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CITIZENSHIP AWARD: The Memphis Guild had to transfer its annual dinner-dance from a segregated country club before James H. White, right, local president, could present its annual citizenship award to Dr. Hollis Freeman Price, distinguished Negro educator. Examining the award, a stick of type set in walnut, is Dr. Price's wife.

Memphis Honors Negro Educator, Spurns Segregated Country Club

Memphis, Tenn.—The Memphis Guild this month gave its annual citizenship award for the first time to a Negro—a choice that embroiled it in controversy with a segregated country club where the award was to have been made. The winner of the Guild's 19th annual award was Dr. Hollis Freeman Price, president of LeMoyn College and distinguished educator. He received the award—a stick of type mounted in walnut—at a dinner-dance moved at the last minute to a downtown hotel.

Selection of Dr. Price—a unanimous decision by a five-member Guild committee—touched off a series of problems.

The dinner-dance had been booked for the Colonial Country Club, where it had been held in past years. But the club's board of directors, at a special meeting four days before the event, voted unanimously to deny its facilities to an integrated affair.

Faced with the club's "take-your-party-elsewhere" edict and some canceled reservations by Guild members, the local's executive committee met in special session. A motion to present the award to Dr. Price at his college office and to cancel the party was defeated by a tie vote. Subsequently, a motion to shift the party to a desegregated downtown hotel and follow the original award presentation plans carried by a substantial majority.

As it turned out, the social affair was one of the best-attended in recent years; many Guild members and guests acclaimed the program and dinner as one of the local's finest.

Dr. Price, the son of a pioneer Negro educator, has long been a leader in Memphis civic and political activity. He ran for the school board last year and received 41,083 votes, although he was not elected.

The Guild's citation lauded Dr.

Price for working with "courage, devotion and wisdom, with dignity and good humor, for the human rights of all people" and for encouraging at LeMoyn College "a climate of understanding and responsible leadership."

"He has ever been ready to meet with and work with any persons interested in bettering race relations," the citation declared, "and . . . has been a towering force for good will improving the stature and life of Negroes . . ."

"In his own person he holds up the image of constructive change, accomplished with understanding, kindness and compassion . . . He embodies the best tradition of the great educators of his own race, Booker T. Washington and Robert Morton, and of the great teachers of all people."

The Memphis Commercial Appeal hailed the selection editorially, declaring that it called attention to "achievements of a man who richly deserves the tribute." James H. White, president of the Memphis Local, was honored as Guildman of the Year for his work as negotiating chairman in 1962-63.

Key Locals Urged To Press For Rights-Bill Passage

ANG has asked 19 Guild locals in areas whose Senators are on the fence to wire the legislators urging affirmative votes on the civil rights bill and cloture of debate.

"Strongly urge your local to wire your senators urging affirmative votes for cloture and for civil-rights bill without crippling amendments," ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., wired the locals' presidents.

"Sens. Williams, Dominick, Lausche, Dirksen, Hickenlooper, Gore, Walters and those who might influence them are most important," the telegram declared. "Suggest emphasis that two months of debate is sufficient on this most important moral issue of this generation. Issue transcends partisan politics or sectional loyalties. The bill will give vitality to individual rights stated in Consti-

tution but which have been denied in practice."

The telegram was sent to presidents of the Akron, Chattanooga, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Detroit, Knoxville, Massillon, Memphis, Peoria, Philadelphia, Pueblo, Rockford, St. Louis, Sioux City, Toledo and Youngstown locals.

The Greater Philadelphia Guild, responding immediately to the ANG request, sent wires to Sens. Hugh Scott and Joseph Clark, calling upon them to vote for cloture and the bill.

The telegram, signed by local president Michael Casino, told the senators that the thousand newspapermen and women represented by the Guild are "long familiar with practiced denial of constitutional civil rights" and "most

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3 ANG Officials Support Revised Strike Financing

ANG's three top officers will recommend International Executive Board endorsement of the Special Strike Policy Committee's recommendations for strengthening the Guild's strike financing when the IEB meets in Washington next week.

President Arthur Rosenstock, Executive Vice President William J. Farson and Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., will ask the board to support the committee's proposal for increasing strike-lockout benefits, raising the International Defense Fund floor to two million dollars in three steps and establishing a more adequate and equitable assessment schedule.

"The committee's proposals fulfill an urgent need to put the Guild's strike financing on a realistic basis," Farson declared. "Their adoption is essential if the Guild is to successfully meet the problems posed by developing automation and to back up its contract demands with the strength to make them effective."

The committee's report will come before the IEB before being presented to the Guild's 31st Annual Convention July 13-17 in Long Beach, Calif.

The committee has proposed a benefit schedule ranging from \$35 to \$65, depending on number of dependents, with two \$5 increases effective with the fifth and thirteenth weeks.

It has recommended increasing the Defense Fund floor to a million dollars effective Oct. 1, \$1,500,000 three years thereafter, and two million dollars two years after that. Adoption of the million-dollar floor Oct. 1, the committee estimated, would require assessments for two months at the new rate to reach that figure by the end of the year.

To help finance the increased benefit schedule, the committee proposed an assessment schedule ranging from \$1 a month for

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Guild Challenges Finding In N.Y. Mirror Shutdown

New York City — New York Mirror employees had a statutory right to advance notice of the paper's closing and an opportunity to forestall it through collective bargaining, the New York Guild's attorney declared last week in a brief to the National Labor Relations Board.

Eugene N. Sosnoff, in an argument challenging NLRB Examiner John F. Funke's finding that the Mirror was not guilty of an unfair labor practice in shutting down without notice last Oct. 15, said neither a contractual provision for severance pay nor the existence of a "zipper clause" waived this right.

The NLRB's general counsel and the Pressmen's Union also submitted exceptions to the examiner's conclusion, which is before the full board for review.

ITU Stoppage Wins Back Job At Star

Printers at the Washington Star won the reinstatement of their chapel chairman last week after a four-day stoppage that brought the threat of a "massive retaliation" shutdown by other Washington publishers.

The stoppage, which curtailed the Star for three days and forced it to halt publication on the fourth, was ended when the Star and the ITU accepted a settlement formula proposed by Federal Mediation Director William E. Sinkin. The printers stayed off the job starting May 8 after the chapel chairman was fired in a dispute over a union notice posted in the composing room.

"When you fire the chapel chairman, you fire the union," one ITU official said.

Management charged that the stoppage violated a contract clause calling for arbitration of disputes, but an ITU committee termed it a response to "a flagrant violation, unprecedented in the memory of any member of this committee."

The printers maintained that the stoppage was not a strike, and the local did not ask other union members to refrain from working pending a strike vote. Members of the Washington Guild, after consultation with counsel, continued to do their normal work but refused to perform work normally

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No Settlement, No Papers

Columbus, Ohio — Columbus Guild members are refusing to deliver papers through a picket line established by the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bar-Tenders Union at a Howard Johnson restaurant here.

Although the restaurant union has been certified as bargaining agent for the establishment's employees, management has refused to negotiate. Guild members and Teamsters have refused to cross the picket line to deliver the Columbus Dispatch to a newsstand rack in the restaurant pending settlement of the dispute.

The Mirror, by carrying out its

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AT IFJ CONGRESS: Above, ANG Executive Vice President William J. Farson, left, joins other IFJ leaders on dais during the federation's seventh world congress May 3-9 in Vichy, France. Others at the officers' table are, left to right, Henry J. Bradley of

England, president; Theo Bogarts of Belgium, secretary-treasurer, and Max Neff of Switzerland and Marcel Stijns of Belgium, honorary presidents. At right, ANG President Arthur Rosenstock, upper left, and International Affairs Representative Ronald A. Watts, lower left, listen attentively.

Farson, Rosenstock Re-elected To IFJ Posts At Vichy Congress

Vichy, France — ANG Executive Vice President William J. Farson was re-elected North American vice president of the International Federation of Journalists at the IFJ's seventh world congress here May 3-9.

ANG President Arthur Rosenstock was re-elected to the IFJ executive committee as the federation elevated Henry J. Bradley, secretary-general of the British National Union of Journalists, to the presidency.

Rupert Giessler of Germany was elected to a newly created position of first vice president. Also elected vice presidents, along with Farson, were M. Gabriel Makosso of the Congo (Leopoldville), Miguel Perez Turner of Argentina and Ho Van Dong of South Viet Nam.

Farson, Rosenstock, M. Michael Potok, secretary-treasurer of the New York Guild, and William Gee of the Hawaii Guild represented ANG at the congress.

Farson was chairman of the elections committee; Rosenstock served on the constitution committee, Potok on the finance committee and Gee on the pro-

fessional-training committee. Eighty-eight delegates from 33 countries attended the congress, which admitted the Argentine Federation of Journalists, the Congolese Press Assn., the Kenya Union of Journalists, the Madagascar Union of the Press, the Malaya National Union of Journalists and the South Viet Nam Union of Journalists to membership.

The Kwanhun Club, representing Korean Journalists, and the South African Journalists' Assn. were admitted to associate membership.

Potok left for Munich after the congress to lead negotiations for the New York Guild's Radio Free Europe Unit.

Montanez Is Instructor At Colombian Seminar

Santa Marta, Colombia — Luis Montanez, Jr., president of the Puerto Rico Guild, is assisting his Latin-American colleagues as an instructor for the first time in a seminar on trade unionism conducted by the Inter-American Federation of Working Newspa-

men's Organizations (IAFWNO). The Santa Marta seminar, fourth in a series of regional sessions on trade unionism, is being directed by ANG International Affairs Representative John K. Sloan. Participants are members of the Colombian Assn. of Newspaper Workers and the Colombian Assn. of Graphic Arts, Newspaper and Related Workers, both affiliates of IAFWNO.

The third instructor is Hernando Baquero, general secretary of the two Colombian organizations. Frank Cremonesi, director of the International Typographical Union training center, will lecture on new newspaper processes, and Nicholas Pentcheff, treasurer of IAFWNO, will give two lectures on freedom of the press.

The seminar began May 18 and will continue through May 29.

Montanez, winner of ANG's 1963 Bude Award for local Guild service, first established contact with ANG at IAFWNO's initial seminar in San Juan in 1961. He was a participant in the first regional seminar in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, last year.



ITU Stoppage Brings Discharge Reversal

(Continued from Page 1) done by the printers. The Photoengravers, Stereotypers, Teamsters and Building Service Employees also continued to work.

Jesse Manbeck, president of the Columbia Typographical Union, thanked the Guild for its cooperation during the crisis, and Harris Monroe, administrative officer of the Guild, issued a statement hailing the ITU for the firmness with which it stood behind its chapel chairman.

The paper published a curtailed edition for three days, photographing and engraving typewritten copy, but was forced to suspend publication the fourth day when an insufficient number of pressmen reported to work.

The settlement came after the printers had asked their international permission to take a strike vote and the Washington Publishers Assn. had threatened to close down the Washington Post and News unless the printers returned to work.

The publishers, stating that a strike "against one association newspaper is considered a strike against all," declared they would take "complete defensive action" if the stoppage did not end.

The chapel chairman, Paige Dozier, was fired after he posted a notice telling printers to submit proofs of paste-up ads to him to help police the contract. The company said the notice was in conflict with instructions from the foreman and fired Dozier for "usurping the foreman's authority."

The printers stayed off the job after almost 24 hours of negotiations over the dismissal, walking in an informal picket line but making no effort to keep other union members from reporting to work.

Smikin, aided by five mediation assistants, including ex-Wire Service Guildsmen Norman O. Walker, former Associated Press labor writer, submitted an "advisory opinion" with a formula that was accepted by both sides.

It provided for Dozier's immediate reinstatement, with loss of an extra day's wages for the day he did not work before the stoppage. It also called for the utilization of contract machinery, including arbitration, to determine what type of notices the chapel chairman may post and procedures for handling paste-up proofs.

Guild Briefs

Elizabeth, N.J. — The North Jersey Guild has voted to affiliate with the newly organized New Jersey Industrial Union Council, chartered two months ago after growing friction between craft and industrial unions in the New Jersey AFL-CIO.

Differences between the former AFL and CIO segments of the state federation have widened since civil-rights demonstrations in Newark last year, when Joel Jacobson, a Guild member who is first vice president of the federation, headed a list of industrial union officials who signed a petition urging construction unions to accept members without regard to race.

Weymouth, Mass. — International Representative J. Ed Allen, provisional administrative officer of the Boston Guild, is back at work after undergoing minor surgery at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth. Allen was hospitalized for four days.

New York City — The Riverside Showcase, a new theater or-

N.Y. Gives \$2,000 To Roosevelt Fund

The New York Guild's executive board has voted to contribute \$2,000 from proceeds of the local's annual Page One Ball to the AFL-CIO's Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Fund.

The action, raising total contributions from Guild locals thus far to more than \$4,000, was taken in tribute to one of the New York Local's most celebrated members. Meanwhile, the Stockton and Kingston Guilds have become the first locals to return signed ANG scrolls with individual contributions to the fund.

The Stockton scrolls, signed by 76 of 103 local members, were accompanied by a check for \$78.

The Kingston scrolls were signed by 25 of 32 members and were accompanied by a check for \$52, half of it from the local treasury.

The International Executive Board has set a goal of \$25,000 for the Guild's contribution to the fund. The proceeds will be used to help finance several "living memorials" to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Donations thus far total \$3,862.51. They include contributions from the Washington, Vancouver-New Westminster, Wilkes-Barre, Columbus, New York, Rockford, Lynn and St. Louis locals, the Washington Associated Press Guild chapter and the Middle Atlantic and Empire State district councils.

The Cleveland and Chicago locals are conducting solicitation drives this month, sparked by appeals in local publications.

"Chicago Guildsmen now have a chance to honor perhaps the greatest woman Guild member in history," said the Chicago Guild Memo. "When it was tough to be in the Guild, Mrs. Roosevelt was in it—and attending meetings."

"She didn't have to be in the Guild. She was a syndicated writer and never worked in a Guild shop. She joined up because she believed in the Guild's principles."

The Cleveland Guild's publication, FYI, recalled Mrs. Roosevelt's role as a fighter for the underdog.

"Throughout her life," it related, "she was the tireless champion of working men and women . . . of the poor and underprivileged . . . of the common man the world over."

"She helped fight the battles for the minimum wage and social security, against discrimination, segregation and child labor, for the union shop and against 'right-to-work' bills."

"This is a once-only solicitation for funds," it pointed out. "The money will be used to further the work to which Eleanor Roosevelt devoted her life: human rights, underprivileged children, cancer research, international good will and peace."

Disneyland, Filmland Await Convention

Long Beach, Calif. — Delegates to ANG's 31st Annual Convention here July 13-17 will be treated to a social program highlighted by a trip to Disneyland and a Hawaiian luau.

Morry Rabin, general chairman of the convention program committee, has announced a social whirl that will also include visits to Hollywood and Marineland for delegates' wives and children.

The social program will begin Sunday evening, July 12, with a pre-convention cocktail party sponsored by Herman Ridder, publisher of the Long Beach Independent and Press-Telegram, and Daniel Ridder, copublisher.

The trip to Marineland of the Pacific for delegates' families will take place Monday; Tuesday the wives and children will tour Hollywood studios.

The California World's Fair, scheduled for 1967 in Long Beach, will be host at a cocktail party before the convention banquet Tuesday night.

On Wednesday delegates will take an afternoon off from their deliberations for an outing to Disneyland with their families. A boat ride is also on the Wednesday program, which will be

capped by the luau, a Hawaiian pig roast, at the Reef Restaurant in Long Beach.

A beach outing at the Pacific Coast Club has been arranged for wives and children on Thursday, and a closing cocktail party will be held at Los Alamitos Race-track Friday afternoon.

The Lafayette Hotel will be the convention site.

ANG Notifies Locals Of Voting Strength

A total of 458 votes will be cast at this year's ANG Convention if all locals are represented.

ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perluk, Jr., notified locals this week of the representation to which they are entitled. Convention votes are determined by the average of monthly per-capita payments to ANG.

New York leads the list with 82 votes. San Francisco-Oakland and Toronto are entitled to 21 each; Wire Service will have 18; Los Angeles, 17; St. Louis and Washington, 12 each, and Boston and Philadelphia, 11 each.

Delegates' credentials must be returned to ANG headquarters by July 3, 10 days before the convention's start.

Convention Delegates

The following have been elected delegates to ANG's 1964 convention July 13-17 in Long Beach, Calif.:

CHICAGO—Marshall W. Schwab, Robert Zarka and Judith F. McCarthy, Jr. CLEVELAND—Jack Weir, Richard McLamb, Ned Wilson, Sam F. Marshall, Kathleen Wiles and Dorothy Sals. LOS ANGELES—Lola V. Derna, Nicholas Abraham, Lynn Igoe, Harry Rubin, Louis Calvert, James Cadill, Jacob B. Parker, Jr., John Seitz, Olla Bland and Carol Gonzalez.

NORTH JERSEY—Daniel A. McLaughlin, Joan B. Haggerty and Barbara Pinkshott.

ST. LOUIS—Barney Wippold, James R. Woods, Rollie Everett, Albert Duszgach, Frank Soreff, Patrick Lee and William E. Balala. SAN DIEGO—Elizabeth Basso, Alice L. Giovinazzo, William H. Lee, Glenn F. Meen and Oscar M. Sampson. TORONTO—Harry Broden, Cyril Brimicombe, Isabel Greenwood, Orval R. McCuthe, John Walcott, Jack Deason, Ross Miller, Nida Butts, C. Joseph Rosciore and Anne Davidson.



COUNTDOWN: Donald Howard, left, National Labor Relations Board field examiner, tallies the ballots in representation election in which the Youngstown Guild

won bargaining rights on behalf of outside circulation employees at the Youngstown Vindicator. Checking the tally are Helen Kopso, company observer, and Rees Bryn of the Guild.

Youngstown Paper Hints Defiance Of NLRB; Guild Warns Of Strike

Youngstown, Ohio — The Guild is prepared to take a strike vote if management of the Youngstown Vindicator illegally refuses to bargain for the newly organized outside circulation department.

At a meeting May 19, Vindicator management indicated that it may refuse to abide by a decision of the National Labor Relations Board, which certified the Guild May 14 as bargaining representative for the 43-man department. The Guild won an NLRB election, 37 to 5, on May 7.

Immediately prior to the election, the Vindicator submitted a written challenge to ballots cast by 32 distributors who the NLRB, after a formal hearing, had ruled are employees and not independent contractors.

The Vindicator had contended that 32 circulation distributors are not entitled to union representation because they hold individual contracts. The NLRB, however, ruled that close company supervision makes their relationship the same as that of other employees.

Vindicator management said it

Two Units Vote To Strike

Guild units have voted to strike at Hearst's San Antonio Light and the East St. Louis Evening Journal in the face of management resistance to Guild contract proposals.

The San Antonio Guild began active strike preparations this week after Light management reduced an already low wage offer at a mediation session May 19. Strike committees were appointed following a unanimous strike vote.

At East St. Louis, where Guild members are striving to bring wages and conditions up to the St. Louis level, management improved its offer at a May 19 conciliation session following the Guild's receipt of ANG strike approval.

would make known next week whether it is prepared to bargain for the department.

Contract proposals covering the circulation employees have been drafted by the local and approved by the ANG Contracts Committee.

NLRB Settles Complaint Against Florence Dailies

Atlanta, Ga. — Walter C. Phillips, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board, has settled an unfair labor-practices complaint against Tri-Cities Newspapers Inc. in Florence, Ala.,

despite Memphis Guild objections. Phillips directed the company to post notices at the Florence Times and Tri-Cities Daily stating that it would not bypass the Guild on grievances or solicit employees to withdraw checkoff authorization.

The Guild, in opposing the settlement, had asked that the notice contain specific cease-and-desist references and that the settlement be backed up by a board order and a court decree.

The NLRB complaint was based on charges filed by the Guild in March after a series of company violations.

L. A. Guild Organizes Choral Group In Bid To Aid Underprivileged Youth

Los Angeles, Calif. — The Los Angeles Guild has authorized a pilot program to develop a youth choral group among underprivileged Los Angeles children.

The program, being conducted by the local's human-rights subcommittee with the assistance of the Greater Los Angeles Youth Opportunities Board, is designed to provide professional training for underprivileged youngsters as well as to promote a series of youth choral concerts.

Poul Thomsen, a noted voice coach, has agreed to conduct auditions and training during the pilot period to determine whether the program is feasible. He will serve as director of the group if the results prove positive.

The local's representative assembly voted last month to contribute up to \$180 to finance the pilot project.

City, county and state authorities have lauded the Guild for becoming the first trade union to offer "one of the most constructive and positive actions to be

undertaken locally in the war on poverty and the battle for human rights," Lynn Igoe, chairman of the local's research and information committee reported.

Miss Igoe said the research committee developed the project

not only as "an enjoyable program for young people who are denied financial means for self-advancement but as a constructive one to give them specialized training, opportunity and a sense of accomplishment."

North Jersey Adopts Plan To Tutor Poor Students

Elizabeth, N.J. — North Jersey Guildsmen are brushing up their academic specialties in preparation for tutoring children from culturally deprived backgrounds.

Under a program approved by the local's executive committee, members of all four Guild units—New Brunswick, Plainfield, Perth Amboy and Elizabeth—will become tutors in a program designed to help children ranging from five-year-olds to high-school students to catch up in their subjects.

David Gelber, chairman of the project, is seeking volunteers to

conduct the program with the hope of recruiting enough to have each tutor work with one student at a time.

Thomas Reilly, Perth Amboy Unit chairman and holder of a teaching certificate, has volunteered to assist tutors on questions involving teaching techniques. Program chairmen have been appointed at each unit.

The tutoring program is the outgrowth of an Elizabeth NAACP request for Guild assistance in its own program of helping underprivileged children in their studies.

Labor Briefs

The nation must face up to the need for "massive leisure" in the face of automation, according to Jack Conway, executive director of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department.

Urging shorter hours, Conway warned: "The time has come to reconsider our fundamental attitudes toward work and leisure. . . . The alternative to leisure has become massive unemployment, and leisure is far more desirable than unemployment."

And from Harry Van Arsdale, whose New York IBEW Local 3 achieved a 25-hour week in 1962, has come a concrete suggestion for one form of "massive leisure": a four-hour day with an additional four hours devoted to study and cultural pursuits.

GOLDEN GATE-CRASHING

Police have been having their hands full coping with strike-breakers imported to man struck San Francisco printing plants.

One has been charged with fleeing Long Beach to avoid prosecution on a bad-check charge, and a

second had been arrested for transporting a stolen car across a state line.

Retirement begins at 60 under a new contract between the UAW and the United Corp. in Toledo. The pact provides for voluntary retirement without actuarial reduction in benefits at 60 and for compulsory retirement, under a new UAW convention mandate, at 62.

CLEAN SWEEP

The Encyclopedia Americana is a non-Guild shop. So there was no problem recently when the publication's new editor, David Whitney, decided some changes were in order.

Whitney called the 70-man staff together one morning and announced that he was firing 27 of its members. He said he had been evaluating the staff for three months and decided to put his changes into effect all at once instead of gradually. "I thought it was better this way for staff morale," he said.

Editorial

Newsmen Under Glass

Rep. Steven B. Derounian's bill requiring an annual financial strip-tease by every last newsmen unto the second generation is one of those proposals that leave the observer uncertain whether the appropriate response is laughter or tears.

Its all-encompassing provisions would require even the society reporter of a country weekly—and her husband, father, mother, son, daughter, stepson and stepdaughter—to submit an exhaustive annual review of their financial affairs—and those of the reporter's paper, for that matter, if it so much as printed a federal legal ad.

These statements, including the source and value of every birthday and Christmas gift, would immediately go on display at the U.S. attorney general's office for all to see.

With even-handed impartiality, Rep. Derounian proposes to apply the same requirements to certain government employees—as long as they earn at least \$12,620 a year. Somebody has told the congressman that a \$12,620 salary floor applied to newsmen would be a loophole as big as the net, so there will be no such class discrimination for newspaper employees.

Rep. Derounian predicts that his bill "will be welcomed by all who are included."

That means you and me. So cheer, already!

To The Labor Press

The problems which America faces . . . are problems which can only be solved by an informed citizenship. This requirement calls all of us to give them attention. This recurrent sounding of the call to battle is one of the most valuable contributions that can be made by the labor press in the United States.

You are a part of the conscience of our society. You are always guiding. You are never satisfied with the job that is partially done. You are always working and calling for the further advancement of working people, and you speak from a point of view. You speak on behalf of values.

I think you generally speak out of a deep commitment to justice at the working place, to self-government in economic life, to an improvement in our society through a continuing improvement in the lot and opportunity of individual working persons and their families.

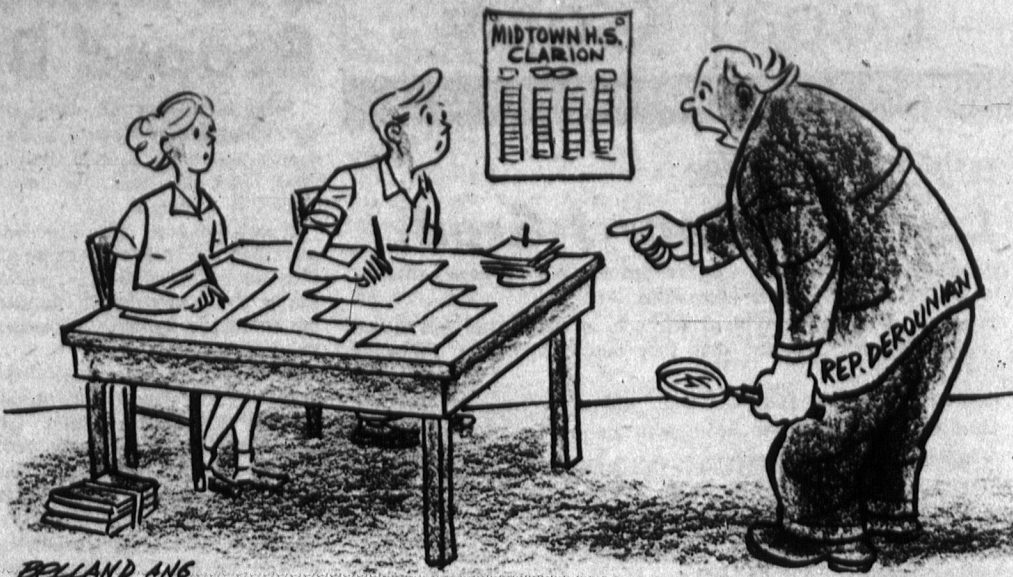
So your strength and your great influence flows from the belief of American labor that a just society can best be built within the framework of democratic institutions and through the free processes of a free country.

From this long tradition has grown the modern labor movement and its voice and the labor movement's voice—your voice, the labor press.

I think all Americans are grateful for that voice. It has spoken so often and so eloquently on behalf of programs to make a greater and a better society, to improve the welfare of all Americans. It has spoken for free labor, free from the influence of those who would corrupt this great mainstream of American life, free from those who would turn the hopes of working men into an instrument of attack.

—President Johnson, addressing labor-press editors

'Have You Filed Your Financial Reports Yet?'



DATELINE: WASHINGTON

Political Situation Unchanged By Turbulent Primaries

By WILLARD SHELTON, Washington Guild



One primary is left—California, on June 2—and the results of all the earlier turbulence are that the Republican Party still does not know who its candidate against President Johnson will be and that Gov. George Wallace's raids into Democratic Northern and border-state presidential primaries against various "stand-ins" for Mr. Johnson have had no effect whatever on the prospect that the civil-rights bill will be passed by a bipartisan vote.

The political reporters, who work hard and diligently in their travels, were subjected to a not-infrequent but still shocking "upset" in the Oregon Republican primary, when GOP citizens perversely decided they would rather vote for New York's Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, a figure with organization and muscle, than for the apparently front-running Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

It has been a desperate uphill struggle for Rockefeller, but at last he found a primary he can win; and it has buoyed his hopes of reasserting the influence that had almost slipped away despite his record, his two-time election as governor of New York and his championship of realities in our political life.

All through the week before the May 15 Oregon primary, experts totting up the delegate total wrote merrily that Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona must be rated as a prospective first-ballot victor in the Republican nominating convention in mid-July. (He could count close to 500 prospective delegates; he will get 86 more if he wins in California toward the 655 needed to capture the prize; ergo, he cannot be stopped, he is in.)

But in Oregon, Rockefeller, Lodge and former Vice President Richard Nixon rolled up a total four times as big as Goldwater's, and the Arizona senator suddenly seemed like something less than a sure bet in California, where he and Rockefeller face each other alone.

Who knows how many of California's Republicans will vote, and how? Probably not even the potential voters, who, like others, obviously tend to respond in instinctive ways to both issues and timing.

A half-disgruntled voter, an-

noyed by the choices presented him, may cast a protest ballot in March; in May the same voter, alarmed in a different way, might mark his ballot differently. Who knows whether Lodge's "managers" can deliver any California vote whatever, as they wish, to Rockefeller—despite the fact that Goldwater obviously must be "stopped" and that maybe he can be "stopped" only by denying him California's GOP delegates and giving them to Rockefeller?

This observer is on record, in this space, as disbelieving that the Republican power purveyors would permit the nomination of so narrowly based a candidate as Sen. Goldwater — a candidate whose conservatism is dated, who candidly seems to believe that all our historical and constitutional development is a mishmash of error to be reversed and eradicated.

Still, Vice President Nixon's camp — which dearly wants another run—advised reporters in early April that Goldwater "has a chance, he might make it, if he wins California." If not—then Mr. Nixon again. Or just possibly the remarkably self-possessed Gov. William Scranton of Pennsylvania, who, like Nixon, hasn't said an unkind word about any other Republican. So here comes California—at last!

The befuddling effect of the raids by Alabama's Gov. Wallace into a few Democratic primaries was discounted before the raids ceased, before he made his "best showings" against Sen. Daniel Brewster, Mr. Johnson's unfortunate "stand-in" in Maryland. Maryland's Democratic organization is demoralized by the cracks of change, by the breaking-up of old patterns of political

control, by conflicts over racial integration.

A strange state, it has had a "local option" system under which members of the legislature could declare their counties "out" of coverage of general laws, such as its first antidiscrimination restaurant-and-hotel statute a year ago.

Its Democratic primaries have operated under the discredited county-unit method, allowing an arbitrary allocation of "units" to sparsely settled counties so that a minority of voters could choose a Democratic nominee regardless of the popular vote.

Sen. Brewster proved an incredibly inept "stand-in" for President Johnson. He did not understand until late in the game that Wallace was persistent, pervasive and politically ingenious and thus offered an easy outlet for the venting of frustrations.

Along the way the decrepit state machine lost a senatorial nomination; the voters rejected the organization candidate and chose Joseph D. Tydings, the late Sen. Millard Tydings' adopted son—who was started on his career by the Kennedys when they named him U.S. attorney for the state in 1961.

Regardless of Wallace and Maryland, the Senate still marches toward cloture on the civil-rights bill. Its skilled politicians accurately appraising the emptiness of the Wallace vote.

The President has his full weight behind the bill; the Republican floor leader, Sen. Everett Dirksen of Illinois, has promised a successful move to kill the filibuster in two or three weeks.

The Wallace operations may have made life a little harder for Southern senators suspecting that the time has come to yield.

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