

Flores's Proposal: End Levies by Raising Dues

Brian L. Flores, who promised to end assessments for all time during the recent ANG election campaign but declined to say how, last week sponsored a Washington-Baltimore Guild proposal for an international referendum to end membership assessments by permanently increasing monthly dues.

A local membership meeting adopted the proposal, under which ANG's basic Model Dues Schedule of five percent of regular weekly compensation per

month would be increased by 50 percent—to 1.75 percent of gross weekly earnings, or slightly more than 7.5 percent per month. Under the ANG Constitution, monthly dues are fixed by locals but may not be less than the Model Dues Schedule.

The proposal would not end international assessments as such but would amend the Constitution to require that ANG assessments, when levied in emergencies, be paid by each local from local funds—and not

charged directly to the membership—at the rate of 40 percent of each monthly dues payment. Direct membership assessments could be levied only by membership referendum.

The Constitution now gives locals the option of paying assessments or collecting them from their members.

As the GR went to press the Washington-Baltimore referendum proposal had not yet been officially received by the International Executive Board. Once the

referendum motion has been received by the IEB in proper form, the text will be published in the GR and, under constitutional procedures, the motion will be open for seconds by other locals for 30 days thereafter.

Flores's promise to end assessments was a key theme in his unsuccessful campaign for ANG President in last month's election.

He set forth his promise, in the last GR before the voting period began, in a campaign ad reading, "Vote for the team

pledged to end assessments for all time," but declined an offer of additional space to explain how he proposed to do so.

The dues-assessment referendum proposal was submitted by Flores, the Washington-Baltimore Guild's administrative officer, and International Vice President Joe Holt Anderson, Jr., to a local membership meeting Sept. 17, 10 days after the International Election and Referendum Committee certified the results of last month's

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Unfair at the Fair

Los Angeles Herald-Examiner pickets led by ANG International Representatives Dick Pattison, left, and Charles Dale, center foreground, picket the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona to urge boy-

cott of the struck paper, which was on sale at the fairgrounds. Fair officials later banned it after meeting with strike-lockout leaders and representatives of fair employees. (Story on Page 2.)

New England Guild Locals Launch Organizing-Servicing Program

Manchester, N.H.—A servicing and bargaining program covering four New England Guild locals was set in motion at a meeting here last week.

James H. Orcutt, president of the Brockton Guild, will serve full

time as assistant director of the program, to be known as the New England Servicing-Organizing Program of ANG. Robert E. Bruner, administrative secretary of the Boston Guild, will be director.

ANG will finance Orcutt's activities for an interim period ending Nov. 1. After that it will contribute \$400 a month and an automobile to the program, with the balance financed by a \$400 monthly contribution from the Boston Guild and \$2 per member from the Brockton, Manchester and Portland locals.

The Boston and Brockton locals have already approved participation in the program. The Manchester executive board and Portland's two top officers have recommended approval by their locals.

The Manchester Local is scheduled to meet on the matter following the conclusion of current bargaining and Portland after ratification of a new contract, both expected shortly.

The Boston Guild office will be headquarters for the program. Orcutt will be available for limited ANG assignments in the project area under the locals' agreement with ANG.

The program is designed to provide professional servicing and organizing assistance for locals

ing and broadcasting on the plaza and sidewalks outside the building as well as in the building itself.

Guild Local President Lloyd Green, in a Sept. 18 letter to Campbell deploring the order, termed it "a definite restraint on freedom of the press." He urged that "in the interests of freedom you change this order to allow full coverage" of the conspiracy trial.

That evening the local executive board, at a special meeting, voted to join the ACLU in its suit contesting the ban as unconstitutional.

Campbell subsequently modified

Chicago Guild Joins Suit Against Courthouse Ban

Chicago, Ill.—The Chicago Guild last week protested a Federal Court order barring photographs and broadcasting in Chicago's Federal Building and joined an American Civil Liberties Union suit against the ban.

The Guild acted after 10 broadcast news and camera men were arrested for defying the order Sept. 18.

The edict was issued by Chief Federal Judge William J. Campbell a week before the scheduled trial of eight antiwar demonstrators on charges of conspiracy to incite riots during the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

The judge banned picture-tak-

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Classified Parity, \$233 Top Won At Toledo Blade

Toledo, Ohio—Key top minimums are increased \$43.75, to \$233.75, and outside classified salesmen are advanced to parity in a new three-year contract at the Toledo Blade and Times.

Classified salesmen will receive a \$53.75 increase to bring them to parity with reporters, display salesmen and district managers.

Improvements in vacations, holidays, differentials and expense allowances are also provided by the pact, whose economic provisions were hammered out in joint bargaining by the Toledo Newspaper Union Council.

The settlement provides wage increases of 7.8 percent the first year, 7.2 percent the second and 6.5 percent the third.

Company payments for health and welfare are increased \$1.20 the first year, 80 cents the second and \$1 the third, to \$12.10. An additional \$1.50 in the third year may be allocated to either pensions, health and welfare or salaries.

The top for reporters and display salesmen is increased \$14.75 retroactive to March 21, \$14.75 next March 21 and \$14.25 in March 1971.

The flat minimum for editors and the top for editorial-page writers is increased \$47.20, to \$252.25; the top for assistant edi-

tors, rewriters and copy readers is up \$45.80, to \$244.75; the flat minimum for home-delivery, country and Sunday managers is raised \$46.45, to \$249, and the flat minimum for street-sales managers is up \$5.20, to \$241.75.

The flat rate for head cashiers is increased \$40.50, to \$215.50, and librarians are split into classifications, with the top for one group up \$27, to \$117, and that for the second up \$20.75, to \$110.75.

The night differential is increased 50 cents, to \$4 per shift, and the differential for work in higher classifications is extended and increased from \$3 a day to \$4. Call-back pay is doubled to \$2.

The service requirement for three-weeks' vacation is reduced from three years to one and that for four weeks will be cut from 10 years to eight in 1971. A seventh holiday, the employee's birthday, is added.

A new hazardous-duty clause will allow employees to refuse assignments with "abnormally dangerous working conditions." And an antidiscrimination clause is added to the contract.

Mileage allowances are increased, to 11 cents for traveling representatives and 12 cents for others.

The Bentley Blackout 4 Letters Spell Finis

HELEN DELICH BENTLEY, whose appointment as chairman of the Maritime Commission has been protested by the Washington-Baltimore Guild, had the last word among newsmen transmitting from the tanker S.S. Manhattan. It was a four-letter one.

A temporary ban on newsmen's use of the tanker's radio-telephone frequency was imposed after Mrs. Bentley used the obscenity while giving her story to a rewriter at the Baltimore Sun in a 47-minute call. The use of obscenity is prohibited by Federal Communications Commission regulations.

There were originally conflicting reports on who was responsible for imposing the ban and why, but a spokesman for the Humble Oil & Refining Co., owner of the Manhattan, later took responsibility, saying "we apparently overreacted" to Mrs. Bentley's choice of words.

The Guild has asked Congress to reject Mrs. Bentley's nomination to the \$40,000-a-year Maritime Commission post because of her "strikebreaking activities" during the Guild's 1965 strike at the Sunpapers. She is a former treasurer of the old Baltimore Guild.

Mrs. Bentley, who is the Sun's maritime editor, said she had "just used a common Anglo-Saxon expletive to express my impatience with a rewriter." She apologized for the incident, which occurred while the Manhattan was forgoing a Northwest passage to Alaska.

Mrs. Bentley wrote a lengthy story on the incident, contending that she was made a "scapegoat" as the only woman aboard the vessel, but Managing Editor Paul Banker said the Sunpapers decided not to carry it.

Shortly before her appointment was announced by President Nixon last month Mrs. Bentley said, "I suppose I'll have to stop swearing now that I'm going to be a madam."

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Sabotage

This is the way roving automobile teams have been carrying on guerilla warfare against Los Angeles Herald-Examiner strikers' boycott messages on the back of city buses. They have been observed following the buses, jumping out when they stop for traffic lights and spraying black paint over the "Don't" (arrow) in the legend, "Please Don't Buy the Herald-Examiner." The unions' Joint Strike-Lockout Council says the incidents are "so widespread as to make it appear they result from a conspiracy inspired by a desperate Herald-Examiner management."

\$30 Increase Boosts Editors' Top To \$290 at Scholastic Magazine

New York City—Top minimums for editors at Scholastic Magazine are increased \$30, to \$290, in a new two-year contract with the New York Guild. The starting minimum for editors is raised \$25, to \$265.

The top minimum for art directors is increased \$40, to \$275. Other increases in key minimums include: managing editors, up \$23, to \$245; art editors, up \$23, to \$220; associate editors, up \$23, to \$215; production editors, up \$15, to \$185, and assistant editors, up \$15 to \$180.

Clerk typists are raised \$23, to \$113; library clerks, \$14, to \$118; editorial secretaries 16, to \$130; and editorial assistants, \$10, to \$140.

The new contract, retroactive to last February, provides for general increases of eight percent the first year, seven percent the second.

Double-time is provided for all

overtime after 50 hours, in addition to time-and-a-half after 40 hours, and employees receive an additional holiday, for a total of 11.

Effective in 1970, the service requirement for four weeks' vacation will be reduced from eight to seven years and that for five weeks from 20 to 18 years, with carry-over of vacation time permitted for one year.

The severance-pay ceiling is raised from 52 to 60 weeks, employees on hazardous assignments are granted additional life insurance to provide up to 2½ times annual salary, and bereavement leave of up to five days is provided in the death of a close relative, three days for other relatives.

13% Increases Gained By Foreign Policy Unit

New York City—A two-year contract renewal won by the New

\$23,000 in Union Donations Strengthen L.A. Strike Fund

Los Angeles, Calif.—A new surge of union contributions to the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner strike reached \$23,000 this week, spurred by an appeal from the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

In addition to \$15,000 contributed by the council itself, more than \$8,000 has come in from other unions in the initial response to the council's appeal. The largest donations were \$2,500 from the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, \$2,000 from the Hotel and Restaurant Employees and \$1,000 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

The Herald-Examiner was thrown off the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds at Pomona last week after a day of picketing by the striking and locked-out unions and a meeting with management and representatives of fairground unions.

But Hearst, apparently seeking a pretext for court action against the fairgrounds, smuggled a bundle of papers into the grounds Sept. 22 and stationed several executives, a reporter and a photographer next to a boy assigned to sell them. Fairground officials avoided physical action against the boy, but few copies were sold.

Advertisers are continuing to pull out of the paper in large numbers. Some 20 withdrew in the first three weeks of September, added to 94 that exited in July and August.

York Guild at the Foreign Policy Association provides first-year increases in key minimums of eight percent on the first \$100, with a floor of \$8, seven percent on the next \$50, and six percent on minimums above \$150.

In the second year of the contract, which is retroactive to May 31, minimums will be increased a flat five percent.

For associate editor, senior associate editor and senior bookkeeper, minimums are increased \$22.46, to \$198. In the lowest-rated classification—clerk and office machine operator—the minimum is increased \$12.96, to \$102.

In addition, the Guild won a cost-of-living clause providing that if the Consumer Price Index increases more than 3.5 percent in the first year of the contract, wages will be increased by the amount of the percentage increase exceeding 3.5 per cent.

Other contract improvements include an increase in the severance pay ceiling to 42 weeks from 40.

\$35-\$75 Raises Are Won In Clothing-Union Pact

New York City—Increases ranging from \$35 to \$75 over two years have been won by the New York Guild in an initial memorandum of agreement covering staff members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

The average increase is \$48.15, with salaries ranging up to \$17,000 a year (\$326.92 a week).

The agreement covers attorneys, national representatives, auditors and employees of the union's educational and financial departments as well as the staff of the Advance, the Amalgamated's official publication.

Hearst Looking For L.A. Exit?

Los Angeles, Calif.—Ridder Publications, Inc., which owns three papers in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, discussed purchase of the struck Los Angeles Herald-Examiner with the Hearst chain earlier this year, it has been learned.

The Ridder chain, however, abandoned the idea for fear of antitrust prosecution. Ridder's Los Angeles-area holdings are the Orange County News in Garden Grove, the Star-News in Pasadena and the Independent & Press-Telegram in Long Beach.

Media Records figures for July showed a 196,942 drop in Herald-Examiner advertising lineage from the 1,836,083 recorded for July 1968, a figure already shrunk by the unions' strike-boycott campaign.

A Teamster from Kentucky

gave up his job Sept. 19 rather than drive a truckload of printed matter through the picket lines. The Teamster, who had driven the load all the way from Rhode Island, walked away from it at the plant gate, stating that "They didn't tell us back East that there was a strike on here."

"So I'm fired," he told unionists at Strike-Lockout headquarters. "So what? If you guys have got the heart to fight a thing like this for 20 months, I've got the heart to go look for another job."

There was little to report on the bargaining front. The Stereotypers met with management Sept. 22 and the Pressmen met Sept. 23 but were unable to report any progress.

Additional contributions to the Los Angeles Guild strike fund totaled \$1,227.25. They included:

Boston Guild	\$100.00
Kenosha Guild	75.00
Middle Atlantic District Council	50.00
Providence Guild	100.00
St. Louis Guild	250.00
San Francisco-Oakland Guild	494.00
San Jose Guild	63.25
Washington-Baltimore Guild	75.00

The new contributions brought the strike total to \$155,748.

AFL-CIO Slated to Get Two L.A. Resolutions

Resolutions mustering new support for the 21-month-old Los Angeles Herald-Examiner strike and denouncing the "Newspaper Preservation Bill" are being submitted to conventions of the AFL-CIO and its Industrial Union Department this week and next.

ANG delegates will introduce resolutions on Los Angeles and the newspaper-antitrust bill. A second Los Angeles resolution will be introduced at the AFL-CIO convention by Pressmen's President Anthony J. DeAndrade, a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council, on behalf of the Joint Strike-Lockout Council.

Sigmund Arywitz, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, and Bernard Hughes, president of the Los Angeles Typographical Union, will address the two conventions and those of the AFL-CIO's affiliated departments on behalf of the strikers.

ANG President James B. Woods, Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlik, Jr., and Secretary-Treasurer-elect Robert M. Crocker will represent ANG at the AFL-CIO Convention.

The delegates were named by the International Executive Board in a mail poll this month.

Hearst Ad-Boycott List

The following national advertisers have most consistently supported Hearst by advertising in the struck Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, according to the Herald-Examiner Joint Strike-Lockout Council.

SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO.

J. C. PENNEY

THE MAY CO., with department stores in these cities:

Los Angeles—The May Co.

San Diego—The May Co.

St. Louis—Famous-Barr

Baltimore—The Hecht Co.

Washington—The Hecht Co.

Pittsburgh—Kaufmann's

Akron—M. O'Neill Co.

Jacksonville—May-Cohens

Cleveland—The May Co.

Portland, Ore.—Meier & Frank

Youngstown—Strouss-Hirschberg

Hartford—G. Fox & Co. and Brown Thomson Inc.

Denver—May D. & F.

GENERAL TIRE & RUBBER CO.

FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER CO.

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO.

B. F. GOODRICH TIRE CO.

AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.: All brands, including Lucky Strike, Pall Mall, Herbert Tareyton, Montclair, Carlton, Half & Half and Colony cigarettes; Bull Durham tobacco, and La Corona, Bock y Ca., Antonio y Cleopatra and Roi Tan cigars.

KRAFT FOODS: All products, including Miracle Whip dressings and spreads, Parkay, Deluxe and Miracle margarines, Kraft cheeses, and other dairy foods.

GENERAL MOTORS CORP.: All divisions, including Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Vauxhall and Opel automobiles; A.C. spark plugs, Delco auto batteries and radios, and Frigidaire home appliances.

NLRB Aide Urges Dismissal Of L.A. Striker's Complaint

San Francisco, Calif.—A National Labor Relations Board examiner this month recommended dismissal of a complaint that a chain of Los Angeles-area weeklies refused to hire a Los Angeles Herald-Examiner striker because of his Guild membership.

Examiner Louis S. Penfield said testimony failed to support the accusation that Intersuburban Hometown Newspapers discriminated against the striker in hiring for its editorial staff.

The Guildsman testified that the papers' editor queried him

about his Guild membership and told him later that as long as he had a Guild card he was "out of it." The editor denied making any such statement.

Penfield, noting that the striker had applied for full-time work at from \$120 to \$130 a week, and that Intersuburban, at the publisher's subsequent insistence, had hired only part-timers at \$1.65 an hour, said that its failure to employ him "appears to have been based upon economic considerations."

Record Purchase

Times Mirror Buys Dallas Times Herald

Dallas, Tex.—The Los Angeles Times Mirror Co. is acquiring the Dallas Times Herald and its broadcasting stations for an estimated 91.5 million dollars in the largest transaction in U.S. newspaper history.

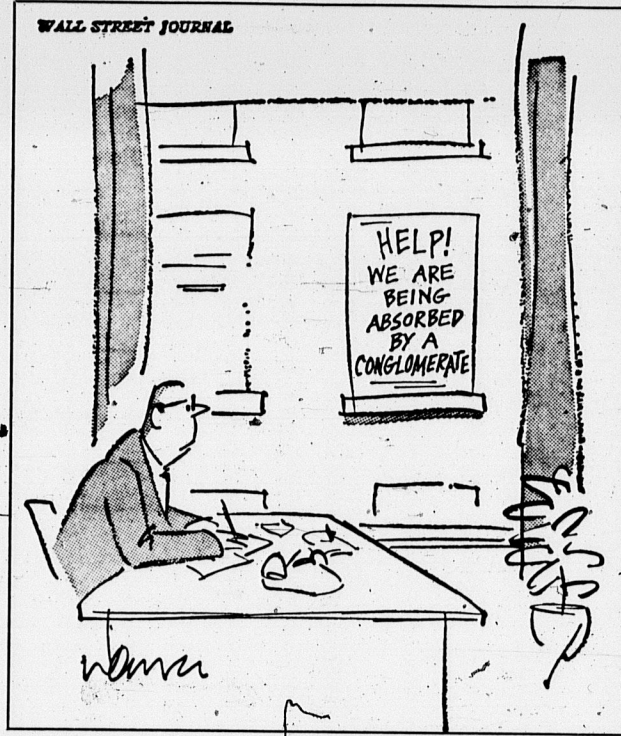
The Times Mirror Co., a growing corporate conglomerate whose mainstay has been the Los Angeles Times, has agreed to acquire Times Herald stock in exchange for almost two million shares of Times Mirror stock, valued at \$45.75 a share on the New York Stock Exchange.

Included in the sale are two radio stations and a television station owned by the Times Herald, Dallas's only afternoon paper. The television station is considered one of the wealthiest in the Southwest.

The sale is subject to approval by Times Herald shareholders, the Federal Communications Commission and the Internal Revenue Service, from which a favorable tax ruling is being sought.

The FCC, which has under consideration a rule that would bar ownership of more than one broadcasting station in a single market, is expected to give the transaction close scrutiny. So is the Justice Department's Antitrust Division.

The Times Mirror Co. has acquired 22 companies in less than a decade, ranging from a manu-



facturer of paper napkins to book-publishing firms. But it was forced to disgorge two San Bernardino newspapers this year by a Justice Department antitrust unit.

The company reportedly attempted to acquire the Houston Chronicle last year, but the Jesse Jones Foundation refused to sell to anyone outside the state.

The New York Times reported that S. I. Newhouse offered 30 million dollars for the Times Herald and its stations less than five years ago and that Knight Newspapers offered 40 million and an unnamed conglomerate 45 million dollars last year.

But it said the company "held out, confident that the price was certain to rise in what has become a sellers' market for publishing properties."

Times Herald Publisher James F. Chambers, Jr., said the Times Herald had not been contemplating a merger but that the Times Mirror Co. approached it with an "attractive" offer.

The Times Mirror Co. is the third largest publishing firm in the nation, behind only Time Inc. and McGraw-Hill. Its net income for the first 28 weeks of 1969 was 14.1 million dollars, up four million dollars from the same period of 1968.

The Times Herald netted 3.7 million dollars in 1968, the Times Mirror Co. 24.2 million.

Lee Adds Paper

Davenport, Iowa—Lee Enterprises Inc., owner of 16 Midwestern newspapers, spread its chain to the West Coast this month by acquiring the Corvallis (Ore.) Gazette-Times. The 11,000-circulation daily was purchased for an undisclosed sum.

Court Orders Coast Daily To Bargain

San Francisco, Calif. — The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals last month found the South Bay Daily Breeze guilty of interfering with a Guild representation election and ordered the company to bargain with the Los Angeles Guild.

The court upheld a National Labor Relations Board finding that the Copley-owned paper had interrogated employees on their Guild activity, given the "impression of surveillance," promised postelection benefits if the Guild were rejected and threatened "various unpleasant consequences" for Guild supporters.

The 1966 election among 26 editorial employees had resulted in a tie vote, but the NLRB set it aside and ordered the Guild certified as bargaining agent on the ground that illegal company practices had undermined the Guild's majority.

The board went into court when the company ignored its order to recognize and bargain with the Guild.

The court rejected a company contention that the board's finding was improper because it rested in part on a memorandum taken from the news editor's desk. The memorandum, prepared for Publisher Robert Curry by the editor, contained such observations on employees as the following:

"Sees dollar signs, thinks he's better and worth more than he is. Is very impressionable. Listens to me a lot, and a last-minute promise of more money from me would weigh heavily on his decision. . . . He is the kind you worry about selling the day of the election."

The court held that the board was justified in considering the document because it is not required to exclude such evidence unless board agents participated in obtaining it.

The court, with one judge dissenting to this part of its ruling, held that cards signed before the election established that the Guild had the support of a majority of the unit and that they constituted a sufficient basis for certification in view of the company's conduct during the election.

The Breeze had maintained that signatures on the cards were obtained by statements that they were only a means of obtaining an election. But the court found that only one was obtained in this manner, leaving a majority untainted.

Celler Urges Amendments to Newspaper Bill

Both the chairman and the ranking Republican member of the House Antitrust Subcommittee indicated strongly this month that the so-called Newspaper Preservation Bill probably will have to be amended considerably if it is to receive their approval.

At the same time, however, House cosponsors of the bill who testified in favor of its passage on the opening day of subcommittee hearings on it balked at both major amendments suggested by Chairman Emanuel Celler and Rep. William M. McCulloch, Ohio Republican.

Noting that the bill's retroactive and perpetual antitrust ex-

emption for price fixing, profit pooling and market splitting by jointly published newspapers is "pretty broad" and "rather extreme," Celler asked the bill's chief House sponsor, Rep. Spark M. Matsunaga of Hawaii, whether there might be "some middle ground" that could prevent "a knock-down, drag-out" fight in both the House and Senate.

"Must you divide profits?" Celler asked. "That's going pretty far."

Profit pooling, Matsunaga replied, "is the very essence of the bill. . . . One of the areas in which the greatest savings have occurred is in the pooling of advertising

and distribution and the resultant profits. . . . If we take that away, well, I think they have got nothing left."

Celler asked whether the bill's proponents would accept an amendment that would restrict sanction for profit pooling to those joint arrangements where the newspapers involved have made a "clear showing" that it is "essential for preservation of one of the papers." He noted that "the way the bill is written now there would be no need for that proof."

Matsunaga said he would "go along" with such an amendment provided the test was applied only to the point in time when the papers began joint publication.

But both Celler and McCulloch said that there ought to be some periodic "review" and "examination" of the necessity to allow profit pooling to continue.

When "the toddling infant has become the strong man," McCulloch observed, he no longer needs

the protection of an exemption from the antitrust laws.

Matsunaga, Reps. Ed Edmondson and Page Belcher of Oklahoma, Samuel L. Devine of Ohio and James H. Quillen of Tennessee were the only witnesses heard by the subcommittee on Sept. 10, its first day of hearings on the bill during this House session. They maintained, as did 59 other cosponsors who filed a written statement, that without passage of the bill as introduced, one of the newspapers presently published under joint arrangements in 23 cities would face certain failure.

Both Celler and McCulloch asked that each of the 46 jointly operating newspapers supply the subcommittee with financial data. Celler noted that the subcommittee had received the data from only two cities during four days of hearings held last fall.

Hearings resumed this week after having been twice postponed. ANG is scheduled to be heard against the bill Oct. 1.

ANG Contract Rules Upheld in Erie Case

The ANG constitutional requirement that locals clear their contract settlements with ANG's Contracts Committee before executing them has been upheld for the second time in less than a month by the National Labor Relations Board.

The NLRB general counsel's office reaffirmed its position in rejecting an unfair-labor-practice charge brought by the Erie Times and News against the Erie Guild.

In denying an appeal from a regional director's refusal to issue a complaint, the board's counsel held that the local "was not precluded by its status as exclusive bargaining representative from conditioning the execution of a contract upon approval by its parent international."

The opinion was written by Irving M. Herman, director of appeals in the general counsel's office, who issued a similar opinion last month in a case involving Hearst's Albany newspapers.

Herman cited previous NLRB decisions affirming that "the posi-

tion of the international is comparable to that of a corporate board of directors whose negotiators need not be clothed with plenary authority to enter final and binding agreements so long as they have sufficient authority to make tentative commitments which have a strong likelihood of acceptance."

On this basis he found that the company had no right to insist that the Guild provide a negotiator "with authority to make binding contract agreements." The publisher had demanded that an international representative sit in from the start of bargaining.

The Erie Guild filed an unfair-labor-practice charge of its own when the company refused to meet without an IR, but it withdrew the charge when the Times and News finally agreed to bargain without one.

It required a 132-day strike—prosecuted with the assistance of an IR—to bring about a contract settlement last July.

Amsterdam News Bonanza

3 Admen Receive \$8,500 Award

New York City—An arbitrator has awarded \$8,500 in commissions to three advertising salesmen to whom the Amsterdam News failed to assign accounts in violation of a New York Guild contract.

The arbiter, R. Robert Feinberg, gave \$6,000 to John H. Wickliffe, \$2,000 to Junius Chambers and \$500 to Thomas Hairston.

Wickliffe, who had been fired and then ordered reinstated, was subsequently assigned no accounts. Feinberg ruled that this deprived him of \$6,000 in income and ordered that he be made whole for the amount and assigned two major accounts.

Feinberg found that the other

two salesmen had been assigned an insufficient number of accounts, ordering that they, too, be made whole for their losses.

In another arbitration, Monroe Berkowitz ruled that the Daily News cannot charge off overhead costs and the salaries of photo-sales employees against gross proceeds from a picture sale in calculating the amount on which the photographer is paid 50 percent.

The News Unit had challenged the News's payment of \$125 to lensman Frank Russo for a picture of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis sold to Vogue magazine for \$500. Management advanced the theory that it was obliged to pay only 50 percent of the net proceeds and arbitrarily set that

amount at \$250.

But Berkowitz noted that no such reduction had been imposed on the reuse fees paid to staff writers and ordered that Russo receive the full \$250, less \$5 for processing costs.

24 Jobs Eliminated In Time Cutback

New York City—Twenty-four Guild jobs at Time Inc. will disappear by the end of the year, when Time is scheduled to eliminate its Photon department.

Employees who are not relocated in other jobs will receive 13 weeks' extra salary in addition to regular severance pay under an automation clause in the New York Guild's Time contract.



'Presidential' News Conference

Newly elected Wire Service Guild President Neil Gilbride, left, of the Associated Press interviews Al H. Chesser, center, national legislative director of the United Transportation Union, about federal rail-safety laws on weekly AFL-CIO Labor News

Conference radio program, along with former Guildsman Stanley Levey of Scripps-Howard. Gilbride defeated Edward Hart, 376 to 287, in a runoff election for the local presidency this month after a three-way contest failed to produce a majority.

Ask the Man Who Owned One

New N.Y. Paper Seen Feasible

New York City—Matt Meyer, who stood at the helm of the New York World Journal Tribune from its launching in September 1966 until it went on the rocks eight months later, still thinks there's room for another New York afternoon daily. And he'd like to be the one to start it.

Meyer, retiring last month as business executive of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, said he still has hopes of doing just that.

"I am convinced that there's

still a ready market for a quality afternoon paper in this city," he told New York Times interviewer Henry Raymond on the eve of his retirement. "I could get between 25 million and 40 million dollars I know we could make a go of it. It certainly would be a lot of fun."

Meyer conceded that raising that much capital might be "a bit of a dream." But he voiced confidence that an evening paper, priced at 15 cents, aimed at "the

financial community" and patterned on the old New York Herald Tribune rather than the World Journal Tribune could succeed.

"It seems absurd," he said, "that there should be no liberal, Republican voice when this is the citadel of liberal Republicanism. I think I would like to take another run at New York with just that kind of paper."

Meyer said he has had second thoughts on the responsibility for failure of the World Journal.

"At the time the paper closed I laid a lot of blame on the unions," he recalled. "Now I tend to agree with Theodore Kheel when he told us and the unions, 'You guys deserve each other.'"

"This may be a lot of Monday-morning quarterbacking," he added. "But if I were to do it all over again I think I might take an entirely different attitude toward the unions."

"I still think they were miscalculating when they thought that rich corporations like Whitney and Scripps-Howard would indefinitely absorb the losses, which were reaching \$700,000 a month. But perhaps with a little more persuasion, more elastic diplomacy, who knows?"

Raymont said that former World Journal editorial executives have acknowledged since the paper's demise that as a company president "responsible to three different and often conflicting owners, Mr. Meyer faced an impossible task."

New York Post Returns To City Publishers' Fold

New York City — The New York Post has rejoined the Publishers' Association of New York City after having broken away during a printers' strike over six years ago.

When the printers struck four Manhattan dailies in December, 1962, the Post and other New York papers suspended publication in support of the struck papers. But on March 1, 1963, with the strike still in progress, the Post withdrew from the association and entered into separate negotiations with the printers.

The association, which negotiates citywide contracts with the craft unions, now includes the Times, the News, the Long Island Press, the Staten Island Advance and the Post, Editor & Publisher reports.

The New York Typographical

Union, already preparing for negotiations to replace a contract scheduled to expire March 30, has voted to seek a "substantial wage increase," monthly cost-of-living adjustments and a citywide priority system.

Local President Bertram A. Powers, taking cognizance of the International Typographical Union's recent action allowing locals to bargain away the setting of reproduction, has advised major New York publishers to "forget it."

"Go back to counting your money, which is more than ample to provide us with a substantially improved contract without the necessity of considering for one moment the idea of surrendering the value of a single line of reproduction," he told the publishers in a memorandum.

local democracy."

Maier said the Journal Co.'s monopoly is reinforced by its ownership of a television station and AM and FM radio stations and by a cable-television system in Wausau and Stevens Point.

"The Journal Co. sets advertising rates and prescribes combined rates to make it more attractive to advertise in both papers," the mayor said. "We're asking the attorney general if this control over reduced rates discourages others from starting a newspaper in Milwaukee."

"Significantly — and this is a

point that seems to interest other publishers greatly — we're asking him to investigate whether or not the Journal Co. papers have exclusive rights to major news services and nationally recognized syndicated columnists, which may violate federal antitrust laws."

Maier, who has been engaged in a lengthy feud with the two papers, charged that Journal and Sentinel reporters assigned to cover urban affairs must "reflect the attitudes, prejudices and opinions of their overlords if they are to progress in the power structure of the monopoly."

Educators to Ponder U.S. Press Council

Berkeley, Calif.—The Association for Education in Journalism's convention last month voted to study proposals for a national press council in the United States patterned after the British Press Council.

The AEJ resolution calls for appointment of a study committee to make known the association's interest in active participation in and funding of a press council and its willingness to assume a leadership role in furthering the idea.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors is holding its fall meeting in London to inquire into operation of the British council.

Act now or be left behind, warned Prof. William L. Rivers of Stanford University, who declared that two agencies are already advancing plans for a press-council system — the National Council on the Causes and Prevention of Violence and the National Institute of Public Affairs.

"Anyone who believes that what AEJ is doing is sufficient unto the needs of the hour doesn't know what time it is," said Rivers, who administered two West Coast pilot press councils sponsored by the Mellett Fund for a Free and Responsible Press.

Rivers said the mass media currently face widespread criticism and warned "we may be in for a period of revolt against all institutions, including the media."

The convention heard Dr. Lawrence Schneider of the University of Washington, administrator of the Seattle Communication Council of Media Leaders and Black Citizens, evaluate the performance of the council, which was funded by a special grant from the Mellett Fund.

Schneider said that while the council had failed to achieve its "ideal" goal of creating a "sense of community," "change has been wrought in Seattle."

"There is a growing recognition on the part of the media individuals regarding the specifics of the black perceptions of white society," he declared, "a gradual willingness to use their media to bridge the gap between the two societies — and early gropings to do just that."

In other actions, the AEJ adopted a program to assist minority groups and established a plan under which association members can contribute to a fund for education of minority-group students.

The convention also condemned efforts to exert political pressures on college newspapers by advertisers, campus dissidents or college administrators.

Self-criticism by the press was praised in a resolution commending the Chicago Journalism Review and urging newsmen elsewhere to follow its example.

2 Former Guildsmen Become Publishers

Two former Guild members became publishers, this month.

Robert J. Danzig, a former member of the Albany Guild, was named publisher of Hearst's Albany newspapers, and Marshall Field V, an ex-member of the New York Guild, was elected publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times and Daily News.

Field, 28, is the youngest publisher of a major U.S. daily. He was a member of the New York Guild's old Herald-Tribune Unit in 1965, when he worked in the paper's circulation department.

Danzig, 37, became a member



Field

Danzig

of the Albany Guild in 1951 when he began work in the circulation department of the Albany Times-Union. He later became an advertising salesman, leaving the Guild in 1962 after his appointment as assistant retail advertising manager, an exempt position.

Since last June he has been general manager of the Schenectady Union-Star, acquired by Hearst in April.

Field, filling a post that has been vacant since the death of his father, Marshall Field IV, in 1965, has been senior vice president of Field's newspaper and corporate divisions for the past year.

Canada Probe To Eye Dailies With Weeklies

Ottawa, Ont.—Sen. Keith Davey's inquiry into monopoly of Canada's news media will include scrutiny of ownership by dailies in Toronto and Montreal of suburban weeklies in surrounding areas.

Sen. Davey told a meeting of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association last month that the inquiry will seek to determine whether ownership of several media by a combine of individuals is "healthy or unhealthy." He said three companies control half of the daily newspapers in Canada and that there is a growing ownership of suburban weeklies by the dailies.

The Guild and other unions are co-operating with the Canadian Labour Congress's Advisory Committee on Public Relations in the preparation of a submission to the Davey committee.

Earlier, Davey said the committee will delve into newspaper salaries as well as profits, declaring that newspaper salaries in some places are "disgracefully low."

3 Coast Dailies Sold by Copley

Inglewood, Calif.—Copley Newspapers has sold three Los Angeles suburban dailies to Edwin W. Dean, Jr., publisher of the Inglewood Daily News.

The sale, effective Sept. 1, involved the Culver City Evening Star-News, the Venice Evening Vanguard and the Westchester Star-News. Culver City, Venice, Westchester and Inglewood are adjacent communities southwest of Los Angeles.

Dean said the three former Copley papers will be printed at the Inglewood plant.

"They're the same newspaper basically," he said, "with three different names."

'Press Oligarchy' Charged

Milwaukee Mayor Asks Probe

Milwaukee, Wis.—Milwaukee Mayor Henry Maier last month petitioned the Justice Department to investigate possible antitrust violations by the jointly owned Milwaukee Journal and Sentinel.

Maier said he has asked that the investigation include an inquiry into "the circumstances of the Journal's purchase of the Sentinel" from Hearst during a Guild strike in 1962.

The mayor charged that "there is no freedom of the press in Milwaukee" because "a handful of men, an oligarchy, rule this press monopoly and trammel our

Test Case Due On Insurance In Walkouts

The National Labor Relations Board has been asked to determine whether companies covered by strike insurance can be required to bargain on a union demand for a wage-continuation plan to cover the period during which they receive benefits.

The issue has come before the board as a result of an unfair-labor practice charge filed by California contractors against the International Union of Operating Engineers.

The contractors claim that the union has no right to insist that they bargain on a clause that would require them to pay wages to their striking employees as long as their strike insurance is in force.

The matter has been temporarily shelved as an issue in a strike-lockout involving 23,000 Southern California operating engineers. The two sides have agreed to abide by the NLRB's ruling on whether the wage-continuation proposal is a mandatory subject for bargaining.

A spokesman for the contractors said the board's decision will be of national import in determining whether unions can require management to bargain over strike insurance.

The newspaper industry is one of several in which strike insurance is widespread.

Hawaii Paper Halts 5 Hours In Stoppage

Hilo, Hawaii—A Pressmen's stoppage shut down the Hawaii Tribune-Herald for five hours Sept. 15 before a joint union team led by Hawaii Guild Administrative Officer Roy C. Kruse won restoration of a fired plate maker's job.

The Guild had served notice that its members would not cross a picket line if the Pressmen set one up.

The Pressmen walked off the job for a meeting after the dismissal, imposed when the plate maker refused to work on a press, a job he felt would be hazardous in view of his lack of experience.

Kruse, Hawaii Pressmen's President, John Pedro and Typographical Union President Jerry Ahui flew to Hilo to help settle the dispute, winning cancellation of the dismissal.

T. A. McCarthy; Guild Pioneer

Philadelphia, Pa.—Thomas A. McCarthy, an organizer for the Philadelphia Guild at its birth in 1933, died last month at 69.

McCarthy was Philadelphia's first fulltime labor reporter, working on the old Philadelphia Record and then the Daily News until 1937.

He became an organizer for the Philadelphia Guild in 1933, when ANG was founded, and assisted in formation of the Philadelphia-Camden Advertising Guild, which later merged with the Newspaper Guild.

He left the industry in 1937 to handle public relations for several Philadelphia unions, later becoming a press representative for the AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education. He was active on behalf of social-welfare legislation.



Swinging In on the Star

A group of Washington women picket the Evening Star to protest its placement of help-wanted ads under separate male and female headings. The ad-

hoc group also picketed the Washington Post and plans to picket the News Sept. 30 in a campaign to force a change in policy.

Nixon Names Wells, Broadcaster With Newspaper Links, to FCC

President Nixon last week announced the nomination of Robert Wells, a Kansas broadcaster with newspaper connections, to the Federal Communications Commission.

Wells is president of station KIUL-TV in Garden City, Kan., and general manager of the Harris Radio Group, which operates both broadcasting stations and newspapers in Kansas and Iowa under the name of Publishing Enterprises of Garden City.

Wells's appointment was announced simultaneously with that of former Republican National Chairman Dean Burch, a leader of Sen. Barry Goldwater's 1964 Presidential campaign, as FCC chairman.

Wells and Burch, if their appointments are approved by the Senate, are expected to swing the FCC away from its recent receptivity to challenges directed at newspaper ownership of broadcasting stations and concentration of media control in general.

The FCC's most recent action in this direction was its order for a hearing on an application to transfer the license for station KTHV-TV in Hutchinson, Kan., from the Minneapolis Star and Tribune Co. to the Gaylord family, which owns the Oklahoma City Times and Daily Oklahoman.

Commissioner Nicholas Johnson, speaking for the FCC majority, said acquisition of the station by Gaylord would "create a three-state radio, television and newsprint network comprised of four television stations, an AM station and two large metropolitan newspapers, which would span a distance of 750 miles . . . and

FCC Exonerates TV Networks

The Federal Communications Commission has closed out, without formal action, its inquiry into television coverage of last year's Democratic National Convention during which one network admitted one of its producers had staged an incident for its cameras.

The FCC accepted reports from the three major networks in which the American Broadcasting Co. admitted the staging incident but all three networks denied three other reported incidents. "Further action is not warranted," the commission said.

ABC acknowledged that one of its producers had picked up part of a sign reading "Welcome to Chicago" and placed it on a small trash fire so that it could be filmed while burning. The network said the producer was reprimanded and suspended 30 days without pay.

reach a population of some 6,607,060 people—more than three percent of the nation's total population."

Outgoing FCC Chairman Rosel H. Hyde, who dissented from the decision, objected that it prejudged the case and was "replete with premature findings." But Johnson, in reply, said he did not see how Hyde could disagree that the application raised a question of "undue concentration of control."

This week the D.C. Federation of Citizens Associations charged the Washington Post's WTOP television and radio stations with "a bias reflecting the opinions of the Post" and asked the FCC to review WTOP-TV's policies before renewing its license.

In a separate action Allen C. Phelps, a delegate member of the federation, challenged the renewal of both the Post's radio and television licenses, accusing it of

suppressing news items "inconsistent with or contradictory to its liberal credo."

Rockford Station Sold by Gannett

Rockford, Ill.—Gannett's Rockford Star and Register-Republic has sold its Rockford television station to the Gilmore Broadcasting Corp. of Kalamazoo, Mich., under an antitrust decree consented to by the chain.

The sale, for \$6,850,000, satisfied terms of a decree entered into when the Justice Department challenged Gannett's acquisition of the Rockford papers and broadcasting station. It required the company to divest itself of either the papers or the station, which earned Gannett four million dollars.

The sale was approved by the Federal Communications Commission, with Commissioners Nicholas Johnson and H. Rex Lee dissenting.

Guild Files Charges in Florida

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—The Guild filed an unfair-labor-practice charge this month against the Fort Lauderdale News, accusing it of firing the leader of a Guild organizing drive.

The company, in a leaflet distributed throughout the plant, said the fired employee, a copy editor, was dismissed because of incompetency. But the Guild, noting that he had worked at the paper for more than a year and in the industry for 25, charged

he was dismissed because of his Guild activity.

An employees' committee met with management in an unsuccessful effort to have the firing rescinded.

The Guild has been seeking to organize 700 employees in all departments of the Fort Lauderdale News and Pompano Beach Sun-Sentinel, both owned by the Chicago Tribune Co. International Representatives Robert J. Rupert and John K. Sloan have been in

charge of the organizing campaign.

The general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board has rejected the North Jersey Guild's appeal for review of a regional director's dismissal of an unfair-labor-practice charge filed against the Perth Amboy News Tribune following the dismissal of an advertising salesman who the Guild contended was fired for participating in a departmental organizing campaign.

U.S. Opening Investigation Of Newsprint

New York City—The Justice Department has opened an anti-trust investigation of the newsprint industry.

The records of several major producers have been subpoenaed for submission to a grand jury here. An industry source told the Wall Street Journal that "the entire industry is involved."

Editor & Publisher reported that the investigation was touched off by a publisher's complaint. Agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been visiting the offices of both domestic and foreign paper-sales firms, it said.

E&P quoted one publisher with interests in a newsprint mill as saying that the investigation may have been sparked by industry statements that a slowdown in capital investment is producing a tight newsprint market. There have been reports from Canada of a new price increase in the offing early next year.

The Justice Department is also reportedly conducting an antitrust investigation of newspaper and magazine distribution companies owned by Henry Garfinkle, as is the Federal Trade Commission and the Joint Organized Crime Strike Force for New York's Southern District.

Garfinkle's companies, including the Union News Co., are under probe following acknowledgment that one, Ancorp National Services Inc., received subsidies from the New York Times and Daily News.

The Wall Street Journal has published charges by a number of publishers that Garfinkle used the threat of canceling sale of their publications by Union News to force them to deal with his wholesale companies or to drive competitors out of the Boston and New York markets.

Nordin Leaves Newspaper In Vancouver

ANG International Vice President Robert D. Nordin, whose term expires Oct. 15, has resigned from the Vancouver Sun to become advertising and public-relations manager for the Palm Springs Health Spa group in Western Canada.

Nordin, a display-advertising salesman at the Sun, has held most offices in the Vancouver-New Westminster Guild. He was elected to the International Executive Board in 1965.

Nordin, who was instrumental in bringing federally chartered Vancouver locals into the Guild, has been chairman of the IEB's Organizing Committee. He was the recipient of his local's first award for Guild service.

Scranton Gets Antiscab Law

Scranton, Pa.—Scranton is the latest Guild city to enact an anti-strikebreaking ordinance.

The measure was adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council after a campaign conducted by the Scranton Central Labor Union.

The Scranton measure, like a similar Pennsylvania state law adopted in 1937, bars the use of professional strikebreakers. A bill to strengthen the state law has passed the House of Representatives and is before the Senate.



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SEPTEMBER IN OTHER YEARS

1934 Convention of International Typographical Union pledges "fullest cooperation" with newborn American Newspaper Guild.

1936 ANG hires 3rd full-time organizer.

1937 ANG membership votes 2-1 in nationwide balloting to approve affiliation with CIO and expand Guild into non-editorial departments.

1938 Secret publisher association "putsch" to exempt editorial workers from benefits of U.S. wage-hour law is exposed in Washington, D.C., blocked by Guild.

1942 More than 10% of SPONG's members are in the U.S. armed forces.

1943 Liberty Ship Heywood Brown, named for ANG founder, is launched in Baltimore.

1945 First Guild contract with Vallejo Times-Herald and News-Chronicle is signed. Reporter top, \$50 weekly, is retro nine months.

1946 SPONG membership votes 6-1 to approve a \$1 monthly assessment on all SPONG members to

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER, 1969

September 11 Thursday Executive Committee 7 p.m., Guild Office

September 15 Monday Human Rights Committee 7 p.m., Guild Office

September 21 Wednesday Representative Assembly 7 p.m., Guild Building

West Coast Innovation

A monthly Guild calendar, complete with chronology, is a recent innovation of the San Francisco-Oakland Guild. For posting on Guild bulletin

boards, it not only keeps members informed of what's going on in the local but provides an interesting and painless lesson in Guild history.

New Democratic Party Achieves 1st Electoral Victory in Manitoba

Winnipeg, Man.—Canada's labor-supported New Democratic Party has scored its first victory on the provincial level by winning a majority in the Manitoba legislature.

Under the leadership of Ed Schreyer, a 33-year-old attorney, the NDP—a coalition of labor, liberals and co-operatives—took over the provincial leadership in elections in which the NDP won 28 seats as against 22 for the Conservatives, five for the Lib-

erals, one for the Social Credit Party and one for an independent.

The new Schreyer government has presented a 20-point legislative program, much of it designed to improve the economy of the most rural Canadian province and to meet its social needs.

Among the NDP proposals are: reduction in the voting age from 21 to 18; a decrease in the premiums charged workers for Medicare (in Canada, "Medicare" is all-inclusive); possible appoint-

ment of an "ombudsman" to investigate public complaints; creation of an urban affairs department; establishment of a committee to study the feasibility of a government-operated automobile insurance plan (Saskatchewan already has one); an increase in the minimum wage; a consumers protection act; liberalization of the educational rights of Indians, and a study of legislation to regulate the relations between landlords and tenants.

Manitoba, under the New Democrats, has the first labor government in North America since the old Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in Saskatchewan some years ago.

Guildsman's Own Obit Is Antismoking Movie

Honolulu, Hawaii.—The story of Hawaii Guildsman Mark Waters, who wrote his obituary in the form of an antismoking appeal while dying of lung cancer, has been made into a movie to underline the peril of cigarettes.

Waters' first-person obituary,

beginning "Cigarettes were the death of me," appeared in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin on the day he died, Feb. 1, 1966, (GR, Feb. 11, 1966) and was reprinted in the Reader's Digest and other publications.

Honolulu station KHET-TV, operated by the University of Hawaii, has made it into a 25-minute color film, "The Mark Waters Story," with Richard Boone in the title role. The film was produced with a grant from the U.S. Public Health Service's National Clearinghouse for Smoking and Health.

The film is available for showing to organizations and employee groups without charge. Requests may be sent to the Modern Talking Picture Service at 2323 New Hyde Park Rd., New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040.

IFJ Is Consultant To U.N. Council

The International Federation of Journalists, with which ANG is affiliated, has been granted consultative status by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

The IFJ also has consultative status with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Smoke Signal

The American Tobacco Co.'s campaign to retain newspaper acceptance of its advertising without health warnings has obtained the "sympathetic understanding" of at least one national chain—Hearst Newspapers.

Straus Editor's Report, a weekly newsletter, this month quoted an American Tobacco spokesman as explaining that its nationwide series of full-page ads attacking the New York Times for requiring the health warnings is designed to "serve notice to editors in no uncertain terms."

It quoted the executive of American Tobacco, one of 10 major national advertisers in Hearst's struck Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, as saying it had already achieved "Hearst's sympathetic understanding."

Summer Study Moves Blacks Into New Jobs

New York City—Minority-group members are going from lower-paying occupations to reporters' jobs on at least three Guild newspapers as the result of a summer journalism program at Columbia University.

The program, sponsored by a \$250,000 Ford Foundation grant, is sending two former postal clerks to the Denver Post, a former hotel doorman to the Detroit News and an ex-news clerk to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

They are among 25 men and 11 women ranging from 21 to 41 years of age who participated in the program. Thirty-one were Negroes, four Puerto Ricans and one Mexican-American. Jobs in the news media have been guaranteed to all, although some have not yet decided where they will work.

Lerone Bennett, a senior editor of Ebony magazine, told graduates of the course at a luncheon last month that they were entering media that are "shot through with race and class bias" and whose members "operate from a frame of reference that is hostile to sudden and radical change."

Rates Frozen, Newsmen Balk At Using Cars

Plainfield, N. J. — Plainfield Courier-News Guildsmen, angered over management refusal to increase their 10-cents-a-mile travel allowance, are refusing to use their cars on assignments.

The protest move developed last month as North Jersey Guild bargaining with the Gannett paper reached a stalemate. The Courier-News has unilaterally implemented the first \$11 of a two-year, \$21 wage package that the Guild has branded unacceptable.

The local has taken to the airwaves with a series of spot announcements to inform Plainfield readers that the paper refuses to match wage increases won in nearby Elizabeth and New Brunswick.

The company is now providing rented cars for reporters and photographers who refuse to use their own.

1st Times Member Pays Fine for Strikebreaking

New York City—The first of 64 New York Times employees against whom the New York Guild has taken legal action to collect fines imposed for crossing picket lines has agreed to pay.

The fine, equivalent to pay received by the employee during the Guild's four-week strike at the Times in 1965, will be paid in monthly installments under an agreement approved by the local executive board. The member has also agreed to sign a dues-check-off card.

The violators have challenged the Guild's right to impose the fines, contending that they were members only because of a Guild-shop clause.

4 in L.A. Fined, Ousted For Crossing AP Line

Los Angeles, Calif.—Four Los Angeles members of the Wire Service Guild were fined and expelled this month for crossing picket lines during the Guild's January strike against the Associated Press.

The four, found guilty by a trial board, are Martin Walz and George Zucker, fined \$300 each; Rachel Eberle, fined \$250, and Jack Quigg, fined \$200.

Paper Blamed By Union for Hartford Riot

New Haven, Conn.—"Irresponsible journalism" was blamed by the Connecticut State Labor Council last month for three days of violent disorders involving the Negro and Puerto Rican areas of Hartford.

A resolution introduced by the Uniformed Firefighters Association and adopted unanimously at a council convention scored a Hartford Times story that quoted an unidentified fireman as calling Puerto Ricans "pigs."

"This irresponsible news story triggered an attack of riot proportions against the firefighters of the City of Hartford," the council declared. "At least 14 firefighters were injured and hospitalized in this riot."

"The rioters laid siege to one firehouse, destroyed three pieces of fire-fighting apparatus and caused burning and looting in large areas of the city."

The resolution said risks inherent in firemen's jobs "have been compounded further and beyond reason" by the story.

Knight Chain Buys 3rd Florida Paper

Akron, Ohio—Knight Newspapers last week announced it has acquired the Boca Raton (Fla.) News for an undisclosed amount.

The News, which publishes three times a week, will be Knight's third Florida paper. Knight also owns the Miami Herald and the Tallahassee Democrat.

Their conviction brings to 19 the total number of members expelled for working during the strike. Other convictions were in New York City, Atlanta and Seattle.

Charges are still pending against members in Dallas, St. Louis, Kansas City and Fresno.

St. Louis Gets \$1,000 in Will

St. Louis, Mo.—The St. Louis Guild last week received \$1,000 bequeathed to it by Lee D. McCarthy, late financial editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

McCarthy, who was never a Guild member, left \$63,000 in charitable bequests when he died in February 1968 at the age of 84. The largest was \$25,000 to a Nebraska monastery.

McCarthy was a reporter for the old St. Louis Republic and financial editor of the old St. Louis Times before joining the Post-Dispatch in 1920. He sponsored a literary contest at St. Louis University for 25 years and helped promising students through college.



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To Head Servicing-Organizing Program

Joint Servicing Project Starts in New England

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too small to employ a fulltime executive officer.

Final arrangements for the program were mapped at a meeting at Manchester Guild President John F. Barker's home Sept. 14. Among the participants were ANG Collective Bargaining Director J. William Blatz and Secretary-Treasurer-elect Robert M. Crocker.

Middle Atlantic Council Studies Servicing Plan

Scranton, Pa.—A Middle Atlantic District Council committee is studying the possibility of establishing an organizing and servicing program similar to that recently set in motion in Northern New England.

Acting on a proposal by North Jersey Guild President Donald W. Rosset, delegates to a council meeting here Sept. 6 and 7 constituted themselves a committee to study the idea. It will report to the council's next meeting in Allentown Jan. 24 and 25.

The committee will seek to determine the feasibility of a joint organizing and servicing program employing a fulltime staff mem-

The meeting came a day after a New England District Council session at International Representative Ed Allen's home in East Weymouth, Mass. The council meeting was attended by representatives of the Boston, Salem, Connecticut, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, Manchester, Lynn, Providence and Brockton locals, the Guild's new unit in Fall River, Mass., and an organizing committee in New London, Conn.

ber, the number of locals interested in participating, the program's cost and possible sources of revenue.

Members of the council gave a prolonged ovation to retiring ANG Executive Vice President William J. Farson at a Saturday-night dinner sponsored by the host Scranton Guild. Council Secretary Edward J. Schrode of Wilkes-Barre was also saluted on his election to the International Executive Board.

The council voted to continue monthly donations of \$50 to the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner strike.

NLRB Finds Speidel Guilty Of Unfair Labor Practices

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—The National Labor Relations Board has found Speidel's Poughkeepsie Newspapers guilty of unfair labor practices during an organizing drive by the Teamsters among its circulation employees, setting a 1968 representation election aside and ordering a new one.

The board concurred in a trial examiner's findings that the employer threatened the circulation workers with longer work schedules, refused customary loans to union supporters and promised

benefits if the workers stopped supporting the union.

The board did not concur, however, in the trial examiner's recommendation that the union be recognized outright, finding only the violations "not of sufficient gravity" to support claims that management undermined the union's majority.

The Speidel chain includes a dozen papers in cities across the United States, including the Stockton Record, with which the Guild has a contract.

Chicago Guild Joins Suit

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the order, designating a second-floor room for interviews and photographs and lifting the ban on floors that do not contain courtrooms. But it continues to apply to the lobby and the plaza outside.

The 10 broadcast news and camera men were arrested by federal marshals after a radio newsmen refused to stop using a tape recorder during an interview in the building lobby with Sylvan

Skolnick, a legal researcher who has also challenged the court order and was later arrested himself.

A U.S. commissioner released eight of the newsmen on the ground that they were not using their equipment at the time of their arrest or that there was a reasonable question whether they were on federal property at the time. The other two were charged with contempt of court, however.

Flores's Proposal: End Levies By Increasing Dues Schedule

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election. It was headed "Proposal to end assessments for all time . . . Stage One."

The proposal was approved, with minor amendments, before the meeting was forced to adjourn when a quorum call showed that less than the required 50 members were present.

Under the proposal, Model Dues would be set at the rate of 1.75 percent a week (7.5 percent a month) of gross earnings in Guild jurisdiction, including overtime pay, shift differentials, holidays premiums and bonuses, to a maximum equivalent to the highest reporter minimum in any Guild daily newspaper contract at the start of each fiscal year.

The San Antonio Convention last summer amended the Constitution to specify that dues and assessments be paid on the basis of regular weekly compensation

with the understanding that locals could continue to collect them as they have in the past pending definition by the IEB of the elements to be included in "regular compensation."

The Washington-Baltimore proposal would amend the Constitution to delete two of the three existing optional forms of the Model Dues Schedule—the wage bracket schedule and the "equivalent total dues income" schedule (under which dues may be based on minimums)—and leave only the flat percentage rate.

It also would provide that this rate could be increased only by membership referendum.

Under the proposal, international assessments (to be paid by locals) could continue to be levied in emergencies, but the In-

ternational Defense Fund floor, which is scheduled to go to two million dollars next September, would be fixed at \$1,500,000, the current constitutional floor. An emergency triggering assessments is considered to exist whenever the Fund falls below the slated floor.

The new Model Dues rate of slightly more than 7.5 percent a month, however, would be payable on a continuing basis whether assessments are in effect or not.

Under the proposed Model Dues schedule, the local assessment rate—40 percent of each member's 7.5-percent monthly dues payment, or roughly three percent of earnings—would work out to approximately the same percentage rate as the present membership assessment schedule.

1st Payment in 3 Years Made By Washington on ANG Debt

The Washington-Baltimore Guild, whose \$19,000 debt to ANG became an issue in the recent international election campaign, made its first payment on the debt in more than three years last week—\$50.

Local Administrative Officer Brian L. Flores, in a letter accompanying the check, said the local "hopes to make regular weekly payments as our finances permit."

Washington-Baltimore borrowed the money from the Inter-

national Defense Fund to help finance the 1965 Baltimore Sunpapers strike. Its last payment on it was made in May 1966, when it paid \$1,000.

The debt became an election issue last month when ANG Secretary-Treasurer Charles A. Perlík, Jr., and others cited it in replying to accusations by Flores forces in connection with \$44,000 in back dues, assessments and insurance premiums owed ANG by the Puerto Rico Guild.

Philadelphia Votes On Topless Dues

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Philadelphia Guild, which unsuccessfully proposed dues and assessment schedules without a ceiling at this year's ANG convention, will vote next month on a proposal to remove the ceiling from its own dues schedule.

A proposal to remove the present top, effective at the \$220 salary level, was put to referendum by the local representative assembly Sept. 15. Members will vote in a mail ballot Oct. 2 through 11.

'Proper Privileges'

Illinois Labor Backs Newsmen

Chicago, Ill.—The Illinois State Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations last month called on publishers, legislators and the courts to "protect the proper privileges" of those who gather the nation's news.

The convention, adopting a resolution introduced by Justin F. McCarthy, Jr., executive director of the Chicago Guild, warned that attempts to make newsmen into "arms of the court" can "compromise or destroy the functions of the press."

The convention urged all unions to report and publicize any abuse of press credentials by law-enforcement authorities and to "work toward setting up a system of press identification not controlled by the police."

The convention adopted another Guild resolution opposing the "Newspaper Preservation Bill" and "any similar legislation that would give retroactive, present and perpetual antitrust immunity for monopoly practices in the newspaper industry."

The privilege resolution warned

that recent court orders requiring newsmen to turn over photographs or disclose confidential information constitute an attack on newsmen's freedom "more subtle but no less dangerous than the physical assaults on reporters that climaxed in Chicago during the summer of 1968."

"They impair or destroy the usefulness of the bona-fide reporter whose duties carry special protections under the Constitution," the convention declared. "They deprive him of the right to

protect both the ethics of his craft and his own future ability to practice it. They undermine him in his job, so necessary in our society and our time."

The antitrust resolution warned that the "Newspaper Preservation Bill" would "give broad sanction for past, present and future monopoly in the newspaper industry, with further loss of competitive newspapers, newspaper jobs and the diversity of opinions and news sources that make for a free press and a free people."

Rx for Better Papers:

Newsman's Control

St. Louis, Mo.—If working newspapermen had greater control over the newspapers they work for, they would be better papers.

That's the conclusion of Bryce W. Rucker, professor of journalism at Southern Illinois University and author of the new media study, "The First Freedom."

Rucker told a joint meeting of weekly newspaper editors and Sigma Delta Chi, the journalism fraternity, that working journalists should assume complete, unquestioned control of the news and editorial operations of news media.

Then, Rucker suggested, newspapers would become more concerned with the problems of their readers.

"The people need an ombudsman," he said. "If the mass media will assume this active, rather than their present largely passive, role, they will gain wide acceptance."

Citing a public opinion poll showing a decrease in reader acceptance of newspapers, Rucker attributed newspapers' declining prestige to their lack of concern for the real needs of their readers.

As an example, he cited the preponderance of news stories about crimes committed by the poor over investigations into more costly "white-collar" crime.

"Many people assume the mass media, along with all levels of government, are in league with the robber barons," Rucker said.

Accusing a "group of selfish media owners" of indulging in political favoritism, Rucker said "it is clear why some media owners withhold stories about the questionable activities of some politicians: To do so is good for business."

Policeman Acquitted In Attack on Lensman

Chicago, Ill.—A Federal Court jury this week acquitted a Chicago policeman of violating the civil rights of Chicago Sun-Times Guildsman Duane Hall during the disorders accompanying last year's Democratic National Convention.

Sgt. Arthur Bischoff was freed despite the testimony of two newsmen who said they saw him strike Hall while he was photographing another policeman assaulting a citizen.

Editorial

Where the Money Goes

It's no news to U.S. and Canadian housewives that the cost of keeping their families fed has been rising astronomically.

The Washington Star quotes the leader of a housewives' protest movement in Cocoa Beach, Fla., as reporting that her monthly food bill has skyrocketed from \$135 a month in 1964 to \$275 today. "That hurts," she said succinctly.

The increase has become almost meteoric in recent months. The average U.S. price for sirloin steak this summer was \$1.49 a pound, an increase of 20 cents—or approximately 13 percent—in six months. In some sections of the country it was selling for from \$1.89 to \$2.49 a pound.

But, ironically, the farmer is getting little or nothing of the extra money paid by the consumer for his food.

A Kansas wheat farmer reports that he is getting the same \$1.10 a bushel—not taking government subsidies into consideration—that wheat was bringing on the market 100 years ago.

And Agriculture Department statistics show that, while the cost of the average one-pound loaf of bread has gone up from 13.5 cents to 22.9 cents in the past 20 years, the farmer is receiving the same 3.3 cents today that he did then.

The increase in prices is mostly the result of a 160-percent climb in the cost of moving food from the grower to the consumer, according to the House Agriculture Committee. It points out that 20 years ago the farmer received 20 billion and the middleman 25 billion of the nation's 45-billion-dollar expenditure for food. Today the farmer gets 30 billion and the middleman 60 billion.

A commission set up by former President Johnson pointed out that the farmer received only 4.3 cents for the ingredients in a 41-cent box of cereal. Citing 22 percent spent for advertising and promotion, it was critical of the "substantial costs built into the price of food as a result of various forms of selling effort—advertising, sales promotion, expensive packaging, salesmen."

Profits skimmed off 15 percent.

So the quarrel of workers and other consumers is not with farmers. It is, for the most part, with that vast array of middlemen who have been pyramiding the costs of food and other agricultural commodities since the end of World War II.

That's worth remembering.

A Thought for the Week

A widely printed antiwar ad in the period between the two world wars showed a glum munitions manufacturer telling his board of directors, "Gentlemen, we are in grave danger of peace."

It was called to mind the other day by a Wall Street Journal story quoting Federal Reserve Board Chairman William McChesney Martin as stating that inflation, which has caused a slide in the market for utility and industrial bonds, appears to be slackening.

"We need something a bit more concrete than official pronouncements," grumbled one trader. "Something really graphic, like a sharp rise in unemployment, is needed to get this market moving again."

Or gentlemen, we are in grave danger of prosperity.

'Hurry up and check these out before he can raise the prices again!'



DATELINE: WASHINGTON

Washington's Newest Show: Waiting for Richard

By WILLARD SHELTON, Washington Guild



A HERETICAL QUESTION keeps gnawing at the mind like a mouse: When is the President, who told us that the White House should be a place of moral leadership, going to disclose a firm and declarative program on the pace of school desegregation, a revamping of the welfare system, his final proposals on Social Security benefits, a comprehensible plan to disengage us in Vietnam? These among other things.

For a matter of six or seven months it was a general feeling on Capitol Hill—where all men think politically—that Nixon was showing a good deal of adroitness in style and stance. No political professional really expects a new President, particularly one elected by a narrow plurality, to produce substantive programs—like rabbits out of a hat in his first few months in office.

But it is now nine months since Nixon entered the White House, and one has the groping feeling that it would be nice if someone speaking with authority would tell us what his program is.

On the basis of the record he is functioning like a counterpuncher, not a President with deeply felt leadership convictions.

With a certain amount of bugle-blowing he suggested to Congress a seven-percent increase in Social Security benefits. To the hungry Democrats this looked like—and was treated as—manna from the skies. They doubled Nixon's bid to call for a 15-percent increase. Along came Nixon—counterpunching?—to raise his own proposal to a 10-percent increase.

WITH WHAT SEEMED at first great boldness, the Administration said that the federal government should assume the entire burden of welfare programs. (For practical purposes that has come to mean primarily Aid to Families with Dependent Children.) But then backfires were started against this proposal, also.

It turned out that the Administration was offering about \$1,600 per family per year and that along the way the food-stamp program would be scuttled. A family of four receiving \$1,600 a year is getting a little less than half the income needed to place it on the plateau of officially defined poverty.

With some flashing of mirrors

it was later nonauthoritatively revealed that food stamps were not to be scuttled after all, so they are either in or out, but it's difficult to know which.

Just one thing is certain: Despite the fanfare of announcements, an actual draft bill embodying Nixon's specific proposals has not yet been introduced in Congress.

Then there are the strange accidents that have happened to Robert Finch, Nixon's Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Finch is highly regarded by political reporters who knew him as a Nixon staffer on the campaign trails of 1960 and 1968, as well as during the Eisenhower years.

Able and sophisticated he most certainly is—but if he rates very high in the current Nixon power structure the evidence is invisible. He couldn't have his choice for Assistant Secretary for Health because American Medical Association lobbyists were allowed veto. He isn't permitted to push Deep South school desegregation via the courts or by decisive cut-offs of federal funds—apparently because Attorney General John Mitchell says so.

IT IS POSSIBLE to foresee Administration embarrassment if the Supreme Court grants review of the lower-court decisions allowing Mississippi school districts just "one more year" to desegregate.

Justice Hugo Black said last year that he thought the court might have made a mistake in its original 1954 desegregation decision when it uttered the fatal phrase "with all deliberate speed." Is Mitchell's Justice Department going to argue that a time lag of 15 or 16 years represents "all deliberate speed"?

As for Vietnam—well, Nixon was somewhat abrasive in a press conference about Clark Clifford's call for withdrawing 100,000 U.S. troops this year and all combat troops in 1970. Then he added, rather astonishingly, that he hoped to "beat that" schedule.

He hasn't beaten it yet. He's ordered 60,000 troop withdrawals by Dec. 15, but what that means precisely—what with manpower in the pipeline and routine rotations—isn't wholly clear. Besides, Clifford had a major thesis that hasn't yet been dealt with—that the Saigon regime will never fight for itself until the American prop is simply taken away.

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Use of Daily World Cut Held 'Familiar' Device

MADISON, WIS.

Editor:

Couldn't help but be amused at the cut of the Daily World headline featured on Page 5 of the last Guild Reporter. Presumably it was meant to say, "See, the Commies make hay out of such irresponsible statements."

To us here in Wisconsin it looked a bit familiar. Old Joe McCarthy used to run the same kind of stuff in his newsletters—usually of something written by a Guildsman for the Capital Times.

The results of the referendum question on assessments also proved a point we've been harping on for years here in Madison—the esteemed Tom Murphy's hammer lock on the delegates to

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ANG's annual conventions looks like a washed-up wrestler when it comes to his own membership in New York.

That thumping 1,726-to-779 margin is going to be another bitter pill we small locals can swallow when New Yorkers come crying for their benefit checks—and more months of assessments—next time.

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