of the Labor Committee for Wagner organized in the spring of 1953, which helped the son of the late Senator Wagner carry the Democratic party primary that year.

Eight years later, in the spring of 1961, again at the Guild Club, the committee was revived by the efforts of union leaders in the city such as: Louis Hollander, manager of the New York Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; Kerrigan, regional director (region 9) United Automobile Workers, who became committee chairman; and Potoker.

Thomas J. Murphy, executive vice president of the New York Guild was among the individual union leaders active in the committee's work.

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an abbreviated edition: eight pages; no ads whatsoever. Supervisory personnel, largely, handled the press run.

Heretofore, since the strike started, from a battery of typists using electric typewriters, Journal copy had been produced, pasted up with ads and art, photographed, engraved and printed on Journal presses.

Management has experienced difficulty in getting type set for local ads; it has been attempting to use job shops for all this work.

Milwaukee Guildsmen have aided the mailers in their strike publicity efforts.

Basic issue in the dispute is the manning of new equipment which the Journal has acquired for a plant addition.

A federal mediator is attempting to effect a settlement.

At Duluth, where ANG International Representative John Sloan is chief negotiator, long-drawn out negotiations between the Guild and the Herald & News-Tribune of the Ridder publications chain have resulted in an impasse on important proposals.

Four departments at the San Juan Star—editorial, advertising, inside circulation and general and administrative—became a part of Guild jurisdiction as the result of a 35 to 14 vote, Oct. 5. A fifth group—seven district managers in outside circulation — also seeks Guild representation.

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Profits Soar Toward Highs

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product of "$540-550 billion with unemployment somewhat above the 5 percent average for the year."

Colm thus placed himself in harmony with the forecasts of the Council of Economic Advisers and other members of President Kennedy's official family, who, he said, have made generally the same prediction.

From Louis J. Paradiso, chief statistician of the U. S. Commerce Department's office of business economics, has come the forecast that the nation's total output will rise about 7 or 8 percent next year —a jump of about $40 billion over 1961's level.

At the same conference, Margaret Matulis told her fellow economists that American business plans to spend $35.8 billion in capital investment for 1962, a boost of 4 percent over this year.

Manufacturing companies expect to increase their capital outlays in 1962 to $14.6 billion—a 7 percent gain over this year, according to Business Week.

Analyzing a McGraw-Hill department of economics fall survey of business plans for new plants and equipment, it reports that preliminary plans for 1963 are already above those for 1962—and slightly more than 1961 outlays.

Twin Cities Hears Salinger, Hagerty

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volve the arrangements for travel and accommodations for about 250 persons. The press secretary also becomes the scapegoat for anything which may go wrong on such an expedition, both men recalled ruefully.

Salinger said of President Kennedy that the Chief Executive has an unerring sense of news values, and "doesn't actually need a press secretary." Hagerty paid personal tribute to Gen. Eisenhower as the "greatest man" he ever knew, next to his own father in Hagerty's esteem.

The press secretary is always a personal choice of the President, and the job calls for a depth of loyalty which would make it difficult for the secretary to serve another succeeding President, said Hagerty, answering a question as to whether he would have been available to Richard M. Nixon had the Vice President been victorious in 1960.

Salinger flew into Minneapolis a few minutes before the meeting and took a night flight back to Washington in order to report at the White House early next day. He said he envied Hagerty's opportunity to stay over night, and Hagerty admitted that his present post—he is news vice president of the American Broadcasting Company—is much less strenuous than his Washington job.

The Twin Cities lectures are in memory of three Twin Cities Guildsmen lost in World War II.

How Much Play?

The Twin Cities Guild would like to know what sort of press coverage their memorial lecture received this year, says Angelo Cohn, local president.

If your paper, of November 10, carried a story on the Salinger-Hagerty appearance, send a clipping to the Twin Cities Guild, 204 Times Annex, Minneapolis 1, Minn.

Protest RCMP Press Hoax

Vancouver, B. C.—The Vancouver-New Westminster Guild has protested to the dominion's Minister of Justice at Ottawa that a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police obtained a photograph and an interview with a delegation of unemployed by posing as a press photographer.

The incident occurred at Vernon, in the south central section of British Columbia, in late September, says the Guild's protest letter. The RCMP member wore a press badge, but his pictures and data were intended only for the police files.

"The public is entitled to the assurance that a man wearing a press card is a reporter or photographer and not a policeman, just as it is entitled to the assurance that a man wearing a police badge is a policeman and not a reporter or a photographer," the letter states. "The action at Vernon tends to destroy the unique positions of trust both groups occupy in the public's mind."



FROM EDITOR & PUBLISHER, NOVEMBER 11, 1961, PAGE 16:

WANTED: 'ALL AMERICAN BOY' FOR NEWSPAPER AD STAFFS

"What do ad managers look for in hiring their ad staffs? In a survey of 97 newspaper ad managers, the attributes sought ranged from college degrees to "firm handshakes". Educational requirement took third place to Appearance (1) and Personality (2). Written for E & P by Dr. Roland Hicks, noted marketing authority, the article cautions against placing too much stress on the "glib personality boy"—words of wisdom for both job applicants and ad managers."

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tar-and-feather reception in Portland for the international representative to be sent there to attempt to improve the contract proposal covering Guild employes at the Portland Reporter (GR, Nov. 10).

"Full cooperation will be extended to Loel Schrader or any other representative assigned to Portland," says the telegram sent by J. Lynn Wykoff, Portland secretary-treasurer.

"The telegram signed by Hector Fox quoted in the November 10 issue of the Guild Reporter was an individual view, not authorized by the Portland Local."

The membership of the Guild has been called on only infrequently to take a referendum vote on policy issues.

Late in 1940 the referendum process was invoked, at a time when Guild conventions were hotly debating the extent of communist influence in Guild affairs.

The Youngstown Guild said that the convention had failed to define its stand, and obtained support for a referendum.

The question as framed would put the Guild on record as opposed to Communism, Fascism and Nazism in the operation of the union.

The International Executive Board, on its own initiative, submitted a second question, which declared the Guild independent of any political party or group.

Both questions were approved in the subsequent membership balloting.

In 1946 the IEB initiated a referendum on the subject of a paid presidency, which was defeated in the Guildwide membership vote.

There are three ways in which the entire membership of the Guild may be called upon to decide an issue. The annual convention may direct that a referendum be held on any matter. The IEB may initiate a referendum calling for a constitutional change or a change in convention-fixed policy. Or, as in the present instance, a group of locals may call for a referendum on any question which proposes a change in either the Guild constitution or in convention policy.

Timetable

As of November 1: Good standing date. Members paid through October (dues and assessments) and for whom remittances to the ANG are postmarked not later than November 15.

Members joining and approved in October and before November 15, and for whom initiation fee and November dues are remitted to ANG by November 15.

November 28—Lists of eligible voters and ballots go to locals.

December 14 through 19—Locals hold secret ballot elections.

December 19—All ballots opened and counted.

December 20—All returns sent to the International Election and Referendum Committee in care of ANG headquarters, postmarked no later than midnight, December 20.

December 29—All returns opened and tabulated.

Oregon ITU Local Ends Portland Aid

Salem, Ore.—By a vote of 61 to 43, the Salem local of the International Typographical Union has withdrawn from a mutual aid pact with other Oregon ITU locals that has been supporting the Portland newspaper strike.

Under the pact, members of the Salem local have been paying one percent of their income into a special fund to bolster strike benefits being paid typographical union members idled by the two-year-old strike.

Not all Oregon ITU locals are members of the pact which is about a decade old.

Sacramento, Calif.—The California-Nevada District Council, meeting here in connection with the Sacramento Guild's Page One Ball, agreed to devote its February meeting to a collective bargaining institute, one in the regional series planned by the ANG Department of Research and Information. The session will be in San Diego February 10 and 11.

Council delegates voted unanimously to urge all affiliated locals to participate in their State labor federation activities, if they are not now represented.

Council officers were also asked to inquire whether all Region Four locals would be interested in a pre-convention caucus, with further discussion set for the February council meeting.

The council approved donations of $250 each to the strike funds at Portland, Ore., and Chicago, and delegates from six of the seven locals represented went on record as approving passage of the Guildwide referendum next month, on extension of Portland benefits. Los Angeles dissented.



Making It Official: Culminating a series of 30 negotiating meetings between the San Diego Guild and spokesmen for the Union-Tribune Publishing Co., was the signing of a two-year agreement providing substantial gains. Center is Paul Cour, San Diego Guild president. Left is Jim Smith, industrial relations manager, with Gary Goss, his assistant.

Pittsburgh Merger Takes Toll In Jobs

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Only about 70 of the approximately 185 in Guild jurisdiction scheduled for severing as the result of the newspaper combination involving the Scripps-Howard Press and the Block Post-Gazette, have been employed temporarily by the Press, all in non-editorial departments.

Joining the remaining 115 whose jobs have been permanently erased are 26 in the Guild Post-Gazette editorial department. Virtually all of them had been employed by the defunct Hearst Sun-Telegraph. That paper was sold by the Hearst Corporation 18 months ago to the Post-Gazette, whose publishers are William Block and Paul Block, Jr. It was consolidated with the Post-Gazette.

The contract which the Pittsburgh Newspaper Guild has with the Post-Gazette Publishing Co. covered about 110 in the editorial in addition to those in advertising, business, inside circulation and public relations.

In addition to severance and vacation pay, Guildsmen being severed are receiving two weeks' notice pay. Twelve are taking their alternate benefits and retiring.

The latest publishing combination, which is still in progress, may have further ramifications, according to members of the staffs. It provides, according to management spokesmen, for the junking of the Post-Gazette Sunday newspaper, and the handing over to the Press the handling of advertising, circulation and production of the six-day morning daily.

All advertising and circulation sales have been merged.

Each paper, however, has a staff of editors and reporters.

Both papers are being published at the Press' plant, although the Post-Gazette editorial staff is remaining in its present quarters until a separate editorial department can be set up in or near the Press building.

The Post-Gazette company is also keeping a small administrative staff.

Jack R. Howard, president and general manager of Scripps-Howard Newspapers, is quoted as saying: "The arrangement is not new. In this case it had been in the works for about a year."

The procedure, as explained by Mark Ferree, Scripps-Howard executive vice president and general business manager, is that the Press "has simply contracted to perform certain business, production and accounting functions for the Post-Gazette."

Financial arrangements of the deal remain secret.

In a statement to employes, William Block said that accrued vacation credits and all terminal payments provided in union agreements will be honored.

When, in 1960 the Hearst Corporation disposed of the Sun-Telegraph, for a reported $5 million in cash, the Block publishing company which had established, and then abandoned a Sunday edition, acquired a Sunday paper along with the evening Sun-Telegraph. It suspended the afternoon edition.

Severance and other obligations involved in the Sun-Telegraph transaction were reputed to total nearly $2 million.

The number of dailies in Pittsburgh has shrunk steadily since 1923 when the city had seven: the Dispatch, Leader, Post, Sun, Press, Gazette Times, and Chronicle Telegraph.

In that year, the Dispatch and Leader were blotted out after they had been acquired by the five other dailies.

The senior William Randolph Hearst brought out the afternoon and Sunday Sun-Telegraph on Aug. 1, 1927, when he combined the Chronicle Telegraph (founded Jan. 2, 1884) and the Pittsburgh Sun (founded March 1, 1906).

The following day — Aug. 2, 1927—the late Paul Block published for the first time the morning Post-Gazette, created by merging the Post (founded Sept. 11, 1842), and the Gazette Times (which was originally founded as the Pittsburgh Gazette on July 29, 1786).

The Pittsburgh Press was established in July, 1884. It was purchased, in 1923, by Scripps-Howard Newspapers for approximately $6,200,000. It brought to the Scripps-Howard chain its first Sunday edition.

Hearst Weekly Cuts Personnel

The American Weekly cutback (GR, Nov. 10), scheduled for next Jan. 7, which will confine the Sunday supplement to nine Hearst Sunday papers and Chicago's American, a former Hearst paper, has cost the jobs of seven more in Guild jurisdiction.

All received severance pay in accordance with the contract which the Newspaper Guild of New York has with Hearst covering the magazine's editorial department. At one time, Guild jurisdiction included 60 persons. There are now seven Guild jobs.

The recent curtailment has trimmed the overall staff to 28, as compared to 320 at its high point.

Fourteen in Guild jurisdiction were cut adrift last August. As a result of a dispute over the application of seniority provisions, one case is being arbitrated.

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Beauclerc Broun Chairman

C. Joseph Beauclerc, former American Newspaper Guild regional vice president and former president of the Toronto Newspaper Guild, will head the committee for the Heywood Broun Award.

This is the Guild's top honor for journalistic achievement in the spirit of the crusading columnist who founded the Guild and served as its first president until his death in 1939.

Beauclerc is a charter member at Toronto. He served on the International Executive Board from 1951 — when the ANG's Eighteenth Annual Convention meeting in Pittsburgh established a separate region for Canada, and Beauclerc was chosen without opposition for its vice presidential post—until 1957 when he decided not to seek the seat again.

He is a Toronto Star staffer.

Beauclerc was appointed Broun committee chairman by the International Executive Board.

First task of the committee is to distribute posters announcing the 1961 award.

The award is for work done during the calendar year of 1961.



C. JOSEPH BEAUCLERC

Entries are to be sent to the committee at Guild headquarters in Washington by February 1, 1962, for consideration of a panel of judges, still to be chosen.

Announcement of the winner and presentation of a plaque and a check for $500 usually coincide with the winter meeting of the IEB, scheduled for February 19 through 22.

Letters Stress Opposing Referendum Viewpoints

By direction of the IEB, proponents and opponents of the Portland benefit extension referendum have been given equal space for campaign statements, as follows:

"For"

Much more than the welfare of the Portland strikers and their families is at stake in the forthcoming referendum.

Either we will act as trade unionists by supporting our needy brothers in Portland, or we will risk seeing our union disintegrate as we are picked off one by one by the Newhouses.

Some facts ought to be understood by Guildsmen who will vote in the referendum:

—Portland Guildsmen are still on strike. They have not given up. Even today, they are fulfilling their strike duties to keep their families from hunger.

—There has been much to-do about picketing in Portland. The simple fact is that Portland Guildsmen were directed to duty as staffers on the Portland Reporter; directed by a strike director who was given full authority to make strike assignments by the international presidents' council, whose members include the ANG executive vice president. To our knowledge, this authority has never been rescinded.

—The sum of money involved to pay benefits through Dec. 1 is $25,000. This amount is less than the personal income loss suffered by only five average strikers. Yes, more than $5,000 each.

More important, the good rank-and-file members of our Portland local have suffered personal anguish and many bitter setbacks in two years. Yet they have fought their best as honorable trade unionists: They have fulfilled duties and carried out their orders.

Whether we who sit on the sidelines agree with the battlefield strategy is not the issue.

The battle has been joined. Our brothers are fighting and suffering. Let us show them that we have not deserted them, that we believe in fair play and will support a just cause.

Let us show them they do not stand alone. Let us show them that good Guildsmen will fight—and support a fight.

"Against"

The basic issue in the forthcoming referendum is whether International strike benefits shall be used to subsidize commercial newspapers, in Portland or elsewhere.

The Portland Reporter is published by a publicly-owned stock corporation which, in its prospectus, announced the Reporter is to be "a permanent afternoon daily newspaper . . . whether or not the labor dispute with the Oregonian and Journal is settled."

Our Portland members, who work full-time for the Reporter, are not engaged in a strike in the usual meaning of the word, and haven't been since the Reporter went daily last February. They continue to demand benefits while other unions receive wages.

If the referendum carries, Chicago has announced it will demand the same privilege for its Defender strikers—and that will be only the beginning.

We don't believe Guild members want their dues used to subsidize commercial newspapers, directly or indirectly; they have said so in convention after convention.

There is no quicker way of depleting our resources. Other unions have demonstrated that.

There is no surer way of compromising our bargaining position. Portland has demonstrated that.

We are told the Reporter is a "new technique" to win strikes and dishearten Newhouse and other publishers everywhere.

It isn't new, and it hasn't worked. It didn't intimidate the Chicago Defender. It hasn't intimidated Newhouse, who replied to the Reporter by buying a second paper in Portland.

On the contrary, the proposed Reporter contract—negotiated with Guild members on both sides of the table—will hurt the bargaining position of other Guild locals infinitely more than the Reporter can ever hope to hurt Newhouse.

For these reasons, the Vancouver Convention voted, 253 to 151, to terminate payments to Portland. We believe the Convention's decision was a wise one, and urge you to uphold the Convention by voting against the referendum motion.

Benefits Equal 'Subsidy' In Portland Circumstances
SCRANTON, PA.

Editor: I can't follow the logic of Bob Stafford in his letter in the November 10 Guild Reporter.

He says, "I agree ANG can't afford to finance such papers. But the least ANG can do is to assist the strikers with standard benefits while they continue the fight for good unionism."

Well, as long as the Portland Reporter (a private enterprise, not a strike paper) doesn't pay salaries, ANG benefits are helping to finance the paper.

ANG benefits have met the paper's payroll, at least for Guild members, and have saved the publishers a sizeable amount of money each week.

This is subsidy. This is contrary to Guild practice and policy. This is the way to destruction of our Defense Fund if the policy is changed.

I favor a vote AGAINST the proposed changes.

SID BENJAMIN
Scranton Guild

He Cites The Record On Portland Picketing
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Editor: Portland Guildsman Harry Dutton writes that "pickets still tramp in front of the Journal and Oregonian." What he doesn't say is that they are not Guild pickets.

Portland delegates admitted this at the Vancouver convention four months ago. While other union members continue to picket, they told the convention, Guild members work full time for the Portland Reporter.

The Portland delegates sought to place the responsibility for their failure to picket on Strike Director Rene Valentine, who, they said, is not asking them to picket.

I am not surprised.

For, lest we forget, the record shows that the Portland Guild had refused to join the picket line long before Valentine became strike director.

The Portland strike began November 10, 1959, and Valentine didn't take over until the following April, almost five months later.

The record also shows that the Portland Guild refused, and has refused to this day, to share common strike headquarters with the other unions.

Whom is Portland trying to kid, anyway?

DAVID S. SCHICK
Philadelphia Guild

Of Minority Opinions And Editorial Privilege
ELIZABETH, N. J.

Editor: I was intrigued by Leonard Milliman's contention (GR, Nov. 10) that the editorial column of a Guild newspaper is a private vehicle for the expression of the editor's opinion, regardless of whether or not it clashes head-on with the express views of the body that publishes the paper.

At issue is not whether the columns of the newspaper should be open to Milliman or any other Guild member who wishes to voice his opinion on Portland or anything else. What is at stake is whether Milliman has the right, moral or legal, to sanctify with the editorial "we" a viewpoint which is his alone. To do so is to practice a certain measure of deception, since it covers an individual opinion with a false cloak of authority.

What Milliman is really saying is that there is no room on a Guild paper for an editor once he disagrees with the body that appoints him. Its only alternative, if it wants the paper to reflect its views, is to remove him.

I don't think anyone would contend that Milliman has to write editorials that he doesn't believe; he can leave those to somebody who will do the chore with greater enthusiasm. But the rights of a minority don't extend to making its views appear as the majority's just because the minority happens to sit in an editor's chair.

DAVID J. EISEN
North Jersey Guild

Contracts, Not Publishing, Chief Business Of Guild
ST. LOUIS, MO.

Editor: Having walked a picket line during a 96-day strike at the Globe-Democrat, a Newhouse paper, and being a member of a local which gave regularly to support Portland until last August, I write on the referendum issue without apology.

The Guild's business is collective bargaining, not publishing. With all due credit to the determination and stamina of the Guild people who work for the Portland Reporter, it seems obvious that publishing destroys the collective bargaining point of view. How else can be explained a proposed contract settlement which would undermine what the rest of us have fought for?

We in St. Louis are concerned about job security, union security, transfer protections, pensions and other sound union objectives for which our members sacrificed so much, but which seem to become secondary or unimportant when newspaper workers see themselves as publishers.

I even wonder about the Newhouse "headache" Harry Dutton cites. It seems that the Reporter may have helped make possible the purchase of the Journal by Newhouse's Oregonian.

Dutton said that pickets still tramp in front of the struck papers. But are these Guild pickets? Did the Portland Guild ever establish a picket line there?

It seems to me the convention was right. It is time for the Guild to get back to being a union, primarily concerned with bargaining good contracts, rather than publishing newspapers.

NORMA STALLINGS
St. Louis Guild

Says Boston Acted Only After Hearing 'Both Sides'
BOSTON, MASS.

Editor: The opinions Ed Allen expressed at the Boston meeting, that initiated the Portland referendum, may have been his own, as he says. He told me they were and I don't dispute it. I have no gauge for measuring sincerity.

However, Allen — I did not name him in my letter—expressed views that coincided with the position taken by administration leaders at the convention. No one has accused him of yielding to arm-twisting, and I don't know why he is so sensitive on that point.

I raised the point simply to make it clear that the Boston meeting heard presentation of **both** sides of the Portland issue before acting. This was no small, secret cabal trying to sneak something over, as several GR references to the size of the meeting seem to imply.

JACK BROUDY
Boston Guild

For 'Extra' Portland Aid As Interim Strike Device
PUEBLO, COLO.

Editor: Prior letters on the Portland referendum question indicate some members have boiled the issue to: Does the Guild belong in the commercial publishing field?

This seems to be an oversimplification. Supporters of a 3½-month extension of Portland benefits include many Guild members who are basically opposed to Guild subsidization of commercial newspapers.

The answer to this seemingly incongruous position is related not just to Portland, but also to Reno and suburban Pittsburgh and to some extent the Chicago Defender. The question of whether any of these strikes were ill-advised or improperly carried out cannot obscure the fact that neither ANG nor its locals have come up with an effective answer to the publisher who refuses to halt operations because of a picket line.

Anti-strikebreaker laws, although largely untested, may help. But they will not change the situation in Portland or bring back the Reno local or bring resumption of bargaining in suburban Pittsburgh.

Until we do come up with a reasonably effective answer, we should be prepared to provide more aid than we might otherwise. A 3½-month extension of Portland benefits is little enough.

DAYLE H. MOLEN
Pueblo Guild

Sees No Need To Fear 'Subsidy' For Portland
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Editor: Opponents of extending benefits to Portland fear "subsidizing" the Portland Reporter. I have yet to hear or read a valid reason for their horror.

If "subsidy" means helping a Guildsman who asks for aid—I am for it.

If "subsidy" means keeping a Guild alive where none might exist without it—I am for it.

If "subsidy" means keeping a paper alive to fight a monopoly we all so piously abhor—I am for it.

If it is "poor business," as one letter writer phrased it, to invest in an enterprise that might have a chance—any chance—to create jobs at a time when we are losing them by the dozens and hundreds through publishers' "good business"—I am for it.

If it is "poor unionism" (his phrase) to believe that the Guild defense fund is not a reservoir to be tapped for meeting ANG deficits, but is the plasma to sustain brothers who are struggling for a chance to survive in this business —I am for it.

A Yes vote on the referendum might not accomplish all we hope for Portland, but in the absence of anything better—I am for it.

And so should we all be.

JERRY ROSENTHAL
Milwaukee Guild

Hawaii Lists 'Vital Points' In Portland Benefit Stand
HONOLULU, HAWAII

Editor: In his November 10 letter, Harry Dutton of Portland conveniently overlooks several points brought to the attention of Hawaii's delegation at the Vancouver convention, points of vital interest to Guild members being asked to overrule the convention's decision on Portland benefits.

1. Portland Guild members are the ones who made the decision to remain at the benefit pay level when they initiated their commercial newspaper as a strike weapon. Other Portland strikers, notably the Pressmen and Teamsters, who went to work for the Reporter got union scale in their contracts.

2. The picketing Dutton refers to in Portland is not being done by Guild members, but by members of other striking unions.

3. As for the reference to the ex-sports writer-publisher of the Reporter existing on benefits, the contract negotiated by him with the Guild is substantial evidence of the old adage that you can't sit on both sides of the bargaining table simultaneously.

The points Dutton overlooks were among the reasons why Hawaii's three delegates voted at the convention to terminate benefits to Portland.

FREDERICK K. LEE
Hawaii Guild

Portland Hasn't Given Up
Why should we?
Vote FOR Portland

Letter Writers Detail Their Reasons For And Against

He Deplores 'Political Play' In Portland Issue
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Editor: Jim Gallagher is a personable young fellow, but he doesn't make sense. He says (GR, Oct. 27) Albany introduced its motion to give an opportunity to reaffirm the convention action refusing to support a commercial newspaper.

To me it looked more like a deliberately planned device to confuse the rank and file. "Technicalities" is a nice word, but the motion was withdrawn because it was a bungled job. We won't go into the "technicalities" of how you withdraw a motion.

Marshall Schiewe threatens the Guild that Chicago will demand equal treatment for the Defender, to the point of "publishing a commercial newspaper to provide jobs for our members."

We backers of the Portland referendum are the strongest supporters the Defender strike will ever have, for the reason we don't believe in abandoning a brother in a fight. If the Chicago Guild believes setting up a newspaper will win the strike, we will support it.

The Portland Guild asked for a December 1 cutoff date. They are aware that ANG is not going into the newspaper publishing business.

Rene Valentine, strike director, assigned the Portland Guildsmen to work on the Portland Reporter. Do we really have to make a political football of the people?

ED REYNOLDS
San Francisco-Oakland Guild

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Says ANG Is Already A 'Part-time Publisher'
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Editor: I incline to agree with John Cort's characterization of the Guild (GR, Oct. 13) as a study in "schizophrenia and nonsequitur."

The October 13 editorial, "Massive Retaliation," informs us that with its newly-acquired 1,884 shares of Scripps-Howard stock the ANG, as a part-time publisher, plans to "increase press responsibility."

The editorialized news columns, however, give the impression there is something remiss with Guildsmen who believe that Portland members, forced to found a paper in their strike against another big newspaper chain, are also striking a blow for press responsibility.

I doubt if any cartoon will ever equal "The Ten Musketeers," which sees, as something to ridicule, the phrase "A strike against one is a strike against all." Do we doubt that any newspaper strike affects all publishers and all Guildsmen?

But most startling was the Wilkes-Barre Guild president's letter which pointed out that a New York local member lives in California, as refuting what that member said.

The Portland issue is not whether ANG enters the publishing field. It already has with its 1,884 shares of S-H stock.

The issue is whether we as a union can afford to write off our members when they run into difficulties.

CATHERINE M. O'TOOLE
San Francisco-Oakland Guild

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Sees Yes Vote On Portland As Worthwhile Investment
CLEVELAND, OHIO

Editor: I see some merit in Vote-No arguments set forth by Chicago and Albany Guild presidents in the October 27 GR. I, too, don't want ANG to go broke subsidizing commercial newspapers. Nor do I want to pay perpetual defense fund assessments. But I can see no reason to get alarmed on either count at present. We can face these crises when they come up, if they ever do.

Maybe publishing a newspaper to compete with a struck employer is as futile as waving a picket sign at the professional strikebreakers we've had to fight. I can't see any incontestable evidence in past experience. It might be worth the price to get as much light as the Portland Reporter's future can shed on this.

End of hope for a negotiated settlement at Portland left two big questions:

1. What to do about 50 Guildsmen averaging less than half normal income since, as good union men, they refused to cross a picket line two years ago?

2. How to discourage other employers from deciding Reno or Portland might be a good pattern?

I can't see a No vote doing anything to answer either question. I'll vote Yes to invest 80 cents per ANG member to face up to those questions.

DICK SMITH
Wire Service Guild

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Says Portland Proposal Betters Old OK'd Pact
PORTLAND, ORE.

Editor: As publisher of The Portland Reporter and a charter member of the Portland Newspaper Guild, I present these facts in connection with the proposed Portland Reporter-Guild contract (GR, Oct. 27).

1. Two Guild IR's were in Portland and were fully informed by local newspaper union presidents at the time of their agreement that pre-strike contracts with the Journal and Oregonian would be the base for negotiations with The Portland Reporter.

2. The pre-strike Guild contracts at the Journal and Oregonian were approved by ANG.

3. More improvements were made in the proposed Guild contract than in any other contract. Now ANG turns down major improvements in a previously approved contract. Why?

4. The addendum agreement to the proposed Guild contract is the same as that in effect with four other unions.

ROBERT D. WEBB
Portland Guild

ANG Sec.-Treas. Charles A. Perlik, Jr., chairman of the IEB Contracts Committee, provided the Guild Reporter with this answer to the "Why" posed in the foregoing letter:

"The contract between the Guild and Journal and Oregonian, despite the fact it was approved, was nonetheless an inferior contract which reflected lack of Guild bargaining strength and publisher resistance. The proposed Reporter contract is an initial contract with a new publisher (not Newhouse) in entirely new circumstances, and is measurable under new rules adopted by the 1961 Convention.

"Unlike other Guild negotiations, Guild members sat on both sides of the bargaining table at the Reporter, and the Contracts Committee and the IEB feel Guildsmen everywhere have a right to expect a better contract.

"Point 1 in the letter is not true."

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Portland ITU-ANG Member Deplores Benefit Action
PORTLAND, ORE.

Editor: I am a member of the Typographical Union and worked my way through the University of Chicago setting type for the Chicago Tribune. As a strong unionist I decided I belonged, in this time of crisis, in Portland, Ore., so a few days after graduation I offered my services as writer or typesetter to The Portland Reporter. When hired I filled out a Guild application and later was accepted into membership.

The "Portland situation" began while I was a simple printer back in Chicago—and from the unpretentious yet intelligent leadership of my union I heard only aggressive, constructive talk about Portland. Together with the talk there has been action. It is common knowledge that the ITU is the strong right arm of the newspaper unions in Portland today.

But what do I hear from the ANG? After months of generous assistance to Portland I hear the Guild saying, in effect, "Sorry, boys, the battle isn't going too well. And, you understand, we have to watch our budget."

I echo the questions put by John Cort (GR, Oct. 13): "What is happening to the Guild? Are we suffering from dry-rot or hardening of the spiritual arteries?"

EDGAR BALLARD
Member-at-large, Portland Guild

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Two Policies Repudiated By Benefit Extension
BALTIMORE, MD.

Editor: It occurs to me that the advocates of continued benefits for Portland Guildsmen are asking the Guild to repudiate not one, but two policies adopted by the Vancouver convention.

For not only did the convention call for a halt to benefits (a halt which followed continued pleas for "just a little more to tide us over"), but it established that "ANG strike policy be amended to require picketing by every able-bodied striker as a condition of receiving ANG strike benefits."

Even before the Portland convention, according to a Portland spokesman, the Portland Guildsmen were not on the picket line. As I understand it, they are still not picketing, even as they ask for more benefits.

The Portland Referendum Committee has made remarks about "ancient and fundamental values of trade union morality." I ask whether there is not a moral issue here, when more money is asked for Portlanders who are not performing the most elementary function of strikers.

AGNES MAGROGAN
Baltimore Guild

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Cites Three Improvements In 'Substandard' Contract
PORTLAND, ORE.

Editor: The lame excuse that Portland does not deserve an extension of benefits because its contract with the Portland Reporter is "sub-standard" is sheer rot.

This "substandard" contract provides for a Guild Shop, for a dues-checkoff by management, and for total coverage of all non-mechanical departments of the paper.

Not one of these existed in any of the prior contracts between the Portland Guild and the Oregonian and Journal — contracts which received the approval of the International Executive Board.

JACK ROBERTS
Portland Guild

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American Newspaper Guild
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ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE CONVENTION POLICY SOUGHT TO BE CHANGED

"Following lengthy and full debate, the International Executive Board's recommendation to the convention that international benefits to Portland be extended to August 11, 1961, and that they be terminated on that date was adopted on a roll call vote, 253-1/30 in favor and 150-29/30 opposed."

TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

"That the convention action cutting off strike benefits from the Portland strikers on August 11, 1961, be revoked and that benefits be extended to December 1, 1961, as requested by the Portland Guild, at which time they will be terminated."

FOR the proposed changes ☐

AGAINST the proposed changes ☐

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More Letters
More letters dealing with the referendum on the Vancouver decision terminating Portland benefits are on succeeding pages.

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

[redacted] management.

By our very emergence as a newspaper — conceived and born of labor strife and supported by organized labor, it is to be expected we will be more friendly to union principles than antagonistic. [redacted]

—Portland Reporter, Feb. 16, 1961

Nothing in this agreement shall be interpreted to impair or invade the right of management to be the sole judge of the competency of employes.

The Publisher may prescribe rules, not in conflict with the provisions of this agreement, affecting the conduct and work of its employes as the Publisher may deem necessary or desirable in the regulation and operation of its business.

No employe shall engage in Guild activity on Company time or Company premises beyond routine activities by elected or appointed Guild officers.

—Proposed Portland Reporter contract

UPHOLD the Convention; Vote AGAINST
Subsidies for Commercial Newspapers

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Letters—We Get Lots And Lots And Lots Of Letters!

Sees Confusion, Politics In Guild Developments
DETROIT, MICH.

Editor: I just simply can't make heads or tails out of what the ANG is doing.

It was carefully explained at the last convention that all new pending contracts of the Portland Reporter were being submitted to the various internationals on the same set standard basis as they had been with the other papers where these people had worked prior to the strike.

This was being done so that one union would not have an advantage over another while their present mother paper is trying to get an economic foothold in the community.

Then along comes the Guild Reporter with a front-page story that the board is sending an IR to straighten out this situation. Locals not in the administration camp have asked for IR's to come in and do, not political work, but some real work—but this never comes about.

How long are you going to continue to fool the membership of the American Newspaper Guild?

As a postscript, I see Hickey is chairman of a lesser committee. Welcome to the doghouse, Brother Hickey!

WARREN STROMBERG
Detroit Guild

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Stockton Guild Supports Portland, Chicago Too
STOCKTON, CALIF.

Editor: Stockton Local 100 having seconded the Boston referendum motion to extend Portland strike benefits, is on record backing the referendum itself.

Stockton has indicated its support of Portland by assessing its membership $1 per member, in addition to giving $25 monthly from the general fund, for the past 21 months—a total of $1.25 per member per month.

We wonder how Portland would be faring if other locals, such as New York, with its huge 8,500-member total, had been assessing themselves $1.25 per member for 21 months. For New York, this would come to over $244,125.

We received notice of New York's aid for Chicago Defender strikers. To this we say three cheers!

Since the Chicago strike started, Stockton has sent $25 per month to Chicago, in addition to the $1.25 per member for Portland, a total assessment of $1.50. That same ratio would mean $2,150 a month from New York.

This letter is to advise other locals that Stockton backs not only Chicago Guildsmen, but still backs striking Portland Guildsmen.

Let's not forget, Christmas is coming in Portland, just as it is in Chicago.

DOUGLAS W. BRODIE
President, Stockton Guild

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Objects To Assessments For Commercial Daily
DREXEL HILL, PA.

Editor: Jim Gallagher's letter to the Guild Reporter of October 13 raises a pertinent question.

The referendum sponsors suggest a $25,000 gift to Portland from the "fat" ANG Defense Fund. I note in the Guild Reporter of October 27 the Defense Fund as of October 1 stood at some $472,000. Since the Constitution sets a floor of $500,000 on December 31, where is the fat?

The payment of $25,000 to Portland could require an assessment to bring the Defense Fund up to the $500,000 constitutional requirement. I would be willing to pay assessments as long as necessary for a strike effort but I would resent paying assessments to subsidize a commercial newspaper.

WILLIAM E. MURPHY
Philadelphia Guild

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Asks Referendum Approval On 'Moral Principles'
PALO ALTO, CALIF.

Editor: Just three points for "Yes" on the Portland referendum.

1. As to Portland's not picketing: this was not Portland's choice, it was ordered by the strike director, sanctioned by ANG. To punish our Portland brothers for actions of others is a flat miscarriage of justice.

2. As to cutting off benefits to Portland Guildsmen because they are employed full time without pay—some of our good brothers must never have been in the position of not knowing where their next meal is coming from.

3. The above arguments against aid to Portland, like all others I have seen, are at best technicalities, and debatable at that.

This is a plea for overwhelming approval of the referendum. Moral principles should always take precedence over technicalities.

DWIGHT E. MITCHELL
San Jose Guild

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Deems Portland Daily 'No Strike Weapon At All'
MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Editor: It is easy to sympathize with Harry Dutton, Portland Guild, who has been feeding his family on beans for two years. Any real unionist and Guildsman would gladly contribute money to him as a striker or if jobless.

Unfortunately that isn't the issue. He is working for a commercial newspaper, a newspaper with a Guild publisher who apparently told his fellow Guildsmen he was going to bargain like a real publisher . . . and did.

It is the refusal of fellow Guildsmen to give the Portland local a contract that is a model rather than a monstrosity that has convinced some of us the Portland Reporter is not a strike weapon at all. That is why I favor upholding the convention's action.

TOM OFFICER
Milwaukee Guild

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Sees Portland Reporter As 'Labor's Sentinel'
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Editor: A philosophy such as that of Brother Baron (GR, Nov. 10) shall not prevail. Such a philosophy is not that of the dedicated workingman nor of the majority of Guildsmen across the United States and Canada.

The organizational structure and circumstances under which the Portland Reporter was born of Labor's womb precludes Brother Baron's label of commercialization for a newspaper which is today Labor's lone sentinel, standing stalwart and proud in the face of a Newhouse army dedicated to a calculated ruthlessness.

It is poor business and it is poor unionism for Brother Baron or any other union man or woman to turn his back or her back on the Portland strikers. It is morally wrong. Apparently Brother Baron has not given the matter enough thought. I am sure he would not turn his blind side to Cincinnati Guildsmen under similar circumstances.

Every Guildsman will profit at the bargaining table because of the eventual success of the Portland Reporter, but perhaps the most important point in this great debate is the fact that managements are gloating at the division in our ranks. We can and should present a solid front in the forthcoming referendum and accede to Portland's request.

DANA-FORD THOMAS
Knoxville Guild

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Convention Action Was 'Intelligent,' 'Responsible'
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Editor: Robert C. Stafford's letter (GR, Nov. 10) should not be allowed to confuse referendum voters who have their hearts in the right place but who cannot possibly know what convention delegates knew when they turned down the Portland "new techniques."

Catch phrases like "We must meet imagination with imagination" and the "new techniques" which Brother Stafford believes worthy of more money from the Defense Fund, were neither new nor imaginative two years ago in Chicago.

A commercial newspaper subsidized by the Defense Fund was seen as a hole down which strike manpower and strike funds could pour endlessly, and add not one iota to a strike effort.

I voted to plug that hole. Defense money for a strike effort, yes; for a commercial newspaper venture, no.

Preoccupation with the "new techniques" in Portland gave Newhouse release from effective strike pressure long ago and gave him the chance to gobble the Journal quickly and cheaply last summer.

It was pretty sad, I think, that delegates to the Vancouver convention were put through this "new technique" and "imagination" routine again.

I am against changing policy decisions made intelligently and responsibly by delegates to two Guild conventions.

JUSTIN F. McCARTHY, JR.
Los Angeles Guild

Union-Sponsored Daily Not A 'New Technique'
CHESTER, PA.

Editor: Referendum supporters lay great stress on the argument that new techniques must be used in Portland because traditional strike techniques failed.

How can they make such a determination? The Portland Guild members never tried the traditional strike techniques and, by the way, a union-sponsored competing daily can hardly be held up as a new technique. The ITU has lost millions of dollars on similar papers and not one has ever won a strike.

ORRIN C. EVANS
Philadelphia Guild

Portland Hasn't Given Up
Why should we?
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Stresses Human Element In Portland Situation
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Editor: It seems to me that those who want Portland strike benefits cut off as of last August 11 forget completely that human beings are involved.

The strikers are Guildsmen who need help only because they believe in the Guild and have stuck with it through two years of privation.

Do we quit helping them because they are working on a paper that might some day become a profitable daily and give them paying jobs?

Do we cut them off because their contract isn't good enough? Do we desert them because the money provisions of that contract are in suspension awaiting the day the Portland Reporter becomes a profitable daily?

Do we kick them out because they spend 40 hours a week working on a strike paper, as they were instructed to do, instead of four hours a week on the picket line?

Do we say goodbye to Portland Guildsmen because they've been on strike too long?

Aren't two years of suffering because they kept on fighting for the Guild worth some special consideration?

Are technicalities more important than human decency?

LEONARD MILLIMAN
Wire Service Guild

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ITU Strike Head Anti-Guild In Knoxville Sign-up Bid
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Editor: Our Local is in a torrid and vexing organizing campaign to sign up News-Sentinel-Journal circulation department employes, including the mail room, which is not now represented by a union or covered by a contract.

Last month, when the Guild called a meeting of mailers—many of whom have sought Guild membership—who showed up to try to defeat us?

None other than Rene Valentine, the so-called strike director at Portland. He urged the mailers not to join the Guild.

The Guild has spent more than a quarter of a million dollars to support Portland members and yet here comes Valentine to say to Knoxvillians: "Don't join the Guild!"

As a member of the Local and the Southern District Council which launched the Million Dollar defense fund idea and helped steer it through the convention to reality, I say vote "Against" when you mark your secret ballot.

WILLARD YARBROUGH
Past-Pres. Southern DC

Would Uphold Twice-Voted Convention Benefit Policy
ALLENTOWN, PA.

Editor: I am tired to the point of exhaustion over this dispute.

Do we or don't we?

The question was argued at Chicago and the convention made a decision:

No ANG funds to subsidize a commercial newspaper.

So the Portland people started a commercial newspaper.

The IEB made a decision to terminate Portland benefits. Portland appealed to the convention. The issue was debated again at Vancouver. The convention voted decisively to uphold the IEB. Portland supporters instituted a referendum.

I am convinced it's a question of whether majority rule prevails in our union.

The IEB has spoken.

Two conventions have spoken.

Let's vote to uphold the convention decision.

Let our officers devote their time and energy to the many really important issues confronting the union instead of defending themselves from the sniping of a disgruntled minority.

CHARLES ZAIMES
Lehigh Valley Guild

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Contract Is Meaningless Unless It Pays Off
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Editor: How anyone can claim that the "contract" proposed by the Portland Reporter is a contract is beyond me.

You can label anything a contract if it suits your purpose, but that doesn't make it so.

Do you really have a contract when the contract gives you benefits and an "Addendum" takes those same benefits away from you?

Do you really have a contract when for not one single day of the life of the contract you actually receive those benefits?

Do you really have a contract when the contract benefits all must be re-negotiated before they take effect?

The "Addendum" to the Portland contract means just that.

Not one employe will receive for even one day the minimums, the night differential, the overtime, the paid holidays, the paid sick leave, the paid vacations, the severance pay and many other benefits.

You might just as well negotiate a $200 minimum if you're not going to get it.

GLORIA RIORDAN
Washington Guild

Court Gets Houston Case

Houston, Texas—A three-judge panel heard oral arguments Nov. 15 in the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit, as the National Labor Relations Board sought enforcement of orders directing the Houston Chronicle:

- To bargain in good faith with the Houston Newspaper Guild.
- To stop harassing Gordon Adkins, discharged Chronicle photographer and Guild president.

The Chronicle has openly violated labor laws in its efforts to stall unionization by the Houston Guild.

Although the representation election for editorial department employes was in October, 1959, utilizing devices provided by the Taft-Hartley law, the Chronicle management delayed a decision on the election until March 11, 1960.

After the Houston Guild had been certified, management announced on a bulletin board its intention to refuse to bargain. The Guild filed charges March 22, 1960. Hearings were held in April and May.

Adkins, chief witness at a labor board hearing, was discharged by the Chronicle which claimed that his work was "unsatisfactory."

In all, the NLRB has issued four different complaints against the Chronicle for violating the federal labor law.

A decision in the case is expected in about two months.

Flier Proves Unexpected Vote-Getter

Lowell, Mass. — An attempt by the Lowell Sun unit of the Boston Guild to inform the public of management stalling tactics had an unexpected by-product Nov. 7 when five anti-Sun candidates for the city council were swept into office in an upset victory.

It started with a Guild circular denouncing Sun management for refusing to meet with Guild negotiators following the NLRB representation election Sept. 18.

John Cort, Boston administrative secretary, and International Representative Ed Allen were distributing the leaflets Nov. 3 when political candidates asked for copies. They were given one each.

Candidates read the Guild's blast on the city's two radio stations, and for a time it appeared that the Sun had become the principal campaign issue.

When the votes were counted, Samuel S. Pollard, two-time mayor of Lowell, had suffered the first defeat of his long political career.

Five of the nine winners—enough to assure the ouster of City Manager Frank Barrett, a Sun favorite—were candidates of the anti-Sun "pick six" group. The sixth "anti," Bartholomew J. Gallery, Jr., who lost by only 11 votes, will seek a recount.

Pollard was the only council member to speak last spring against a council resolution supporting the Guild's drive to organize the Sun. The resolution passed.

When candidates began using the flier regardless of the Guild's wish not to become involved in city politics, the remaining undelivered copies were held for distribution until after the election.

Christmas Cheer For Defender Children

Chicago, Ill.—As Christmas decorations go up on State Street, heralding the approach of the holiday season, plans are progressing for bringing Christmas cheer to the 100 children of Chicago Defender strikers.

Sparked by the leadership of the New York Guild, the campaign for the collection of a special Christmas fund is underway.

The San Jose local at its Nov. 15 membership meeting voted to send $50 to the Christmas fund for the Defender strikers and another $50 to begin a Christmas fund for Portland. It urged other Guilds to participate in both efforts, according to Dwight Geduldig, president.

A $500 contribution and the pledge of $100 a week (GR, Oct. 27) by New York have given an added lift to the spirits of Defender pickets who have been marching continuously since April 16.

Wire Service Guildsmen, who have contributed $1,300 at a regular $50-a-week pace, were represented in person when their administrator, Ray Mann of New York City signed the guest book at Defender Guild headquarters.

"I want to thank you for the privilege of attending the Chicago Defender unit meeting," Mann told Ken Byrd, Chicago Newspaper Guild executive director.

"I was impressed by the militancy, loyalty and spirit of the members. I was honored and proud to walk on the picket line with the unit and was impressed with their determination and their knowledge that they would win.

"The Chicago local is to be commended for the rigidity of the picket line rule. I am convinced that no weapon ever replaces the picket line. The picket line is the front line of the battle and teaches the lessons of militancy and loyalty and from these, the will to win."

The Milwaukee Newspaper Guild, which has been contributing $100 a month to the Chicago Defender Strike Fund since the strike started, has voted to increase the amount to $150. In addition, the membership voted to take up a voluntary collection as a Christmas Fund for Defender strikers' families. The local has set a goal of an amount equal to $1 per member.

Milwaukee has also contributed $100 per month to Portland.

Chicago, Ill.—The benefit fund of the Chicago Guild in aid of striking Guildsmen at the Defender has been increased by $1,790 in the two-weeks period ended November 17.

The local reports the following gifts, which are exclusive of further contributions earmarked for a special Christmas treat for 100 children in the strikers' families.

The fund:

Previously acknowledged	$16,085.39
Cleveland Guild	50.00
New York Guild	300.00
St. Louis Guild	100.00
North Jersey Guild	100.00
Columbus Guild	50.00
Madison Guild	100.00
San Diego Guild	150.00
Washington Guild	75.00
Stockton Guild	25.00
Toronto Guild	100.00
Indianapolis Guild	25.00
Philadelphia Guild	50.00
Hammond Guild	50.00
Lake Superior Guild	35.00
Denver Guild	55.00
Kenosha Guild	50.00
Buffalo Guild	50.00
Vancouver Guild	50.00
Milwaukee Guild	150.00
Brockton Guild	50.00
Wire Service Guild	50.00
Hawaii Guild	50.00
Terre Haute Guild	25.00
Wilkes-Barre Guild	50.00
TOTAL	$17,975.39

Fights Honolulu Paper's Sale

Honolulu, Hawaii — Majority interest in the Honolulu Star Bulletin and its subsidiaries, has been sold—for an estimated $5.7 million — to a group of Honolulu business men, but a temporary restraining order has halted the actual transfer.

Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, president of the corporation, filed suit after she heard of the action of the trustees of the Wallace R. Farrington estate who announced the sale. She was granted the temporary ban on the sale.

Included in the transaction were the Star Bulletin, largest newspaper in Hawaii, the Hilo Tribune-Herald, KGMB radio and television in Honolulu, KHBC in Hilo, Honolulu Lithograph Co. and the Star Bulletin Printing Co.

Although the sale price was not announced, Mrs. Farrington placed it at $53 a share. Her affidavit said:

"This would total $5,720,020 for the estate's 51.4 percent ownership in the Honolulu Star Bulletin and its subsidiaries." The Farrington estate owns 107,940 of the 210,000 outstanding shares of the Star Bulletin.

Both the purchasers and the trustees said minority stockholders would be offered the same price as that paid for the shares held by the estate.

Blatz Addresses SDC Meeting

Gatlinburg, Tenn.—J. William Blatz, ANG director of organization, was guest speaker at the Southern District Council's October meeting.

In other Council activity during the two-day session:

- SDC President Homer Clonts of Knoxville appointed former SDC president Willard Yarbrough chairman of the SDC college journalism awards committee for the 1961-62 school year. The SDC presents annual awards for the best college daily and non-daily.
- Voted to meet next spring in Buffalo prior to the ANG convention.
- Voted to invite ANG to hold a collective bargaining seminar at its fall 1962 meeting in Chattanooga.

Locals represented at the meeting were Knoxville (host), Memphis, Chattanooga, Greensboro, Washington, Houston and Hampton Roads. Also attending were observers from the Knoxville mailers and stereotype locals.

Day Book

LABOR BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Fifth and sixth sessions scheduled for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 in NLRB hearings in Newark on bargaining petition of North Jersey Guild on behalf of about 115 editorial staffers on the Bergen Evening Record, Hackensack, N. J.

Appeal filed Nov. 15 with NLRB asking reconsideration of its dismissal of petition by Hampton Roads Newspaper Guild for bargaining rights for the photographic department of the jointly owned Virginian-Pilot and Ledger Dispatch & Star.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS

U.S. Court of Appeals (Fifth Circuit) hears oral arguments Nov. 15, as NLRB seeks enforcement of orders directing Houston Chronicle to bargain in good faith with Houston Guild and cease harassment and coercion.

CONTRACTS

Washington: American Federation State, County and Municipal Employes, initial contract: Contract approval withheld because of lack of severance pay, for inadequate minimums and inclusion of automatic renewal clause. Permission to sign.

Washington: IUE Publicity Department, initial contract: Contract approval withheld for inadequate wage structure, lack of hours and overtime provisions, two-year eligibility requirement on severance pay, inadequate vacation provision, failure to incorporate existing sick leave and health plans in contract, lack of provision for expenses and inclusion of automatic renewal clause. Permission to sign.

New York: Saturday Review, contract approval withheld for adding qualifications to notice and severance pay clauses and for adding exclusions. Permission to sign.

Hammond Times, full contract renewal: contract approved; wage clause not approved because of discrimination against society reporters.

ACTIVITIES

Regional Weekend Institute, at the New York Guild Press Club, New York City, Dec. 2-3, sponsored jointly by the Middle Atlantic District Council and the Newspaper Guild of New York.

Regional Weekend Institute, Chicago, Jan. 20-21, 1962, sponsored by the Midwest District Council.

Regional Weekend Institute, Massillon, Jan. 27-28, 1962, sponsored by the PGI District Council.

ANG International Executive Board meeting, Washington, D. C., Feb. 19-22, 1962.

ANG International Executive Board meeting, Washington, D. C., May 21-25, 1962.

Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention, American Newspaper Guild, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., July 9-13, 1962.

EDITORIAL

Enforcing the Law

The National Labor Relations Board has broken new legal ground in two areas where anti-union employers have openly flouted the federal labor laws. The development lends further evidence of the welcome toughening of fiber in the NLRB's attitude toward enforcement, noted recently in this space.

The new techniques involve the use of the court injunction. There's nothing new about injunctions, of course. Unions have frequently been halted in their organizational drives by such court action. What is new about the NLRB action is that for the first time, injunctions are being sought against management, instead of labor.

The Board has fingered culprits in South Carolina and Georgia, areas where organized labor has met head-on the full resistance power of anti-union tactics, for many bitter years.

In the South Carolina case, there was a most familiar ring. Three workers in a textile plant were fired, says the NLRB, because they were active in forming a union. Next week management must show cause before a federal court why it should not be required to reinstate the employes and be prohibited from further anti-union actions.

The Georgia instance cuts even deeper into what reactionary employers have in many sections considered their sole prerogative. In that state, Burlington Industries—giant in its field—has announced that it would close its Peerless plant at Rossville, where a few months ago a successful election was held among employes for union representation.

The NLRB says that Burlington can't close, because it clearly plans to do so to circumvent the federal labor law. And the Board is taking the matter to court, where it will ask that the firm be directed to bargain in good faith with the union. The Georgia court has the Board request under advisement, with no date set for the hearing.

Chairman Frank McCulloch, new head of the labor board, has said publicly that the penalties provided for deliberate violation of the law amount to little more than "a license fee for union busting." He has indicated he wants stiffer penalties, to cut the profit out of tactics with which management has so often delayed justice and almost as often completely discouraged workers from asserting their legal rights.

The Guild has had its share of frustrations in its own organizing drives, in the south and elsewhere. This union will be watching with more than ordinary interest the results of the Board's present efforts to make the federal labor law effective.

Just Testing

Everybody on earth has more carbon 14 than before—10 percent more since tests were started. The half life of carbon 14 is 6,000 years, so it will be hanging around for that long, irradiating humans.

If the human race survives, then carbon 14 will cause two million defectives over a period of thousands of years. If tests go on, the number rises.

—Dr. Linus Pauling, Nobel Prize winning scientist.

The Issue

It is truly upon wise men that the issue depends that force shall not prevail, but right, through free and sincere negotiations, that truth and justice shall be vindicated. . . . We call upon the rulers of nations to face squarely the tremendous responsibilities they have before . . . history, and what is more, before the judgment seat of God.

—Pope John XXIII

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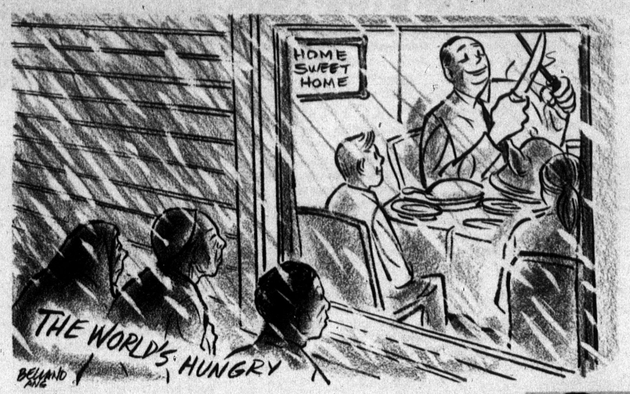
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Thanksgiving Day, 1961



DATELINE: WASHINGTON

Speakership Succession Potent Factor In Kennedy Program



By WILLARD SHELTON, *Washington Guild*

The published word is that the White House will not intervene in the struggle over filling the leadership vacuum created in the House of Representatives by the death of Speaker Rayburn. It is inconceivable to this observer that President Kennedy is not acutely aware of the simple little issue of whether he will ever have a House Democratic spokesman who believes in the New Frontier programs of domestic reform.

The House is where the legislation is jeopardized. The Senate, being more broadly based because all senators must seek statewide election, is relatively forward-looking and is aware of such problems as our continuing high rate of joblessness and our appallingly uneven standards of education. The House blocked Kennedy bills in the last session that the Senate had passed — school aid, for example, and the bill for retraining workers automated out of jobs. It is essential to the success of the Administration that Mr. Kennedy be supported by strong, sympathetic House leadership.

As the event shapes up, Floor Leader McCormack of Massachusetts will succeed Mr. Sam as Speaker, although Representative Rains of Alabama says he is thinking of challenging him. The second spot, that of Floor Leader under McCormack, is contested by Representative Carl Albert of Oklahoma and Representative Richard Bolling of Missouri.

The contestants are shooting for more than second spot: Under the ground rules that say McCormack must be promoted now, the next Floor Leader in due time will succeed McCormack as Speaker. The ground rules also say that Albert will beat Bolling—in the absence of White House intervention. For Albert has been Assistant Leader to McCormack, whereas Bolling was merely Mr. Sam's spokesman on the key House Rules Committee which is all-powerful but membership on which does not set the line of succession.

The unfolding situation could become an invitation to nightmares, in which control of the House remains for years in the hands of conservative coalitionists such as Democratic House Rules Committee Chairman Smith of Virginia and Republican Floor Leader Halleck of Indiana.

Mr. McCormack's prospective elevation must be considered an unhappy accident. He is deserving of reward for long service by party and House standards, but he cannot be thought of as offering the breadth and qualities of moral leadership needed in terms of current issues. When the House Appropriations Committee last September butchered the foreign aid money bill, McCormack as Acting Speaker deserted Kennedy in the floor fight. A rising Republican, Representative Ford of Michigan, led the successful operation pushing the appropriation upward by $300 million, while McCormack voted against it.

McCormack and Kennedy are both Boston-bred, Democrats, and Irish Catholic by derivation. The gulf between them is the thirty years by which McCormack is older, the different soil and climate of the times from which they sprang.

The showdown between Albert and Bolling for the prospective place in the line of succession raises the issue of House leadership in a different context. It is whether able spokesmen of the northern liberal wing of the Democratic Party shall be disqualified because they are northern liberals.

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Mr. Albert is intelligent and loyal, a hard-working member trusted by his party colleagues. He is a Border State man; he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University; he won his first election to the House in the "meat shortage" campaign of 1946, when other Democrats went down the drain in Harry Truman's worst year.

The question must still be raised as to whether House Democrats will be led under President Kennedy solely by Border State members and Northerners of McCormack's generation. The question is whether there is a place in the line of succession for a northern liberal of Bolling's capacities. The word liberal is used without quotation marks.

Bolling came to the House two years later than Albert. He was depended on by Mr. Rayburn to an extraordinary degree on the Rules Committee. As it happens, he is a Southerner by birth and education although he represents a Kansas City district. His liberal voting record is unmistakably from the Midwest. He is as free of dogma and as perceptive in power factors in the House as Mr. Sam himself and in the practical understanding of what can be achieved.

Bolling's roots are in the problems of our times, which are problems of great complexity involving education, taxation, urban living, and joblessness. In a new era, he is a national Democrat in the sense the late Speaker himself was. He knows what Kennedy was talking about in the campaign of 1960. He should not be passed over.

Appropriate Unit Is Issue In Bergen Record Hearing

Newark, N. J.—The appropriate unit is at issue in the National Labor Relations Board hearings being held here on the bargaining petition of the North Jersey Guild on behalf of about 115 editorial employes of the Bergen Evening Record, Hackensack.

Next sessions are scheduled for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Four have already been held.

Management has been contending that all five departments at the Record constitute the appropriate unit. An alternate contention has been that the editorial department is the appropriate unit with two assistant city editors, the librarian and 10 regional editors excluded as supervisors.

The Guild has presented seven witnesses—chiefly regional editors and reporters—and insists it wants to present others.

ANG International Representative Edna Berger has guided the 18-month campaign that culminated in the filing of the bargaining petition.