Buffalo Gains $226 Top, Up $34 Over 2 Years

Buffalo, N.Y.—The Buffalo Guild has won increases of $34 over two years in the reporter top minimum at the Buffalo Evening News, $19 of it in the first year. The top will go to $226.50 next Jan. 1.

General increases of $34 will go to all employes earning $170 and over—$14 retroactive to Jan. 1, $5 July 1 and $15 next Jan. 1.

Upgradings will raise some minimums by $38. They include top minimums for assistant financial editor, assistant picture editor, chief photographer and librarian, which will go to $244.50, and those for columnist and art critic, which will go to $230.50.

General increases range up from $12 for employes earning below $100. Those from $100 to $129.99 will receive $14.50, and those from $130 to $169.99 will get $22.

The minimum for the highest subeditor group will go to $260.50, up $34. An upgrading will increase the top minimum for darkroom technician $31, to $107.50, and that for chief copy boy the same amount, to $140.50.

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The top for telephone operators will go to $122, up $14.50, that for stenographers will go to $119.50, up the same amount, and that for copy boys to $89.50, up $12.

The Guild also won a second floating holiday, bringing total holidays to eight. Mileage payments are up one cent, to 14 cents for the first 100 miles and 11 cents thereafter, for all but photographers, whose allowance is increased to a flat 13 cents.

A parking allowance of $3 a week is added in addition to the $4 provided for those employes authorized to use their cars.

The Guild also won improvements in funeral leaves, trial periods and call-in pay.

'For' Vote Wins in Referendum; Officers Will Seek a New Levy

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Tally Certified By IERC After Spot Recount

The International Election and Referendum Committee this week certified a 111-vote victory in ANG's December referendum for the proposal to rescind the assessment schedule adopted by last year's ANG convention and restore the former schedule. The tally was 7,291 to 7,180.

Later in the week ANG's three top officers, assuring Guild members that the Guild will not fail to support them in present and future emergencies, announced that they will ask the International Executive Board to initiate a new referendum on a new assessment proposal "responsive to the needs of the Guild."

Certification of the December referendum was voted by the election committee Feb. 11 following a "discovery recount" of ballots from a limited number of locals. The sample recount was held to determine whether there appeared to be a sufficient margin of error to justify a full recount in view of the closeness of the vote.

"Publishers would be well advised to take no heart from the outcome of the assessment referendum," ANG President James B. Woods, Executive Vice President William J. Farson and Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., said in a joint statement.

"Nor," they said, "should members of the Guild now suffering through emergency circumstances or those about to engage in bargaining have any concern that the Guild will fail to see them through whatever trials and tribulations the future brings.

"A great deal of confusion surrounded the language of the just-concluded referendum. It also is true that 50 percent of our members favored retaining the higher schedule. A margin of 111 votes in more than 14,400 has resolved nothing.

"We are therefore preparing a new assessment proposal to place before the IEB at its meeting

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McLaughlin, IEB Veteran, Dies At 56

Orange, N.J.—Daniel A. McLaughlin, an ANG international vice president for 10 years, died Jan. 24 of a heart attack in Orange Memorial Hospital. He was 56.

McLaughlin, who had been stricken Jan. 22, died as he was being taken to the operating room for open-heart surgery.

McLaughlin, a New Jersey Guild leader for almost 30 years, retired in 1967 from ANG's International Executive Board, where he had been one of its most influential members for a decade. He had suffered a mild stroke shortly before retiring.

He was "Mr. Guild" for 20 years in the North Jersey Local, where, oddly enough, he served as a vice president but never sought the presidency. He had served earlier as president of the old Newark Guild and was president of the Middle Atlantic District Council for two terms.

ANG President James B. Woods, Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., and Middle Atlantic Council President Robert M. Golden were among those who attended the funeral Jan. 27 in West Orange, where McLaughlin made his home.

Woods, Perlik and Executive

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DANIEL A. McLAUGHLIN

Out of the Hat

Philip Feldman of the International Election and Referendum Committee draws the names of locals whose referendum ballots were tallied in the IERC's "discovery recount." Edward Gilbreth of the committee stands by as Ann Mackenzie of the ANG office staffs holds his hat.

Hearst Advertising Plummets; 1968 Figures Show 30% Loss

Los Angeles, Calif.—Advertising figures for 1968 made public last week showed that Hearst's struck Herald-Examiner lost 30 percent of its advertising, dropping more than nine million lines, while the rival Los Angeles Times gained more than 10 million.

And figures compiled by the striking and locked-out Herald-Examiner unions indicate Hearst's losses will be even greater in 1969. The paper's ratio of advertising to news copy fell to 47.9 percent the week of Jan. 26, nine percent below the ratio for the same week last year and a record low for the six months in which the unions have been keeping records.

Meanwhile, Hearst, returning to the bargaining table after a two-month interruption, received a detailed series of questions from the Los Angeles Guild on the new system of independent distributors it has insisted will replace 250 Guild-covered district managers.

Media Records figures for the year indicate that advertising lost by Hearst was gained by the Times. Times linage was up 10 percent for the year, and in December, while Herald-Examiner linage was declining 32 percent (906,866 lines) from the last pre-strike December in 1966, Times linage rose 17 percent (1,568,151).

The Guild submitted its questions on the Herald-Examiner's new circulation system following a Feb. 3 bargaining session.

Management rejected alternative Guild proposals to attack the

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Bulletin

St. Louis, Mo.—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch missed two editions yesterday as a result of an 8½-hour strike by the Paper Handlers over a manning dispute in negotiations for a new contract. The Guild, which represents 1,000 employes at the Post-Dispatch and Globe-Democrat, also is in bargaining at both.

Police Rough Up Newsmen

Guild Protests Cleveland Action

Cleveland, Ohio—Responding to a Cleveland Guild protest, Mayor Carl B. Stokes last week ordered an investigation of the forcible ejection by police of two Cleveland Plain Dealer reporters from a church in which dissenting priests were conducting a protest mass.

The incident occurred Jan. 26 during a tumultuous demonstration in which two dissident priests were arrested in the climax of a melee involving police, communicants and priests on both sides.

Guildsmen Albin Gorisek, the Plain Dealer's religion editor, and reporter Jack Grochot charged they were literally kicked and thrown out of St. John Cathedral on the instructions of a monsignor.

The demonstration mass was conducted shortly after midnight by Fathers Bernard Meyer and Robert Begin, for 70 members of Christians Who Care. It was held to protest what the group called passivity by Cleveland's Catholic hierarchy on the issues of peace, poverty, racism and church renewal.

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circulation impasse by either forming a subcommittee to recommend a compromise distribution system that would maintain the district managers' jobs or bringing the paper's circulation manager to the bargaining table to answer questions on the new distribution system.

Management agreed to the third alternative after a lengthy caucus.

The Guild made its alternative proposals in an attempt to remove what ANG International Representatives Robert J. Rupert and Charles Dale described as "an apparently insurmountable block to productive negotiations" raised by management's insistence on dropping the district managers.

They warned that the Guild "will never accept a settlement which requires 250 or so men to disappear."

The warning was served at an earlier bargaining session Jan. 29. The Guild subsequently submitted its proposals for obtaining further information when management negotiators were unable to answer a number of questions on the new system.

ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., pledged at a Los Angeles Guild membership meeting Jan. 22 that Guild locals everywhere "will continue to give the strike full moral and financial support for as long as it takes to get Hearst to sign contracts."

The Pressmen, meanwhile, reported "some progress" at a bargaining session Jan. 27. A Pressmen's spokesman said that "more headway was made than previously" but that "long, long negotiations lie ahead."

Another Pressmen's bargaining session was to take place today. The Stereotypers met with Hearst Jan. 28, and the Typographical and ITU Mailers' unions are scheduled to meet Feb. 25.

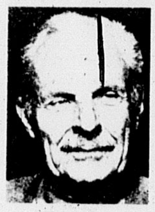
The Los Angeles Board of Education voted unanimously Feb. 10 to deny official sanction to a Hearst-sponsored track meet tomorrow after union protests that Hearst was using city school children to bolster its image in the community.

After hearing statements from union leaders including Richard Houdek, the Guild's Herald-Examiner vice president, and Sigmund Arywitz, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, the board ruled that no school funds or facilities could be used in the meet. About 60 unionists showed up at the board meeting to register their protest.

A Federal Court hearing on a Hearst motion challenging certification elections held in December was postponed for a third time, from Feb. 3 to Feb. 24, as Hearst management sought additional time to press proposals for an out-of-court settlement with the National Labor Relations Board. The unions sought the elections to safeguard their bargaining rights.

Memorial Gift

Bakersfield, Calif.—Members of the Bakersfield Guild last week contributed $163 to the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner strike fund in memory of Guildsman William F. Bloecher, who died Feb. 2 after returning to a newspaper career at the Bakersfield Californian two years ago at the age of 68.



Bloecher

Bloecher, who had a long and varied career as a reporter and publicist, farmed for 15 years before joining the Californian.

Bloecher took a life-long interest in the plight of migrant farm workers, writing many articles about conditions in the fields.

A move to enact an ordinance limiting the size and type of picket-sign poles was defeated 6 to 5 at a Los Angeles City Council meeting Feb. 11 after four labor representatives, including Rupert, testified against it.

Earlier Rupert, who is interim administrative officer of the Los Angeles Guild, told the city council of nearby Carson that "moral considerations" required the adoption of a municipal antistrikebreaking ordinance. Rupert headed a delegation of union officers and members attending the council meeting, which delayed a vote on the question.

White Front Stores, which last fall withdrew its advertising from the Herald-Examiner but later resumed it, filed unfair-labor-practice charges against the striking and locked-out unions last month, charging that they "threatened, coerced and restrained" it from advertising in the Herald-Examiner. But last week it told the unions it was withdrawing its ads again.

Contributions to the Los Angeles Guild strike fund have increased by $8,291.90, including:

Bakersfield Guild	$ 183.00
Kenosha Guild	25.00
Newburgh-Beacon Guild	25.00
St. Louis Guild	250.00
Wire Service Guild	100.00
Chicago Guild	225.00
Columbus Guild	75.00
Denver Guild	150.00
Boston Guild	330.00
Hawaii Guild	375.00
North Jersey Guild	50.00
Portland Guild	50.00
San Francisco-Oakland Guild	850.00
San Jose Guild	600.00
Stockton Guild	800.00
Vancouver-New Westminster Guild	100.00
Los Angeles Classified Advertising Association	3,593.90

The latest receipts bring total strike contributions to $125,521.

L.A. Judge Upholds Fines For '65 Strikebreakers

Los Angeles, Calif.—A Los Angeles Municipal Court judge last month upheld fines levied against 16 Los Angeles Guild members who crossed picket lines during the Guild's one-day strike against Hearst's Herald Examiner in 1965.

It was the second recent court decision upholding the legality of Guild fines against strikebreakers. A similar ruling was handed down in December in a case involving a North Jersey Guild member fined for crossing picket lines in Perth Amboy. That decision was appealed last month.

Judge Alan G. Campbell granted the Los Angeles Guild's motion for a summary judgment against the 16, who were fined from $42 to $500. The Guild is proceeding with legal steps to collect the fines.

Similar fines have been levied against five members who have crossed picket lines during the current Herald-Examiner strike. Charges are pending against 15 others.

Save Our Scabs?

An upside-down flag, international symbol of distress, flies atop Hearst's Los Angeles Herald-Examiner plant in seeming recognition of the paper's plight. It was flown as shrinking advertising linage provided Hearst with a continuing source of distress.

500 Will Vote Feb. 20 In Rochester Election

Rochester, N.Y.—More than 500 circulation employes of the Rochester Times-Union and Democrat & Chronicle are scheduled to vote Feb. 20 in the climax of the Guild's largest organizing campaign in two decades.

The election was ordered by the National Labor Relations Board last month after Regional Director Merle Vincent rejected a company request for a review of a decision declining to void the Rochester Guild's representation petition.

The 500-man unit is the biggest to vote in a Guild representation election since the Guild won systemwide bargaining rights at the Associated Press in 1949. Employes in the bargaining unit include district managers, delivery men, dispatchers, truck drivers, supervisors and other outside circulation employes.

The NLRB this week rejected a company request for review of the regional director's refusal to void the representation petition. Its motion was based on the contention that a supervisor helped distribute Guild cards.

But management rescinded its refusal to supply the Guild with a list of employes' names and addresses. Bowing to an NLRB directive, it supplied the names to both the board and the Guild.

International Representatives Richard P. Davis and Edna Berger are in charge of the organizing campaign, assisted by Robert Giambellucca, chairman of the Buffalo Guild's Courier-Express Unit. Giambellucca is on leave from his circulation job to aid in the drive.

Guild Raiding Charge Filed in Fort Worth

ANG has charged the Allied Industrial Workers Union with violating no-raiding provisions of the AFL-CIO Constitution by organizing 45 circulation district managers at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., in a charge filed with AFL-CIO President George Meany, accused the Allied Industrial Workers of violating a constitutional provision requiring federation affiliates to "respect the established work relationship" of other affiliated unions.

The Allied Industrial Workers was certified as bargaining representative for the Fort Worth circulation unit last July.

Strike Voted In Honolulu

Honolulu, Hawaii — Hawaii Guild members voted overwhelmingly Feb. 2 to authorize strike action at the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and Advertiser.

The Guild is negotiating in concert with the craft unions. The unions are asking parity with San Francisco newspaper wages, seeking a one-year agreement with increases of at least $20.

Negotiations are continuing.

Printers Make New Bid For Ottawa Guild Group

Ottawa, Ont.—The Ottawa Typographical Union last month made a new bid for 15 proofreaders and Teletypesetter operators covered by a Guild contract at the Ottawa Citizen.

The Typographical Union, which had been denied inclusion of the two groups in a new composing-room unit at the Citizen by the Ontario Labour Relations Board, submitted a new petition for the two groups as a separate unit. The Ottawa Guild filed objections, and the labor board set a hearing for March 12.

Hearst Handicap

Faithful Bettors Left at Post

Los Angeles, Calif.—Bettors who depend on the struck Los Angeles Herald-Examiner are in trouble.

Consider a recent race at Santa Anita, in which the struck paper listed a horse named Toyman as scratched. Toyman, who hadn't heard about it, won the race, paying $25.20 and winning the second half of the daily double, which returned $253.20.

And press-box handicappers at Santa Anita report that a young man turned up recently to query them on how they handicapped races, what systems they used and what data they kept. A short time later they recognized the tyro's name in an announcement of the Herald-Examiner's new "handicapper and race expert."

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Trumpeting slogans of "Flour Power" and "White thumbs, unite; tighten the apron strings and join the fight," a new group called LAGALS (Los Angeles Gals Against Labor Scabs) has introduced a publication called "Off the Line." (The Strike-Lockout Council's daily publication is called "On the Line.")

LAGALS represent wives of striking and locked-out Hearst employees who are focusing women's activities in support of the 11 striking and locked-out unions.

A current project is a letter-writing campaign urging City Council members to take action on an antistrikebreaking ordinance.

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Joe Namath, quarterback for the New York Jets, is known in union circles for his distaste for nonunion barbers. But Namath also helped garner a contribution for the Los Angeles Guild's strike fund recently. Here's what happened:

Carroll Dale, wife of ANG International Representative Charles Dale, made a $10 bet with ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., that the Baltimore Colts would defeat the New York Jets in the Super Bowl. Perlik accepted with a proviso that if he won, the proceeds would go to the Los Angeles strikers.

History and Namath provided the sequel.

Printed in U.S.A. Second-class postage paid at Washington, D.C., and at additional mailing offices. Issued twice monthly at 1126 16th Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20036. Subscription, $5 a year.

$24 Increase Won in 2-Year Jersey Pact

New Brunswick, N.J. — Wage increases of up to $24.50 over two years and a variety of fringe improvements were won by the North Jersey Guild hours before a strike deadline at the New Brunswick Home News Jan. 31.

The reporter top minimum is raised $12 retroactive to Jan. 1 and $10 next Jan. 1, to $174.50. The minimum for copy readers and editors is raised an additional $2.50 the first year to produce a final rate of $182.

Minimums for library clerks, office boys and clerk-messengers will be raised 7.85 percent the first year and 6.6 percent the second.

The Guild also won an increase of 45 cents in the night differential, to $1.70 per shift, and an increase in the mileage allowance from 10 cents for the first 200 miles and eight cents thereafter to a flat 11 cents.

The publisher will pay the full cost of hospitalization and life insurance starting April 1, eliminating a $2-a-week payment by employes. The severance-pay ceiling is raised two weeks, to 32, and the accrual rate increased from one week per year to two weeks after the eighth year.

The service requirement for a fourth week's vacation is reduced from 15 years to 10, and that for three weeks from three years to two.

Edgington Resigns

Stockton's Pattison Joins IR Staff

Dick Pattison, president of the Stockton Guild, joined the ANG staff as an international representative last month.

Meanwhile, John Edgington, who had served as an IR since December 1964, returned to his job as a circulation district manager at the Columbus Dispatch because of "family reasons."

Pattison, who will be assigned to the West Coast, has a Guild career spanning 15 years and three locals.

He was vice president of the Great Falls Guild while at the Great Falls Tribune from 1953 to 1961, organizing the engraving department there. He was a member of the Twin Cities Guild in 1965 and 1966 and had been president of the Stockton Guild since June 1967.

Pattison has worked on the copy desk of the Stockton Record since 1966. He had previously been on the copy desk at the St. Paul Pioneer Press and had served as state editor of the Great Falls Tribune.

Pattison was executive secretary of a Montana group that campaigned against "right-to-work" legislation and for election of a liberal legislature in 1963 and later served as legislative assistant to Montana Sen. Lee Metcalf.

In 1962 Pattison received an award from the American Political Science Association for his reporting of political affairs.

Edgington was formerly president of the Columbus Guild and treasurer of the Pennsylvania-Ohio-Indiana District Council.

As an IR, Edgington assisted the Guild's 1964-65 strike in Terre Haute. Last year he helped organize a circulation boycott against the struck Los Angeles Herald-Examiner. He also participated in the current Guild drive to organize 500 circulation employes in Rochester, the largest Guild organizing campaign in 20 years.

JOHN EDGINGTON

DICK PATTISON

Press-Council Man Is Slain in Seattle

Richmond Heights, Wash.—Urban League leader Edwin T. Pratt, a member of the Seattle Communications Council of Negro Citizens and Newsmen established with a grant from the Mellett Fund, was slain by an unidentified rifleman Jan. 26.

Pratt

Pratt was shot on the doorstep of his home in predominantly white Richmond Heights after he went to investigate what sounded like a snowball thrown against the house.

His wife, looking out a bedroom window, saw one of two young men approach with a shotgun, fire it at Pratt and flee in a waiting car. Neither Mrs. Pratt nor neighbors who saw the men flee could say whether they were white or Negro.

Pratt, who was executive director of the Seattle Urban League, had received numerous threats on his life. Rewards totaling $10,500 have been offered for the capture of his slayers.

Pratt was among Negro moderates on the Communications Council, which was set up last summer to facilitate "increased communication across racial lines" called for by the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. The council also includes several black militants.

The Mellett Fund, established through a bequest to ANG from the late Lowell Mellett, Scripps-Howard editor and columnist, gave the Seattle council a $5,000 grant to operate as a pilot project.

Dr. Lawrence Schneider, assistant professor of communications at the University of Washington and administrator of the council, paid tribute to Pratt after the murder in an article printed in the Seattle Times and read over Seattle's "soul station," KYAC.

Dr. Schneider and Jim McIver, another member of the council, appeared on a radio and television memorial program for Pratt.

Two black-militant members of the council, Black Panther Captain Aaron Dixon and Carl Miller, Seattle chairman of the Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee, last month won a reversal of their convictions on unlawful-assembly charges arising from a March high-school sit-in to protest the arrest of a Negro student.

Dixon had previously been acquitted on a charge of possessing a stolen typewriter seized in a raid on Black Panther headquarters in July. The case had become a cause celebre, leading to the formation of a defense committee that charged police with a frame-up.

$33.50 Raise Won in Pact at Wilkes-Barre

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Top minimums for reporters and advertising salesmen will go up $33.50 in a new two-year Guild contract at the Wilkes-Barre Sunday Independent.

The settlement, paralleling one reached last September at the Wilkes-Barre Record and Times-Leader, News, raises the key minimums to $199.75. General increases of $33.50 will go to all employes earning $120 and over; others will receive $22.75.

The top minimum for sports and suburban editors is increased $36, to $214.75, that for telegraph editors is up the same amount, to $219.75, and that for city editor is up $38.50, to $229.75.

The night differential is increased from $1 per shift to $1.50, the severance-pay ceiling is raised two weeks, to 54, and the service requirement for a fourth week's vacation is lowered from 15 years to 10.

Funeral leave is added to the contract, from the day of death to the day of the funeral in the case of close relatives. Maternity leave is also provided for the first time, to a maximum of 90 days.

The service requirement for a personal holiday is reduced from 20 years to one, and other holiday gains, including double time for holiday work, were won. The weekly car-use guarantee is increased from $10 to $12.50 and the guarantee for casual use from $2 to $2.50.

Other contractual improvements were made in the areas of promotions, hours, military service and jury duty.

Kenneth Barnette Dies; Long Buffalo Leader

Tonawanda, N.Y.—Kenneth A. Barnette, a veteran Buffalo newspaperman who held every office in the Buffalo Guild, died here Jan. 21 after a long illness. He was 51.

An award-winning newsman as well as a dedicated Guildsman, Barnette became editor of the Amherst Bee, a suburban weekly, in 1967 after working 15 years as a reporter for the Buffalo Evening News.

Barnette served three terms as Buffalo Guild president, his last in 1962 when Buffalo was host to ANG's annual convention. Before coming to Buffalo he served two terms as president of the Gary Guild.

A delegate to many international conventions, he was chairman of the convention Constitution Committee in 1966. He was honored at the Buffalo Guild's 1968 Page One Ball for 25 years of Guild membership.

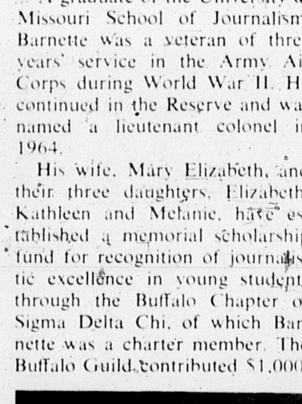
He was a former Guild delegate to the Buffalo AFL-CIO Council and a former delegate to the Buffalo Council of Newspaper Unions.

For a series on North Atlantic Treaty Organization exercises in 1960, Barnette won the Buffalo Local's highest award as the best entry in the Page One Ball Awards. He won a $300 award from the American Trucking Association in 1964 for a story on urban transit problems.

Before coming to Buffalo in 1953 Barnette, a native of Linn Grove, Iowa, worked on the Wall Street Journal, the old New York World-Telegram, the Dayton (Ohio) Journal, the Athens (Ohio) Messenger and the Gary Post-Tribune.

A graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Barnette was a veteran of three years' service in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He continued in the Reserve and was named a lieutenant colonel in 1964.

His wife, Mary Elizabeth, and their three daughters, Elizabeth, Kathleen and Melanie, have established a memorial scholarship fund for recognition of journalistic excellence in young students through the Buffalo Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, of which Barnette was a charter member. The Buffalo Guild contributed $1,000.



KENNETH A. BARNETTE

New Malden Contract Brings $27 Increase

Malden, Mass.—The reporter top minimum is increased $27 over 30 months in a new Boston Guild contract at the Malden Evening News and the Medford Mercury.

The settlement provides increases ranging from $14 to $40, plus health-insurance improvements valued at $2.60 a week per employe.

The reporter top is raised to $159, up $4.50 retroactive to Nov. 7, 1967; $1.50 retroactive to last May 7; $4.50 retroactive to Nov. 7 and on next May 7, and $5.80 next Sept. 7 and March 7, 1970. The experience requirement for top-minimum pay is reduced from four years to three May 7.

The reporter starting minimum is raised $36.50, to $115.50, and the two-year step-up is raised $40, to $145.50. All minimums for maintenance employes are raised $15, with the top going to $122.50, and the office-boy top is increased $14 to a flat minimum of $80.

The company, which formerly paid half the cost of hospitalization insurance, will now pay the full cost. It will also pay the full cost of individual coverage under a new major-medical insurance plan.

The service requirement for a fourth week's vacation is reduced from 15 weeks to 10, and that for three weeks is cut from five years to three. The severance-pay ceiling is raised three weeks, to five.

York Dispatch Accord Yields $30 in 3 Years

York, Pa.—A three-year contract increasing all minimums by $30.25 was negotiated by the York Guild last week at the York Dispatch.

The settlement will send the reporter top minimum to $173.75, the librarian top to $154.25, the proofreader top to $141.75 and the deskman minimum to $182.75.

Minimums are increased $7 retroactive to Jan. 1, $3 July 1, $5.25 next Jan. 1 and $5 at the next three six-month intervals.

The Guild won a reduction in the service requirement for a fourth week's vacation from 20 years to 15 and an increase in the mileage allowance from a flat 10 cents to 11 cents for the first 200 miles and eight cents thereafter. A minimum weekly guarantee of $2.20 is provided for the first time.

Added to the contract's job-security clause is a provision requiring a month's notice of dismissal resulting from sale or suspension of the paper.

ANG Funds Aid Ghetto Homes

ANG's International Defense Fund last month deposited $15,000 in a new, racially integrated federal savings and loan association in Washington that aims to help residents of the inner city purchase and remodel homes. ANG's deposit pushed the association's total past the 2½-million-dollar mark.

The association, Independence Federal Savings & Loan, is the first in Washington with an integrated board of directors.

ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., in making the deposit, said the Guild was gratified "to be able to participate in this worthwhile project" and wished the group "every success in achieving the relief and good it has as its goal."

Boycotts Pressed in Peterborough

A twin-barreled drive to slash advertising and circulation of Thomson's struck Peterborough Examiner was launched this week.

The campaign, aided by other Peterborough unions and a citizen's committee, was begun after the Examiner rejected a City Council offer to have Mayor Joseph Csumrik mediate the 15-week-old strike.

An interunion committee began visiting advertisers here and national advertisers in Toronto to persuade them to withdraw support from the Examiner. It was the beginning of a tactic that brought success to a Peterborough television strike in 1953.

At the same time, a committee consisting of union members, students and New Democrats began distributing leaflets urging subscription cancellations. It plans to cover the city, limited areas at a time, over a three-week period.

The campaign is designed to get Thomson back to the bargaining table, a return that neither provincial conciliators nor the City Council have been able to bring about.

Although the Examiner rejected the council's Jan. 22 mediation offer, the governing body appointed a three-man committee headed by the mayor to make renewed mediation efforts. The Guild had accepted the mediation offer.

University students and Guild members are continuing to publish the interim Peterborough Free Press twice weekly to fill a local-news gap left by the strike. Its paid circulation has risen to 5,000, a quarter of the Examiner's.

Students who picketed the Examiner in a massive demonstration of support for the strike Jan. 15 through 17 distributed leaflets at Peterborough factories before they returned to their campuses. The leaflets explained why the students had come from throughout the province to help the Guild's strike and urged union members to strengthen their support of the Guild.

The Metro Toronto Labour Council sent a ten-member delegation to help picket Jan. 23.

The Examiner has continued to publish, although with reduced circulation, since the strike began Nov. 2. Printers and pressmen have been crossing the picket lines.

Pony Tale

A Shetland pony is enlisted in the Guild's campaign to reduce advertising in the struck Peterborough Examiner. Donald MacDonald, leader of Ontario's New Democratic Party, prepares to administer an approving pat, but tot at right appears less enthusiastic about the medium than the message.

Canada Cites Bar to Aiding Reuters Man

Ottawa, Ont. — Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp told the Toronto Guild last month that the Canadian Government shares its concern about Reuters newsman Anthony Grey, imprisoned by the Chinese Government, and expressed its willingness "to do anything we can" to help free him.

But, Sharp added, "The fact we have no diplomatic relations and hence no official means of communicating with the government in Peking does . . . preclude any official representations on our part."

The Canadian Government this week moved to establish diplomatic relations with Peking.

Sharp suggested that the Guild communicate directly with the New China News Agency or the Chinese Government.

The Toronto Guild had asked that the government intercede to effect the release of Grey.

Split-Screen Policy

Herald-Traveler Video License Voided; Utah Daily's Renewed

The Federal Communications Commission last month refused to renew the Boston Herald-Traveler's television license on grounds including the desirability of diversifying media control, but it declined to reconsider its renewal of a Salt Lake City paper's license in the face of a similar challenge.

The Boston decision, culminating more than a decade of dispute over the Herald-Traveler's license for WHDH-TV, is the first in which the FCC has ever taken away a license on media-diversification grounds. The Justice Department's Antitrust Division has urged that it make such cancellations as a general policy.

Herald-Traveler President Harold E. Clancy announced that the company plans to appeal the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals, which has retained jurisdiction over the case in the course of a long legal battle.

The commission, by a three-to-one vote, awarded the Herald-Traveler's license to Boston Broadcasters Inc., one of three applicants for it. The FCC cited the criterion of "integration of ownership with management" as well as media diversification.

The Herald-Traveler owns the WHDH AM and FM radio stations in Boston as well as the television station and has an interest in a group of community-antenna stations elsewhere.

The Herald-Traveler Co., which suspended its afternoon Traveler in 1967, has reported that 1968 earnings will set an all-time record. Clancy, announcing a record $1.75 dividend, told stockholders in December that "all divisions of our business—newspaper, television and radio—have contributed to the sharply improved operations."

FCC Commissioner Robert E. Lee, sole dissenter to the decision, said he supported in principle the idea of considering an applicant's interest in other media. But he said that "comparative weight to be assigned to such evidence drops sharply where a healthy competitive situation exists from a number of other nonaffiliated media in the same market."

In the Salt Lake City case the commission, by a three-to-three vote, refused to review its renewal of the Deseret News's license for Station KSL last October. The appeal for reconsideration was based on extensive media ownership by the Mormon Church, which publishes the News.

Commissioner Nicholas Johnson, who dissented from the decision, termed the church a media baron of substantial proportions, citing its 20-million-dollar interest in the Los Angeles Times-Mirror Co., among other holdings.

But the commission decision cited the existence of "an independent newspaper voice" and other broadcasting stations in the Salt Lake City area.

Two Salt Lake City viewers who opposed the renewal are appealing the FCC decision in Federal Court, and last week the national board of the American Civil Liberties Union voted to file a brief in their support.

Columbus Gets Antiscab Ordinance

Two more cities, including Columbus, Ohio, have enacted ordinances forbidding the use of professional strikebreakers in industrial disputes.

At almost the same time, on the evening of Jan. 27, the city councils of Columbus and Oswego, N.Y., adopted Citizen's Job Protection laws that prevent employers from hiring professional strikebreakers during strikes and lockouts.

The ordinances are the 102nd and the 103rd to be passed by municipalities in the last eight years, and the first in 1969.

In Columbus, the Guild joined with the Typographical and other unions in pressing to a successful conclusion a campaign that began in 1962.

Washington, Rochester Pick Award Candidates

Bruce Lambert, president of the Rochester Guild, and Gary James, outgoing chairman of the Washington-Baltimore Guild's Sunpapers Unit, have been nominated for ANG's 1969 Guild Service Award.

Lambert and James are the second and third entrants in the contest for a $1,000 scholarship in trade-union education. The Buffalo Guild has nominated Robert Giambellucca, chairman of its Courier-Express Unit.

Lambert, who was nominated by the Rochester executive board, is vice president of the Rochester Allied Printing Trades Council as well as local president. The presidents of the five Rochester craft unions submitted a letter supporting his nomination.

James, who was also nominated by his executive board, headed the Sunpapers Unit last year and served on the local executive board. Chief steward at the Sunpapers in 1965 and 1966, he won the local's first Alice N. Grinder Memorial Award in 1967 for his work as steward.

ANG Research and Information Director Ellis T. Baker reminded Guild locals last week that the deadline for nominations is tomorrow. The winner will be selected during the International Executive Board's Feb. 24-26 meeting.

Writer's Top Of $295 Won At AFL-CIO

Wage increases of seven percent — ranging up to $24.50 — have been won in a one-year Washington-Baltimore Guild contract covering administrative employes of the AFL-CIO.

The settlement raises top minimum pay for publicists and AFL-CIO News writers $20, to $295. The starting minimum is up $16.50, to $251.

The contract provides a fifth week's vacation for the first time. Employes are eligible after 25 years' service.

The settlement increases per diem expense payments from $12.50 to $15, raises travel-insurance coverage from $25,000 to $50,000 and allows employes to purchase $5,000 in additional life insurance at group rates.

Widespread improvements were also won in health-insurance benefits, with maximum major-medical protection increased from $5,000 to $10,000, payments for doctors' visits increased from $5 to $7 and maximum surgical payments raised from $300 to $375 per operation.

Improvements were also achieved in job security and promotion clauses.

St. Paul Labor Paper Yields $42 Increase

St. Paul, Minn.—The Twin Cities Guild has negotiated one-year increases of $42.50 a week for the editor and $25 for the business manager of the Minnesota Union Advocate, official publication of the St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly.

The editor's minimum went to $260 retroactive to July 1 and to $275 Jan. 1. The business manager's minimum went to $275 July 1. The minimum guarantee for advertising manager is increased $70, to $860.

The publisher's health-insurance contribution is increased $2 a month, to $26.80 for employes with dependents and $17 for those without. A car allowance of $27.50 a week is provided for the business manager.

Business Makes Odd Ad Fellows

The liberal lamb will lie down beside the conservative lion in one of the news media's strangest joint-advertising arrangements.

The New Republic and the National Review have announced that general advertisers taking space in both publications will receive a 10-percent discount. Both periodicals will raise their ad rates 20 percent starting this month.

The publishers said the arrangement would allow advertisers to put their message before "a group of unusually high educational and income levels" while assuring a minimum of reader duplication because of "widely divergent views" propounded by the two magazines.

MP Calls for Inquiry Into Press Control

Ottawa, Ont. — A Parliamentary committee to investigate concentration of ownership in Canadian newspapers and broadcasting was called for last week by Sen. Keith Davey of Ontario.

Davey, ex-national organizer of the Liberal Party and a former advertising man, voiced alarm at the growing concentration of media ownership. He said the committee should investigate chain ownership, monopoly situations and joint ownership of newspapers and broadcasting stations.

He cited the ownership of 55 of Canada's 107 daily newspapers by chains, particularly Thomson, Southam and FP Publications.

Davey noted that striking employes at Thomson's Peterborough Examiner had been working for only $120 a week and asked how long newspapers could "continue to attract bright young people with this kind of meager pot at the end of the journalistic rainbow."

He also cited the five-year-old printers' strike at Toronto's three dailies, saying that "one cannot help wondering how many editorials would have appeared in the Toronto press had any other Toronto industry been similarly strikebound for such a long period of time."

Davey noted that each of the nation's three biggest chains have extensive broadcasting interests in addition to their newspapers.

He pointed to New Brunswick, where one publisher, K. C. Irving, controls the majority of newspapers and many broadcasting stations, and such "big one-newspaper cities" as Edmonton, Alta., Hamilton, Ont., London, Ont., and Regina, Sask., the latter with single newspaper owners also possessing radio and television stations.

The trend toward concentration is accelerating and dangerous, he warned. No industry in Canada, he said, has so managed to "obscure exactly who owns what" despite the fact that there is no industry in which such knowledge is of more vital importance to the consumer.

Davey urged that in addition to ownership concentration the committee look into possible "undue influence" by advertisers over the media, newspaper postal rates, the wire services and the relationship between press freedom and good taste. The study, he said, would not infringe on press freedom.

Compact Ends Weeklies' Suit Hitting Copley

Sacramento, Calif.—An out-of-court settlement has been reached in a suit against Copley's Sacramento Union on charges of violating California's Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Sacramento Suburban Newspapers agreed to settle its 4.5-million-dollar damage suit based on charges that the Union sold advertising below cost to injure Suburban Newspapers' string of nine "Green Sheet" weeklies.

Copley has promised to phase out a free advertising supplement in which merchants advertising in the Union received ads at no extra cost.

The settlement provides for the Union's acquiring a 20-percent interest in Newsco Publications, the major stockholder in Suburban Newspapers and for Newsco's distributing advertising circulars printed by the Union.

It also permits Suburban Newspapers to print ads published in the Union at a small extra charge to the advertiser.

Union's Strike Benefits Taxable, Court Rules

The U.S. Supreme Court last month reaffirmed its position that strike benefits are taxable unless the union pays them strictly from "detached and disinterested generosity."

The court refused to review a U.S. Tax Court decision upholding the Internal Revenue Service's contention that benefits paid by the Air Line Pilots Association during a 1960-62 strike were taxable.

The high court had previously held that benefits were tax-deductible only when paid from "generosity or charity." As criteria for "generosity" it cited payments based on individual strikers' needs for food and housing and the denial of assistance to those obtaining temporary jobs.

In the Air Line Pilots' case, Internal Revenue and the Tax Court held that benefits were taxable because they were based on prestrike salaries; no economic need had to be shown by recipients and benefits were not reduced by the amount of other income received by strikers working in temporary jobs.

The union's aim in paying benefits, IRS maintained, was a successful termination of the strike rather than a charitable gift.

Guild strike and lockout benefits are taxable under the Supreme Court's criteria, in the opinion of ANG counsel Irving Leuchter.

Guild benefits are based on family size rather than prestrike salary, but they are paid only to those who perform strike duty, and recipients may receive limited amounts of outside income without a reduction in benefits.

Tax Memo

In computing income tax, U.S. Guild members may deduct all Guild dues and assessments paid last year. Canadian members may deduct only dues.

There were 12 ANG assessments in 1968, in amounts depending on salary.

Assessments through July were based on a scale ranging from $1 to $6; assessments in August and September were from $2.75 to $8.75, while those for October through December ranged from $2.75 to $10.

Donrey Buys Again

Gainesville, Tex.—The Gainesville Register & Messenger was purchased last month by the Donrey Media Group, a chain of 25 newspapers owned by Donald W. Reynolds. Donrey's Hilo Tribune-Herald is covered by a Hawaii Guild contract.

Union Allies

ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., is welcomed as a fraternal guest at first convention of the International Allied Printing Trades Association in Chicago. From left, Perlik, William Stasiak, first vice president of the Bookbinders; William J. Hall, executive vice president of the Lithographers and Photoengravers, and George Fry, Canadian vice president of the Stereotypers.

17-Year Record

Prices Up 4.7% in '68

The cost of living rose two-tenths of one percent in December, bringing the total increase for 1968 to 4.7 percent—highest since the Korean War year of 1951.

The increase raised the Consumer Price Index to 123.7, compared with 100 in the base period 1957-59. Thus, it costs $12.37 to buy the same goods and services that cost $10 a decade ago—nearly 25 percent more.

Salary increases won by Guildsmen during 1968 were largely offset by the price rise. The average reporter top minimum rose $10.73 from January 1968 through January 1969—an increase of 6.6 percent over the $163.17 level at which it stood a year ago. That increase was only 1.9 percent ahead of the price rise.

Guildsmen did only a little better than most workers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the sharp hike in prices held the increase in average real earnings — take-home pay less cost-of-living increases—to eight-tenths of one percent for the average worker with three dependents.

U.S. News & World Report estimates in its Feb. 17 issue that a worker now earning $10,000 can expect a pay increase of $600 (six percent) in 1969 but that inflation and taxes will eat up all but $99. The average reporter top minimum in Guild contracts in January was $173.90 or, $9,042.80 a year.

Clauses providing cost-of-living increases have been eliminated in three Guild contracts in recent settlements marked by major wage gains. But a living-cost clause providing for an extra pay raise if prices rise more than 4.7 percent next year was added to the Associated Press contract.

Food prices increased 4.3 percent over the year, while housing rose 5.4, apparel 6.4 and medical care 6.2 percent.

Preliminary data points to a major increase of about 0.8 percent in the wholesale price index in January. A 1.5 percent increase in wholesale farm-product prices is indicated as a result of rising livestock, poultry, fruit, grain and egg prices.

Graphic Unions To Open Office In Washington

Chicago, Ill.—The Allied Printing Trades Association is planning to open a Washington office to co-ordinate legislative and union-label activities of the unions.

Opening of the office was supported by the association's first convention here Jan. 24 and 25. ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., was a fraternal guest at the parley.

The association's board of governors had voted several months ago to set up a Washington office manned by a full-time director. Officers of ANG and the International Typographical Union had agreed at a meeting in November on the desirability of a watchdog office in Washington.

Support of the new office was voted by 115 delegates to the first convention since the association was founded in 1911.

Five unions—the Typographical, Pressmen's, Lithographers and Photoengravers, Stereotypers and Bookbinders—compose the association.

Victoria Gives Scholarship to Indian Student

Victoria, B.C. — The Victoria Guild last month awarded a $400 scholarship to an Indian student at the University of Victoria as a memorial to the late John Thomas, an Indian Guild member at the Victoria Press.

The scholarship will aid a first-year forestry student living off the reservation to meet educational expenses and remain in school. While Indian students whose parents live on reservations receive scholarship aid from the government, others must seek help through student-aid channels.

Thomas was a delegate from the Victoria Guild to a human-rights conference organized by the British Columbia Federation of Labour. He had hoped to work with the Guild and local Indian groups for Indian advancement.

The $400 scholarship, voted unanimously at a January membership meeting, is in addition to an annual $150 scholarship in memory of Guildsman Donald Ingham.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

Bakersfield

President, **George Stewart**; circulation vice president, **William Ensign**; editorial vice president, **Viola Hollins**; office and advertising vice president, **Coleen Bolin**; secretary, **Della Carrillo**; treasurer, **Dorothy Gleixner**.

Bridgeport

President, **David T. Walsh**; vice president, **Harold Yudain**; secretary, **Rosaria Montalbano**; treasurer, **Catherine V. Gay**.

Cleveland

President, **Robert Modic**; first vice president, **Michael Kelly**; second vice president, **Dorothy Sain**; third vice president, **Donald L. Bean**; fourth vice president, **Anthony M. Natale**, (Natale, 253; Charles Repede, 140); treasurer, **Emerson Batdorff**; executive secretary, **Jack F. Weir**.

Denver

President, **Irvin Moss**; first vice president, **Judy Brimberg**; second vice president, **Richard R. Tucker**; secretary, **Ralph Veatch, Jr.**; treasurer, **Paul Page**.

Hawaii

President, **Roy Kruse**; vice president, **Stanley Souza**; secretary, **Kathleen Bailey**; treasurer, **Philip R. Mayer**.

Madison

President, **David Zweifel**; first vice president, **Guy Lewis**; second vice president, **Matthew Pommer**; secretary, **Nancy Heinberg**; treasurer, **Dennis Sandage**.

Manchester

President, **John F. Barker**; vice president, **Guy Nadeau**; treasurer, **Roland C. Drouin**; secretary, **Roger Bazin**.

St. Louis

President, **Barney Wippold** (Wippold, 87; Tony Canty, 93); first vice president, **Victor E. Jaeger**; second vice president, **Robert T. Byrne**; secretary, **Sandra Hutchinson**; treasurer, **Frank Suroff**.

Salem

President, **James M. Shea**; vice president, **Robert C. Sears, Sr.**; secretary, **Linda Darling**; treasurer, **Foster T. Chandler**.

San Diego

President, **Charles Davis**; vice president, **John Rivers**. (Interim election.)

Vancouver-New Westminster

President, **James Young**; vice presidents, **Daniel Scott** and **Molly Mitchell**; treasurer, **George Milne**; recording secretary, **Barbara Ann Bergen**.

Wire Service Guild

President, **Malcolm Barr**; vice presidents, **Philip Newman** and **Paul Albright, Jr.**; secretary-treasurer, **Hedley Burrell**.

Woonsocket

President, **Douglas E. Weatherly**; vice president, **Woodrow Abbott**; secretary, **Rosella A. Fasano**; treasurer, **Diane A. Houle**.

Parallel

New York Guildsman Harry Fleischman, director of the American Jewish Committee's National Labor Service, addresses Washington memorial meeting for an even more prominent Guildsman—Norman Thomas, shown in photo at left. Thomas wrote a syndicated column until a year before his death; Fleischman writes a column, "Let's Be Human," for the labor press.

Guild, Management Join

Tribute Heaped on McLaughlin

Tribute to former International Vice President Daniel A. McLaughlin came at his death from both management and Guild representatives. He won praise as a newspaperman and a man of sensitivity as well as a Guild leader.

Former ANG President Arthur Rosenstock, who retired from international office at the same time as McLaughlin two years ago, said that "the warm memories we possess of 'Danmac' are as varied as his many-faceted talents."

"His was an eager and challenging intellect that brought a catalytic quality to the solution of Guild problems," Rosenstock said, "illuminating them with shafts of logic and leavening good humor."

"His telling wit was always free of the spiteful word, truly the hallmark of the compassionate. He lived and loved 'the game'—whether it was golf, football, cards or the greatest game of all, life itself.

"His was a unique chemistry—charisma, if you will—and his death leaves a void in the minds and hearts of literally thousands who remain enriched by the vibrant friendship that came their way."

Richard P. Lane of Memphis, who was first elected to the International Executive Board along with McLaughlin in 1955 and who retired with him in 1967, said that "few on the board or within the ANG have done as much for ANG."

"And all too few," he added, "ever knew just how important a role he did play in ANG affairs at the board level. The North Jersey Guild is going to miss him very much—as will we all."

North Jersey President Donald W. Rosselet paid tribute to him as a Guild leader whose death "leaves a void that cannot be filled."

"One could not help liking Dan McLaughlin, and scores of newspapermen and women he met across the country did," Rosselet said. "He had a keen sense of humor and a complete devotion to his work and to his family."

From Joseph S. Jennings, executive editor of the Elizabeth Daily Journal, where McLaughlin was assistant city editor, came an estimation of McLaughlin as "a truly professional newspaperman and a truly good man." Said Jennings:

"His professionalism was reflected in the fact that he could do just about any job in a newsroom and do it well. His goodness was reflected in his sincere concern for people.

"He was a fighter, and he fought hard for the things in which he believed. But he never lost his sense of fairness or his sense of humor. He was a man to be respected."

Daniel McLaughlin Succumbs at 56

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Vice President William J. Farson—who was out of the country on vacation at the time of the funeral—issued a statement terming McLaughlin's death "a grievous loss" to the Guild.

"Few people, other than those who worked closely with him, realize fully the contributions he made," they said. "As widely known and respected as he was, the full extent of his achievements was too often unrecognized, as it so frequently is in the case of those who work not primarily for themselves but for the larger good.

"He willingly took on many and varied jobs—large and small, major and minor. He did them all well.

"Even after ill health forced him to relinquish international office, he still was available for counsel and support. He couldn't resist a call for help.

"There was no one who had a sounder grasp of basic Guild problems and policy. Even when we differed, we respected him."

"Danmac," as he was known to his friends throughout the Guild, was initially elected to the IEB as an at-large vice president in 1955. He was defeated for re-election two years later, but in 1959 he returned to the board as vice president from Region 1, embracing New England and the Middle Atlantic states.

He served as chairman of the IEB's Organizing Committee for much of his tenure on the board and as chairman of its Research and Information Committee for a time. In 1967 he was called from retirement to serve on the special interim committee on Guild organizing and bargaining policy authorized that year by the Ottawa Convention.

He represented ANG on the executive committee of the Inter-American Federation of Working Newspapermen's Organizations. And he was one of the authors of a 1965 IEB "white paper" on relations between the Guild and the International Typographical Union.

McLaughlin was the Guild's foundation stone in North Jersey for 20 years, serving as chief negotiator for countless contracts, heading its grievance committee, representing the Guild in most of its arbitrations and playing a key role in organizing efforts that expanded the local from its original base in Elizabeth and Plainfield to New Brunswick, Perth Amboy and (for a while) Paterson.

Long a key figure in Guild politics, McLaughlin was first elected to the IEB in 1955, on the same slate as Farson and Perlik, who were elected to their present offices that year.

A familiar figure at Guild conventions, he played a leading role both in committees and on the convention floor, where his appearance at the microphone usually heralded an incisive point sharpened by dry wit.

McLaughlin began his newspaper career on the old Atlantic City World after attending the University of Alabama. When the World folded in 1941 he went to the old Newark Sunday Call, where he was elected unit secretary at his first Guild meeting.

In 1946 he was elected president of the Newark Guild after serving a two-year term as Guild delegate to the New Jersey CIO Council.

When the Call was folded by its parent paper, the Newark Evening News, in 1948 McLaughlin succeeded, after a personal appeal to State Unemployment Insurance Director Harold G. Hoffman, in obtaining a precedent-setting ruling that Guild severance pay was accrued wages and did not bar recipients from receiving unemployment insurance.

On the Elizabeth Journal, where he started in 1948, he worked variously as a reporter, copy editor, assistant county editor and assistant city editor. He wrote a regular sports column for the Journal and another one, on scholastic sports, for the New York Sunday News under the pen name of Pete Higgins.

McLaughlin is survived by his wife, Edna, and his daughter, Margaret, both familiar to Guild convention delegates.

Cleveland Guild Hits Newsmen's Ouster

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The demonstrators were accompanied into the church by 60 policemen and plainclothesmen and 10 chancery priests who locked the cathedral doors and asked communicants inside to leave under threat of arrest.

In the ensuing disorders, hosts were spilled to the floor as a chancery priest struggled for possession, Father Meyer conducted a sit-down on the altar steps and was carried from the church, a woman was jostled to the floor by police as she tried to receive communion and her husband was severely beaten.

Gorisek said Msgr. Francis Carney, head of the diocese's Family Life Bureau, ordered his ejection after telling him, "There's no story here." When Gorisek refused to leave, two policemen grabbed him by the arms and kicked him from behind out the main door.

Grochot received similar treatment when a detective noticed him taking notes. Grochot identified himself as a reporter, he said, but the detective yelled, "Get this asshole out of here!", and two detectives threw him out a side door onto his back.

The Guild's executive board two days later issued a statement strongly protesting the action by police and chancery officials. It termed ejection of the newsmen "a blatant act of suppression of a news event" and said it was clear that "news suppression" was the intent.

The Guild called on city and diocesan officials to conduct an immediate investigation of the incident and to take steps to prevent any recurrence. It also called for a meeting with Cleveland publishers to discuss how "mistreatment of newspaper people can be prevented in the future."

Stokes notified the Guild he had ordered an investigation, but Police Chief Patrick Gerity, at a Jan. 31 meeting with the two newsmen and Jack F. Weir, Guild executive secretary, said the newsmen would have to file official complaints before he would act.

Msgr. Carney told the Guild he had ordered the newsmen out of the cathedral only out of concern for their safety and that of others inside.

Arbiter Denies Madison Raise

Madison, Wis.—Wisconsin Employment Relations Commissioner Zel S. Rice II has denied a wage increase to photoengravers in a Guild wage-reopening arbitration at the Madison Capital Times.

Rice rejected the Madison Guild's contention that the photoengravers should receive a three-percent increase in the final six months of a two-year contract.

The Guild contended that the photoengravers should be brought to the same wage level as those in Madison job shops and at other Midwestern newspapers.

The arbitration was conducted after the Guild had been decertified by the photoengravers.

UPI Guildsmen Pay Special Strike Levy

New York City—The executive committee of the Wire Service Guild last month levied a special emergency assessment upon Guildsmen at United Press International to replenish the local's strike-depleted defense fund and assure adequate strike funds for forthcoming UPI negotiations.

The special assessment, deducted from pay checks Feb. 8, was 10 percent of one week's pay, to a maximum of $20.

The Wire Service Guild has had authority since October to collect up to $20 in regular dues and assessments, but only $18.75 has been charged, with the local absorbing the rest. The local said it could no longer absorb the $1.25 difference as a result of last month's Associated Press strike and the resulting drain on its treasury.

The local last month announced formation of a UPI strike-strategy committee headed by Harry Culver, chairman of the UPI national committee and a former local president.

UPI contract talks will open Feb. 18 in New York City. The present contract expires Mar. 15.

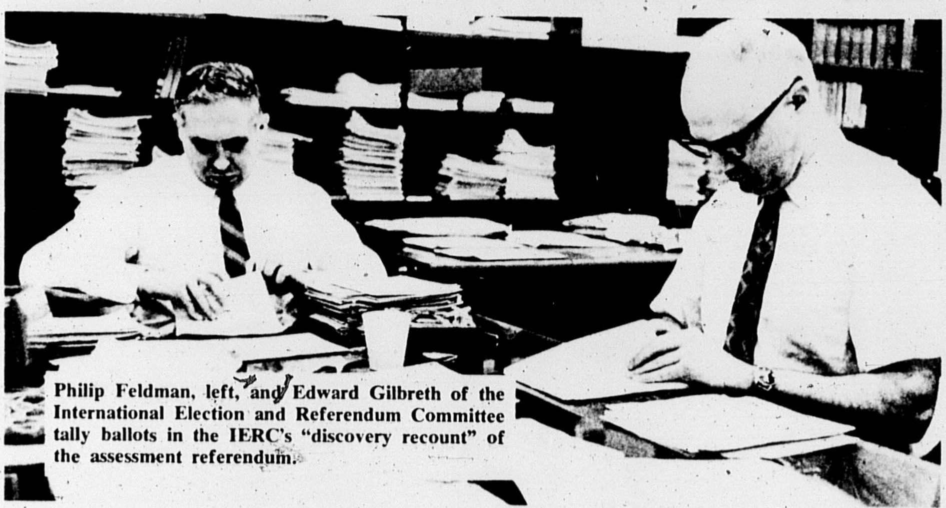
Roll Call

Helena, Mont. — Newsmen covering the Montana Legislature were asked to stand, introduce themselves and give the name of their employer during the Wire Service Guild's eight-day strike against the Associated Press.

It wasn't a matter of courtesy. The move was initiated by Democratic senators when one of three AP men stayed on the job after the strike call.

Sen. John L. McKeon refused to cooperate with the strike-breaking AP man and thought up the "introductions" when some of his colleagues said they too, would refuse to provide him with news if they could be sure who he was.

'For' Vote Wins Referendum



Philip Feldman, left, and Edward Gilbreth of the International Election and Referendum Committee tally ballots in the IERC's "discovery recount" of the assessment referendum.

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Feb. 24-27 and will ask the IEB to set in motion a new referendum responsive to the needs of the Guild and the sentiments of the membership as just expressed."

The IERC certified the results of the December referendum in a telephone conference by a two-to-one vote, with George Holmes of New York and Philip Feldman of Rochester voting to certify and Fred Seguin of Ottawa opposed pending a full recount.

Committee chairman Roberta Bailey of Philadelphia said she also favored a recount, but as chairman, she could not vote in the absence of a tie. The IERC was unable to complete its conference call to its fifth member, Edward Gilbreth of Chicago.

The referendum proposal to rescind the assessment schedule adopted by last year's convention, with a prevailing range of from $2.75 to $10, and restore the previous $1-to-$6 schedule was initiated by the New York Guild.

Earlier this week the IERC certified a Buffalo vote of 174 for the referendum proposal and 69 against after eliminating all 102 votes cast in the Buffalo Courier-Express editorial department, where voters' names were written on 50 of the ballots cast.

The committee also reaffirmed its certification of a 27-to-3 vote against the proposal in York following an investigation into charges that not all York members were given an opportunity to vote.

And it rejected a Philadelphia Guild appeal of the IERC's action in disqualifying Philadelphia's 244-to-203 vote against the proposal because the local's return was not on an official form.

The IERC voted Feb. 9 to hold the "discovery recount" following requests for a recount from the Committee to Defend the Defense Fund, which campaigned against the referendum proposal, and 10 locals.

The committee, on a motion by Feldman, voted to conduct a full recount if the sample recount showed a discrepancy of three-quarters of one percent of the total vote, the margin by which the referendum proposal was approved in the tally of local votes.

The discovery recount, conducted the next day by a subcommittee consisting of Feldman and Gilbreth, disclosed errors in eight of the 20 locals selected by lot. A total of 40 counting mistakes producing a net gain of four votes against the proposal.

Feldman proposed the discovery recount after a motion by Seguin that the IERC ask the International Executive Board for "advice and direction" on the question of a full recount failed for want of a second.

Seguin, in submitting his motion, pointed out that there was no mention of recount procedure in the ANG Constitution and no precedent on the question. But Gilbreth and others voiced reluctance to wait for the IEB's February meeting lest the delay in certification prolong assessments at the prevailing rate for another month.

Holmes, objecting that there was no constitutional provision for any recount, opposed the discovery recount, but it was approved by a three-to-two vote, with Holmes and Seguin voting against and Miss Bailey joining Feldman and Gilbreth in support.

Holmes had moved earlier that the committee certify the election results without a recount, but the motion failed to win a second.

ANG counsel Irving Leuchter had advised the committee that authority to recount the ballots was implicit in a constitutional provision that "all elections and referenda . . . shall be supervised and conducted" by the committee.

At an earlier meeting Jan. 25 the IERC had voted to send a subcommittee consisting of Gilbreth, Feldman and Miss Bailey to Buffalo Jan. 30 and 31 to investigate the reported irregularities in voting there. The visit had been scheduled earlier but was postponed.

Meanwhile, Buffalo President John Fleming had wired the IERC at the direction of the Buffalo executive board that if the subcommittee visit was not scheduled within a week the local would confer with its attorney on the advisability of seeking a Federal Court order compelling the subcommittee to make the visit without delay and requiring the IERC to certify the referendum results.

Feldman, reporting to the IERC Feb. 9 on results of the subcommittee's investigation, said that ballots were distributed in mail boxes in the Courier-Express editorial department, 66 of them with the names of voters written on the back.

"There was no supervision of the (ballot) box as to who voted or as to how many times such person voted," he reported.

Feldman quoted Fleming as saying that the day after the ballots were distributed he was met by "a storm of protestors, at least 15." But, Feldman said, all who testified at the inquiry agreed that no "ulterior motive" was involved.

The Buffalo election committee challenged the 50 ballots with names on them that were cast, and a general membership meeting voted to throw them out.

Feldman reported that in other Buffalo units ballots were given directly to eligible voters, and that ballot boxes were kept "under constant supervision."

Feldman noted that Buffalo's attorney, Richard Lipsitz, complimented Miss Bailey on her instructions that the local keep ballots from the different units separated, delivered after the IERC learned of the names written on Courier-Express editorial-department ballots. "If this had not been done," he quoted Lipsitz as saying, "all of Buffalo's votes might have been lost."

At the IERC's Feb. 9 meeting Feldman moved that the committee certify the Buffalo voting with the exclusion of balloting in Courier-Express editorial. The motion carried by a three-to-one vote, with Holmes opposed.

Holmes contended that the committee should accept Buffalo's count and exclude only the 50 ballots on which names had been written.

The subcommittee also visited York, where 21 members at the York Dispatch had asked that the referendum be declared "null and void" because all members had not been given a chance to vote.

The IERC, at its Jan. 25 meeting, unanimously rejected the request to nullify the referendum but voted to send the subcommittee to York Feb. 1 to investigate the charge. Holmes had moved not to hear the York appeal or other appeals still on the agenda after Buffalo, but his motion failed to win a second.

John E. Deegan, secretary-treasurer of the New York Guild, which sponsored the referendum proposal, urged the committee to "put the cork in the bottle" after disposing of Buffalo. But Brian Flores, administrative officer of the Washington-Baltimore Guild, who appeared on behalf of the Committee to Defend the Defense Fund, told the IERC it should be "ultra-responsible" in investigating all complaints.

Both Deegan and Flores praised the committee for its conduct of the referendum.

Gilbreth, reporting Feb. 9 on the York investigation, said that balloting had been conducted at the York Gazette & Daily but not at the Dispatch.

Balloting at the Gazette & Daily was initiated by Local President James N. Snavely only on the final day of the voting period, Gilbreth reported, at an hour when most Dispatch members had already left for the day. Stephen Swartzbaugh and Local Secretary George Laird, also of the Dispatch, decided that it was too late to conduct balloting there, Gilbreth reported.

On Gilbreth's motion, the IERC voted unanimously to reaffirm its acceptance of the York vote in light of the fact that the inquiry had disclosed "no deliberate attempt to disenfranchise any member."

The IERC, in rejecting the Philadelphia appeal, took the position that a constitutional provision that returns be made on an official form should be interpreted literally. Philadelphia made its return on a Guild letterhead, omitting some of the information specified on the form.

Holmes urged the IERC to meet before this year's ANG Convention in San Antonio June 23 through 27 to recommend new referendum and election rules for submission to the convention in the light of problems arising during the assessment referendum. Feldman subsequently submitted several recommendations for consideration.

Referendum Tally

Following are official returns in the December referendum on the proposal to rescind the assessment schedule adopted by last year's convention and restore the former schedule, as certified by the International Election and Referendum Committee:

Local	Eligible[1]	For	Against
Akron[2]	59	—	—
Albany	88	10	9
Bakersfield	98	11	46
Battle Creek	15	0	15
Bay City[3]	64	—	—
Boston	709	215	270
Bridgeport[3]	18	—	—
Brockton	67	25	31
Buffalo	434	174	69
Canadian Wire Service[3]	42	—	—
Chattanooga	51	18	33
Chicago	515	72	266
Cincinnati	301	150	83
Cleveland	626	195	271
Columbus	164	36	106
Coos Bay	18	18	0
Denver	582	162	71
Detroit	496	63	121
Erie	140	33	91
Eugene	12	3	9
Gary	52	16	24
Great Falls	72	29	16
Harrisburg	51	49	0
Hawaii	371	86	39
Hazleton[4]	16	—	—
Hudson County	44	36	1
Indianapolis[3]	1	—	—
Kenosha	26	3	13
Kingston	42	13	27
Knoxville	41	11	19
Lake Superior	51	34	4
Lansing	51	29	15
Lehigh Valley	80	17	53
Los Angeles	1,576	90	777
Lynn[5]	3	—	—
Madison	43	1	38
Manchester[6]	98	—	—
Massillon	25	16	4
Memphis	260	13	174
Newburgh-Beacon	15	7	5
New York	6,429	3,301	279
North Jersey	148	60	57
Ottawa	165	24	86
Pawtucket	27	7	19
Peoria	89	43	6
Philadelphia[7]	1,121	—	—
Pittsburgh	76	24	48
Portland[2]	216	—	—
Providence	173	32	54
Pueblo	88	5	61
Rochester	61	7	29
Rockford	72	20	39
Sacramento	341	4	31
St. Louis	1,136	167	641
Salem	62	24	25
San Antonio	91	38	11
San Diego	543	58	37
San Francisco-Oakland	1,348	81	597
San Jose	413	61	121
Scranton	81	36	26
Seattle-Tacoma	778	218	291
Sheboygan	50	4	41
Sioux City[4]	43	—	—
Stockton	136	9	116
Terre Haute	90	54	12
Toledo	387	78	141
Toronto	1,967	591	405
Twin Cities	549	157	216
Utica[3]	23	—	—
Vancouver-New Westminster	632	94	200
Victoria	109	10	16
Washington-Baltimore	1,690	137	363
Wilkes-Barre	151	30	107
Wire Service	1,461	237	252
Woonsocket	25	1	21
York	76	3	27
Youngstown	116	15	84
Armed forces and at large	276	26	21
Totals	28,656	7,291	7,180

[1] No voters were eligible in Cumberland, Greensboro, Hampton Roads, Montreal, Muskegon, Puerto Rico and Yakima.
[2] Disqualified because of late return.
[3] No return received.
[4] Disqualified because ballots counted after deadline.
[5] Disqualified because of unsigned return.
[6] Disqualified because of premature count.
[7] Disqualified because return not made on official form.

Editorial

Lord of the Dollar

We sat down at the typewriter the other day to write a parody on Press Lord Thomson, but we gave it up.

How can you parody a man who tells an interviewer for Nation's Business that "I think I'd mortgage my soul" to buy the New York Times?

Or who, asked why he is buying so many U.S. newspapers, replies, "That's where the money is."

Or who says it may have been "a little injudicious" to say that owning a television station was "as good as a government license to print money" but that "it certainly was the truth."

Or who boasts that small-town newspapers are "like cash boxes."

How can you caricature a man who, when the employes of one of his "cash boxes" go on strike for a little larger share of the cash, declares that wages ranging from $62.50 to $117 a week are "generous"?

No, Lord Thomson is a walking caricature of himself, a character of single purpose who seems to have stepped straight from the pages of Dickens. Indeed, Thomson's attitude toward his striking Peterborough employes is reminiscent of nothing so much as that of the orphanage master who glowered at Oliver Twist's temerity in asking for more.

But Thomson, of course, is more than that. He represents almost the reductio ad absurdum of that breed of publisher whose creed is the profit sheet and whose anthem the ring of the cash register.

Thomson's publishing empire could be the newspaper industry's "1984." Like Orwell's, there may be profit—you should excuse the expression—in studying its lessons.

Follow the Leaders

St. Valentine's Day is a day when many Americans give presents or bouquets.

This year, senators and representatives apparently felt that they should join in, so they gave themselves, effective with the holiday today, a salary increase of $12,500 a year—a bit more than $240 a week—to increase their pay from $30,000 to $42,500. They also gave themselves an increase in the ceiling on their pensions—from $24,000 to $32,000 a year.

Our calculations indicate this is a pay increase of about 42 percent, pension improvements aside.

Meantime, Guild members at key top minimums have averaged increases of less than seven percent during the past year.

But, as good citizens (and union men), we are prepared to be scrupulously fair about matters such as this. We will gladly meet Congress halfway: 20 percent for Congressmen, and 20 percent for Guildsmen.

We will be happy to meet the President halfway, too, for that matter; he got a 100-percent increase.

Seal of Disapproval

With the whole country to choose from, President Nixon managed to find an appointee for his consultant on consumer affairs who is offensive to a large portion of her consumer constituency, the labor movement. He picked the director of Hearst's Good Housekeeping Institute.

Pretty poor White Housekeeping.

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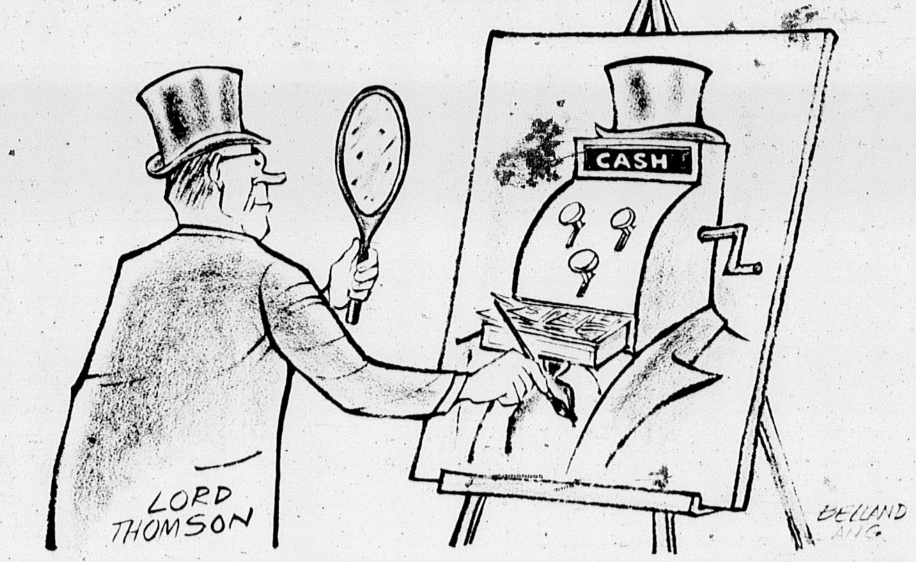

DATELINE: WASHINGTON

Democrats Bite Fingernails As Nixon Casts Spell

By WILLARD SHELTON, *Washington Guild*

THE CONSENSUS judgment in the nation's capital is that in his first few weeks President Richard M. Nixon, in a public-relations sense, has begun very well indeed. He has made few obvious mistakes and moved rapidly to check the possible adverse effects of mistakes made by others: Interior Secretary Walter Hickel, for example.

The consensus judgment of the majority Democrats in Congress is approximately that of the press, that Nixon in the White House has performed with great competence. And since this is a political town, what Democrats in Congress mean is that suddenly they are wondering whether they might meet unpleasant surprises in the 1970 midterm elections.

There is, admittedly, the cliche about the early honeymoon bliss all Presidents enjoy with Congress. To this, however, some perceptive Democrats are beginning to think that maybe all they have working against the honeymoon myth is a myth of their own: to wit, that the party in control of Congress "always" scores gains in the midterm elections.

They see it this way. Nixon has pre-empted the flow and emphasis of the news with genuine skill and effectiveness.

The picture emerging is that of Nixon as the man in charge, self-described as "counsel" to all Americans, blacks and all others. It is that of the Chief Executive to whom Secretaries William Rogers, Melvin Laird and Robert Finch, Special Assistants Henry Kissinger and Daniel P. Moynihan and many others give advice upon which the President accepts the responsibility of decision.

Nothing derogatory is intended in saying the President has performed well "in a public-relations sense." No major policy decisions were made and announced in the weeks before Congress broke for the Lincoln's Birthday recess. Those outside the Administration don't know enough to reach conclusions about policy matters.

A judgment therefore must be superficial, based on appearance rather than substance. One dependable Democrat remarks, "I don't have any judgment on the Nixon Administration because there's nothing showing."

Except for one thing. A President — any President — exerts leadership in his style as well as the content of his programs, by the mood conveyed to the people as well as by what his decisions turn out to be.

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NIXON EXPRESSED a correct concept of the Presidency when he told his press conference that as the Chief Executive chosen by all the people he has a special function to represent all of the people, to be a "friend" to all groups. All of his predecessors across 180 years have seen themselves in this role.

Nothing as yet has caused any widespread public squawk or burning-with-emotion denunciation. GOP members are a little soreheaded that the President took the Post Office "out of politics" without allowing them first to taste the remaining driblets of federal patronage. But not all of them, not the privately approving leadership intently watching their man's style, which is somewhat unexpected to them, too.

The Washington columnists voice a general approval—Marshall McNeil for Scripps-Howard and the formidable appraiser, Joseph Kraft, for Publishers-Hall Syndicate. The first Gallup poll showed a favorable trend in public acceptance of Nixon's performance.

A largely unreported incident took place at a private luncheon on Capitol Hill a few days after the Inauguration. Chairman William M. Colmer (D-Miss.) of the House Rules Committee had arranged the committee's annual event for the leaders of both parties and other invited guests. Nixon happened to visit the House, so he was invited and in his informal remarks charmed the birds out of the trees.

He revealed a mind well-stocked in the history of the House. He mentioned former members who had been elected President without broader experience—Polk, Garfield, et al. He laid stress on that unique historical figure, John Quincy Adams, who not only was elected from the House but, after being unceremoniously dumped after one Presidential term, was elected to the House again and served ably and without ostentation for many more years.

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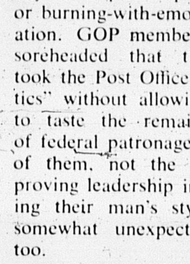
NIXON RECALLED the narrowness of his victory over Hubert Humphrey and pointed out that Humphrey had had experience only in the Senate whereas he himself had served in both chambers.

His service in Congress was short as such things go—four years in the House, one and a half in the Senate—before his sudden elevation as Gen. Eisenhower's running-mate in 1952. But to the stalwart leaders of the House, both Democratic and Republican, he made his four years among them sound very important, perhaps the key to everything.

"It was a virtuoso performance," remarks one who was there.

Although it seems very early to start thinking about 1970 elections, this is unmistakably a time in which fundamental political ferments are working.

Democrats are beginning to search for a way to regain the political initiative themselves, perhaps through some widely popular program labeled "made in Congress." It's a hard thing to do for about 300 Democrats from widely scattered states and with complex personal and often clashing interests.



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