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Farmers deliver 'letter to the editor'

American Agriculture Movement members demonstrating in Washington for higher government price supports parked about 50 tractors in front of the main entrance to the Washington Post Feb. 16 to protest editorial two days before contending higher supports would actually damage AAM's family farmer members. Four days later AAM members used their tractors to clear Post loading docks, hos-

pital parking lots and perform other errands of mercy when Washington area was paralyzed by as much as 2½ feet of fresh snow in less than 24 hours. Post thanked them editorially. Agriculture Movement leaders expressed support for Guild and other unions that are seeking new contracts from the Post. AFL-CIO Executive Council was expected to endorse AAM aims during its winter meeting.

Four aim at IEB; Woodstock to retire

One incumbent international vice president and three local leaders have announced that they will be candidates for TNG's International Executive Board in the union's biennial elections this summer.

At the same time, TNG Vice President Diane M. Woodstock of Madison has announced that she will not seek re-election to a third two-year term on the IEB from Region 3 (the U.S. Midwest).

Announcing their candidacies were:

✓ Robert C. Holt, Jr., of St. Louis who will be running for a second term in an at-large seat.

✓ John B. Mitchell, president of the Gary Guild, who said he will seek either an at-large seat or the seat from Region 3.

✓ Richard M. Peery, president of the Cleveland Guild, who said he will seek the Region 3 seat being vacated by Woodstock.

✓ Joyce Walker-Tyson, vice chairperson of the Free Press Unit of the Detroit Guild, who said she also will decide later between seeking an at-large seat or the Region 3 seat.

Holt, 58, was elected to the IEB in 1977. He became chairperson this year of the board's Organizing Committee upon the resignation of Dorothy Sain of

Cleveland. Holt also serves on the Guild Reporter and Research & Information committees.

A 24-year member of the St. Louis Guild, he is a photographer on the Post-Dispatch, where he has been unit chairperson for five terms.

St. Louis — St. Louis Guild leaders were continuing to seek ways to cushion the impact on members' jobs if the Globe-Democrat closes its advertising, circulation and business-office

CBC, CP pacts push key tops to \$455, \$460

More than 700 news workers across Canada have won higher pay and increased benefits through new two-year Canadian Wire Service Guild contracts with the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and the Canadian Press. Increases range as high as \$142.73 a week at CBC, \$103.05 a week at CP. Key top minimums will exceed \$455 a week under each of the settlements; immediate raises to \$426.01 at CBC and to \$425.86 at CP produce top minimums now that are second in Canada only to those won at the Montreal Star at the end of an 8-month shutdown [Guild Reporter, Feb. 9].

CBC

CP

Toronto—A new, two-year Canadian Wire Service Guild contract with Canadian Broadcasting Corp. raises the reporter key top minimum by \$58.05, to \$455.83. One starting minimum goes up by \$142.73 a week.

The \$58.05 increase applies to the top minimum for national writers, reporter-editors and production editors. It comes in increments of \$28.23 retroactive to Dec. 1, and \$29.82 on Dec. 3, 1979.

Top minimum for national affairs reporters, national assignment editors and reporter specialists is raised by a total of \$63.62. (\$28.27 and \$35.35), to \$540.34.

Top minimum for national reporters, Parliamentary reporters and assistant national assignment editors is raised a total of \$62.18 (\$28.25 and \$33.93), to \$518.62.

Top minimum for newsroom editors, assignment editors, legislative reporters and regional Parliamentary reporters is raised by \$61.29, to \$505.04.

Municipal affairs reporter, syndication editors, television lineup editors and national radio-television senior writers get a top-minimum increase of \$60.31, to \$490.12, and a starting minimum increase of \$53.03, to \$431.52.

Production editors, national writers and reporter-editors as

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Toronto—Top minimums are increased by as much as \$103.05 a week in a new, two-year Canadian Wire Service Guild contract with Canadian Press.

The agreement is the Guild's second contract with the news agency. The first won in Nov., 1976, after a 19-month organizing-bargaining effort, raised key top minimums by \$85.75 a week.

Under the new settlement, Reporter-editors, and national photographers, top minimum is increased by \$58.47, to \$460.22.

The increase is payable in three steps: \$24.11 retroactive to Jan. 1, \$4.25 on July 1 and \$30.11 on next Jan. 1.

Among other classifications, increases and resulting top minimums include the following:

Local photographers—\$21.98, \$3.88, \$27.45 (total, \$53.31), to \$419.59; accountants—\$21.08, \$3.72, \$26.33 (total, \$51.13), to \$402.43.

Switchboard operators, typists—\$12.76, \$2.26, \$15.94 (total, \$30.96), to \$243.66; editorial and library assistants—\$15, \$1.94, \$13.74 (total, \$30.68), to \$209.94.

Top minimum for darkroom technicians and artists rises \$42.58, to \$340.80. Librarians are upgraded to this group, giving them a top-minimum increase of \$103.05.

Flat rate for news editors, picture editors, and cable supervisors goes up \$62.17, to \$489.34. The flat rate for assistant bureau chief goes up \$67.17, to \$528.67.

Top for accounting clerks goes up \$40.40, to \$317.96. A new classification, senior accounting clerk, is created with a flat minimum of \$320.12, rising to \$345.95 over the contract term.

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Dailies study business merger

operations and turns them over to the Post-Dispatch.

G. Duncan Bauman, Globe-Democrat publisher, noting that the Newhouse paper already is "manufactured" at the Post-Dis-

pach, announced Feb. 15 that the two papers have begun "preliminary discussions" of a "revision" of their joint publishing arrangement to effect just such an "integration."

The jobs of more than half the Guild's 300 members at the Globe would be affected by such a move, Guild leaders said. Only editorial department members' jobs would not be affected.

Bauman said the move would bring the papers' joint operation "up to date" and enable "efficiencies" which "have helped" other joint publishers "meet rising costs, such as newsprint." He did not mention the strikes that had closed the papers for 54 days through mid-January.

The St. Louis papers' joint operation is the only one of 22 by U.S. dailies which has maintained separate advertising, circulation and business depart-

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Merger committees' 7th session Feb. 26

Washington — TNG's and the ITU's special merger committees were to start their 7th joint meeting here Feb. 26 after undertaking at the 6th session to "further refine proposals and identify all areas of agreement and nonagreement" to then on items essential to an agreement for merger of the two unions.

A new joint subcommittee of three members from TNG and three from the International Typographical Union was given pri-

mary responsibility for the task during the Feb. 5-9 meeting, "reporting as needed to the full committees on progress and for consultation," TNG's Special Merger Committee reported.

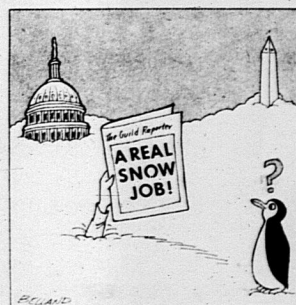
"While this work is underway," the Guild committee said, its report to locals "must necessarily remain unspecific."

The 6th joint session, the committee said, continued its "commitment to complete a proposed

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About this issue

A storm that dumped from 18 to 30 inches of snow on the Washington area in less than 24 hours Feb. 18-19 literally trapped most area residents in their homes and neighborhoods for 2½ days and more; among them, the Guild Reporter's staff and the printing crafts members who produce and mail the paper. Hence this edition, containing half the usual number of pages. Elements-willing, we'll catch up in the March 9 paper.



Four to run for IEB; Woodstock to retire

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He was a delegate to the 1977 and 1978 conventions, where he served on the Credentials, Human Rights and Organizing committees.

He is a nine-year member of the Post-Tribune's photo staff.

Peery, 44, took office as Cleveland Guild president in January. He had been a vice president of the local for the four previous years.

He joined the Guild in 1971 when he became a general assignment reporter on the Plain Dealer. Before that he was on the weekly Cleveland Call & Post.

Peery is a delegate to the Great Lakes District Council.

Walker-Tyson, 30, is co-ordinator of the Detroit Guild's human rights committee in addition to holding the number two position in the Free Press Unit. She was a delegate to TNG's 1978 Convention and is a delegate to the Great Lakes Council.

She has been a member of the Guild since coming to the Free Press as a reporter two years ago. Previously she had worked at the unorganized Ypsilanti Press.



DIANE M. WOODSTOCK

Ad, circulation merger considered in St. Louis

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ments while combining production facilities and personnel.

The St. Louis joint operation is one of the 22 covered by a "grandfather" provision of the Newspaper Preservation Act of 1970 which exempts joint publishers from antitrust strictures against profit pooling, price fixing and market splitting. It requires only that the terms of amendments to a pre-1970 joint operation be filed with the Justice Dept.

Bauman said the "details" of the proposed changes here "have not yet been worked out."

"Studies are under way on the number and identity" of non-editorial Globe-Democrat employees "who could be rehired by the Post-Dispatch," said a



ROBERT C. HOLT, JR.

She also teaches journalism part-time "periodically" at Wayne State and Oakland universities.

Holt and Mitchell announced their candidacies at the Midwest District Council's meeting in Denver Feb. 10-11.

Peery and Walker-Tyson made their announcements at the Great Lakes District Council's meeting in Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 17-18.

Woodstock also announced at the Great Lakes meeting her decision to not seek re-election.

Council delegates subsequently by acclamation approved a resolution by Willard Hatch of Detroit lauding Woodstock for dis-



JOHN B. MITCHELL

playing the "highest dedication" as an IEB member and for "showing us the true meaning of courage" in her leadership during the Madison strike, especially in recent months.

Woodstock was a librarian at the Capital Times in Madison when her local struck the paper Oct. 1, 1977, in support of the Typographical Union and Wisconsin State Journal Editorial Assn. She said she would not seek re-election because she is uncertain of her continued employment in the industry.

Now in her sixth term as president of the Madison Guild, she



RICHARD M. PEERY

was elected to the Region 3 vice presidency without opposition in both 1975 and 1977.

A member of TNG's Special Merger Committee the past year and a half, Woodstock presently is chairperson of the IEB's Research & Information Committee and serves also on the board's Collective Bargaining, Human Rights and Guild Reporter committees. In her first term she served on the Organizing Committee along with the bargaining and rights units and on a special committee that studied the child-care provisions of TNG's Bargaining Program.

WALKER-TYSON'S PICTURE WAS MAILED BY EXPRESS MAIL FROM DETROIT TO THE GUILD REPORTER THE MORNING OF FEB. 22. THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE GUARANTEED DELIVERY BY 3 P.M. THE NEXT DAY. IT FAILED TO LIVE UP TO THAT GUARANTEE.

JOYCE WALKER-TYSON

Under TNG's Constitution, candidates for TNG office are nominated at convention. If more than two persons are nominated for chairperson, president, secretary-treasurer or any one of the seven regional vice presidencies, or if more than six are nominated for the six at-large vice presidencies, elections are by membership referendum. If more than two persons (more than 12 for at-large vice presidents) are nominated for any position, votes by convention delegates eliminate all but two nominees for each election position.

Terms of office are two years.

Merger committees' 7th session Feb. 26

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merger agreement for submission to the two unions' conventions this summer.

"Positive talks continue on the difficult problem of blending long-standing traditions of both unions into a new, viable, aggressive union capable of coping with the increasingly complex

issues of labor-management relations," the committee concluded.

Appointed to the new subcommittee by TNG President Charles A. Perluk, Jr., were: J. William Blatz, TNG director of field operations; Fred Fletcher, San Francisco-Oakland Guild executive secretary, and International Chairperson Harry S. Culver, of the Wire Service Guild.

Appointed to the unit by ITU President Joe Bingel were three members of the union's Executive Council: 1st Vice President Robert S. McMichen, 3rd Vice President Allan J. Heritage and Secretary-Treasurer Thomas W. Kopeck.

After earlier joint meetings of the ITU and TNG committees, agreements in concept or principle in several areas were reported, including:

A commitment to local mergers, too, with the clear provision, however, that they be solely at locals' options; union-wide

Merger unit in Cleveland

Cleveland—A new joint Merger Task Force Committee of the Cleveland Guild and Cleveland Typographical Union was to hold its second meeting March 3.

At its first session a month before the committee invited members of each local to attend the other's regular monthly meetings and exchanged documents such as international constitutions, local by-laws and major contracts.

The committee was formed in response to merger talks on the international level. J. Stephen Hatch, the Guild's executive secretary, wrote in the printers' publication, Typographical News.

Hatch, Richard M. Peery, local president, and Virginia O'Shea, local treasurer, are the Guild members of the committee. Haven (Red) Combs, local pres-

bargaining goals, some of them mandatory for locals to propose, with the power and duty to bargain residing in the locals through their governing bodies.

Also, constitutionally established minimum local dues; a formula for per capita payments to the international; a general fund with annual budgets and audits; a defense or strike fund, with a floor and automatic triggering of extra dues to support it during emergencies.

Also, terms of international officers; annual conventions; local membership meeting requirements; local officers to be elected annually, except by local option, biennially.

Also, majority rule at all levels in the union; a prohibition against proxy voting and agreement that there be provision for referendum.

Other items essential to a merger on which agreements remain to be reached by the two unions' committees include:

ident, Bill Withers, Norman Glenn and Judy Robinson are the Typographical Union members on the committee.

CP reporter-editor top to go to \$460

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The flat minimum for senior accountants goes up \$56.50, to \$444.67.

Employees paid more than the minimums will maintain their dollar leads.

Vacation provisions are improved to provide five weeks after 18 years, instead of 20, and effective next Jan. 1—four weeks after seven years, instead of eight.

Employees who are called in on holidays will be guaranteed seven hours of premium pay.

Of the eight employees al-

The authority, size and function of the new international's governing body; its officer structure and how top positions might be apportioned between the two predecessor unions.

Also, some aspects of defense fund financing and benefits; some aspects of the merged union's responsibilities for liabilities of the predecessor unions.

Also, retirees' status, including voting rights; convention authority and procedures, plus locals' delegate and voting entitlements at conventions.

A name for the new union and its headquarters' location are among other matters yet to be agreed upon as well.

Any proposed merger agreement must be approved by conventions of the two unions and then by the membership of each before being implemented.

An 8th joint meeting of the merger committees is scheduled to begin March 26 in Colorado Springs. TNG's International Executive Board will meet April 23-27 to draw up its recommendations to TNG's 1979 Convention, scheduled for July 2-6 in Providence. The ITU's 1979 Convention is scheduled for Aug. 18-24 in St. Paul.

Correction

Montreal—Pressmen's, printers' and mailers' day scales will go to \$473 under their unions' settlements that ended an eight-month shutdown of the Montreal Star. The Guild Reporter incorrectly reported the amount as \$457 in its Feb. 9 issue.

Guild gets stringer \$700, raise

San Francisco — A sports stringer for Hearst's Examiner here has received \$700 in back pay and a pledge of the Guild-contract minimum for any future work for the paper—all the result of a Guild grievance.

The San Francisco-Oakland

Guild's publication, Guild News, reported that it came about in the following manner:

In October, Guild officers noticed a new by-line over sports stories about the Star sailboat class world championships on the Bay. They learned that the writer had written some 40 yachting stories for the Examiner since the previous May. The paper had paid him an average of \$17.50 for each.

The Guild contended that the Examiner had violated the contract by failing to assign a staff member to cover yachting news or by treating the freelance as a temporary employee.

After grievance meetings, the newspaper agreed to give Livingston a \$700 flat final payment, covering 15 stories written before the October championship and eight involving the championship week on the Bay. The figure was computed by using \$17.50 for each story done up to the October championships and the contract's starting reporter minimum for the remaining work. A beginning reporter gets at least \$53.06 a day.

Management said they had polled the Examiner sports staff last May to ask if anybody wanted to cover yachting. Nobody did.

Roth re-elected in Midwest

Denver — Norma Roth of Rockford was re-elected president of the Midwest District Council during its winter meeting here Feb. 10-11.

Judy Hildner of Pueblo was elected secretary, succeeding Nancy Burkhart of Denver, who did not seek re-election.

Dennis Dimond of Peoria was elected treasurer, succeeding Barbara Henkel of Kenosha, who did not run.

About 30 delegates and members from council locals also participated in a TNG institute on the publisher assault on Guild and other union contracts and

how best to meet it. It was presented by Ellis T. Baker, TNG's director of administrative operations, and Charles Dale, a TNG international representative.

The council's next meeting will be a joint one with the Great Lakes District Council, tentatively set for Cleveland May 5-6. The Southern District Council also has been invited to participate.

SONG voted out by group at Globe

Toronto — Circulation district sales representatives at the Globe & Mail here voted 25 to 1 Feb. 20 to decertify the Southern Ontario Guild as their bargaining agent. Fifty-two were eligible to vote.

The local had been trying to bargain an initial contract since the group voted it in by 26 to 23 on Nov. 1, 1977.

A petition to the Ontario Labour Relations Board for the decertification election was supported by identical letters from 40 in the group, the local reported.



Back in harness

Joseph F. Collis, TNG president from 1953-59 and vice president at large from 1945-53 and 1959-62, at work in the offices of Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice, interim paper of newspaper unions striking Times-Leader, Evening News, Record since Oct. 6. Collis, who retired in 1975 after 51 years with the Times-Leader, the last 13 as managing editor, came out of retirement to write editorials for the strikers' paper. Strike continues with no progress toward settlement.

NLRB sets new Phoenix vote

Phoenix — The National Labor Relations Board has scheduled for March 16 an election in response to a petition to decertify the Phoenix Guild as bargaining representative of about 280 editorial employees of Pulliam's Arizona Republic and

Phoenix-Gazette. The local has been seeking an initial contract since being voted in by 146 to 115 on Feb. 3, 1978.

The NLRB schedules decertification elections when petitioned by 30 percent or more of the persons in an affected group.

Whistling in the newsroom—sign of the times

By CHARLES B. SEIB

SOMEONE IS WHISTLING in the newsroom. That may not sound like a big deal to you, but to an aging news-person it is a call to arms.

In the old days, you see, one of the first things beginners learned in this business was that one never whistled in the newsroom. Whistling was bad luck, they were told, although that wasn't the real reason for the ban.

To understand the real reason you have to imagine yourself back in an old-style newsroom. The floor is bare, sound-deadening carpeting being an unthinkable luxury and decadent besides. Typewriters are rickety antiques.

Phones are ringing. Deskmen shout "boy" or "copy" with increasing volume as the deadline approaches. The office funny man guffaws at his own joke. A reporter cries out in pain when he discovers what the editors did to his story.

It's a noisy place. But all the noises blend into a tolerable cacophony that one learns to live with and even enjoy.

All noises but one, that is. All but whistling. Whistling—even low, tuneful whistling—cuts through all other sounds and into the brain. A copy-reader looks up from his struggle with a cub's misshapen prose. A headline writer loses count. A sports writer jams his typewriter keys. All glare at the whistler.

Unkind words are spoken. Some-

Seib, a former managing editor of the Washington Star, a judge of TNG's 1968 Brown Award and earlier still a member of the old Washington Guild, is ombudsman for the Washington Post. This "News Business" column is reprinted with his and Post's permission.

times violence occurs. I once saw a copyreader throw a paste pot at a copyboy (now, of course, it's "copy aide") who was whistling his way through the room. The pot missed but the point was made.

To anyone who learned the trade in those surroundings the sound of whistling in the newsroom is like a hot needle on an exposed nerve.

But those were the old days. Newsrooms aren't nearly as noisy as they used to be. At least the modern ones aren't. Carpeting is common. Type-writers are quieter, and they are being replaced by computer terminal keyboards that are quieter still. There is no need to shout for someone to carry copy. Conveyor systems have come in and already are disappearing as the computers take over.

In this environment, a whistler seems to be no more unsettling than he would be in an insurance office or a government bureau—irritating, perhaps, but not disruptive of the whole operation. And the new breed of journalist has never heard of the ban.

While I'm on the old days and the

new, let me move on to a matter more substantive than the perils of whistling.

One hears a lot these days about the dangers of "advocacy journalism." What is meant is that your reporters are entering the business determined to change the world and willing to shape their stories to reflect their own views and prejudices.

I think the concern is exaggerated. But to the extent that it is justified, the blame is misplaced. Any increase in advocacy in the news columns is not solely because young reporters are more militant than they used to be.

YOUNG REPORTERS have always wanted to change the world. That has been, over the years, one of the main reasons for going into the news business. In fact, it probably was a more important reason in the old days, when the salary certainly was no inducement, than it is today.

The difference, I think, is in the handling of the young would-be reformers, then and now. In the old days, when a reporter let his opinions show he was quickly brought to heel by an editor. The lecture was caustic and to the point, and the editorial pencil was wielded ruthlessly and often with fiendish delight.

It didn't take many such encounters to convert the fledgling into what we called an objective reporter—meaning a reporter who stuck strictly to the raw, unvarnished facts.

Nowadays editors are inclined to be

more permissive. And the old goal of objectivity is out of style. In fact, we say, it is unattainable. A reporter neither can nor should be simply a relayer of raw facts. Judgments must be made. Which facts should be emphasized? Which can be left out? Which facts must be put into perspective in order to avoid misleading the reader?

The old attempt to be totally objective, giving readers nothing but the immediate facts, is blamed in retrospect for abetting such misfortunes as the rise of Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

I am glad the days of trying for blind objectivity are over. Responsible journalism must do more than that. However, it is a rare day that I don't see a news story that betrays a reporter's feelings in a way an editor of the old school would not have tolerated. Too often the new permissiveness is carried too far.

But that is a curmudgeon's view. And I must qualify it by saying that by and large newspapers are at least as fair, accurate and responsible as they have ever been. I'll even admit that the over-all quality of journalism has improved over the last 25 years.

THERE IS THAT whistling again. It sounds as though he is groping for something he heard on the Good Music Station while driving to work. That's what comes of letting reporters earn enough to afford cars. Now in the old days . . .



TNG, SDX LEADERS DISPLAY OKLAHOMA JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME CERTIFICATES
TNG's Harry S. Culver, Ray Tassin of Oklahoma Central State University, SDX's Phil Dessauer

Culver and 'organizer' honored for journalism

Oklahoma City—TNG International Chairperson Harry S. Culver was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame Feb. 17 along with six other persons, including Phil Dessauer, national president of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

Dessauer had signed Culver into the Guild 29 years before.

It was the third journalistic award in the last six months to Culver, a political and statehouse reporter for UPI here. In September he was named "Journalist

of the Year" by the Oklahoma Trial Lawyers' Assn., and in January he was presented the Capitol Press award by the Oklahoma Education Assn.

The state journalism hall of fame is sponsored by the SPJ, SDX chapter at Oklahoma Central State University.

Others cited with Culver and Dessauer for "outstanding service to the journalism profession" during the induction, conducted by Ray Tassin, OCSU journalism chairman, were:

John Fischer, former editor-in-

chief of Harper's magazine; Earl H. Richert, Scripps-Howard Newspapers' editor-in-chief; Charles Long, editor of the Quill, SPJ, SDX magazine; S. Edward Lee, publisher of the Harper County Journal of Buffalo, Okla., and Ray J. Dyer, editor and publisher of the Tribune of El Reno, Okla. The seven were selected from 52 nominees.

Dessauer, now managing editor of the Tulsa Daily World, was Wire Service Guild branch chairman at the Oklahoma City United Press bureau when Culver

Move by right called a 'pernicious' danger

Washington—TNG has urged U.S. Guild locals to join a counter-offensive against a right-wing campaign for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to force a balanced federal budget.

TNG President Charles A. Perlik, Jr. called the movement for the convention an "incalculable danger to labor and socially progressive forces generally."

In a Feb. 15 letter to local presidents and political action chairpersons, Perlik said that "such an amendment would be pernicious enough, threatening to wreck many essential social programs, including enforcement of labor and civil rights laws."

The prospect that "such a convention could lead to other Constitutional amendments, such as a ban on the union shop," is "even more alarming," he added.

Twenty-seven states have joined the call for a convention, only seven short of the number required, Perlik said.

He said he "strongly urges" locals to join the countercampaign being waged by state labor federations "to prevent approval of the call in those states that have yet to act and to obtain rescission from those that have."

Legislatures in the following states have approved the call: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi;

Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota; Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wyoming.

The California Assembly was to act the week of Feb. 18.

IEB backs units on prices, justice

Washington — The International Executive Board has okayed TNG's affiliation with a pair of new coalitions:

One, Consumers Opposed to Inflation in the Necessities (COIN), aims to muster public support for control of price increases for food, energy, housing and health care.

The other, the Progressive Alliance, aims to develop and implement new programs for social, political and economic justice in the United States.

The alliance, headed by United Auto Workers President Douglas A. Fraser, grew out of a meeting in Detroit in October of representatives of more than 30 unions and labor groups and more than 70 religious, women's, minority, environmental and youth organizations.

began working there in 1950.

In presenting the awards during a meeting of the Oklahoma Press Assn., Tassin recalled that Culver has headed the UPI statehouse bureau since 1957 and said Culver has earned "the praise of legislators and state officials for his accuracy and fairness in reporting."

Tassin also recalled that he had studied under Culver in 1949-50 when Culver was a graduate assistant at the University of Oklahoma, where Culver received his master's degree.

Culver is a former president and secretary-treasurer of the Wire Service Guild and serves as UPI-Southwest delegate to the local's representative assembly. He has been on TNG's International Executive Board for six years, the last two as international chairperson.

\$444 on Winnipeg copy desk

Winnipeg, Man.—A new, two-year Winnipeg Guild contract with the Southern chain's Winnipeg Tribune raises copy editors' top minimum by \$65, to \$444 a week.

Reporters, photographers and artists' top minimum is increased by \$59, to \$405.

The increases, payable retroactive to Oct. 1, 1978, and on Oct. 1, 1979, come in increments of \$31 and \$28 for the reporter group and \$34 and \$31 for the copy editors.

Among other classifications, in-

creases and resulting top minimums include the following:

Display ad sales—\$25 and \$23 (total, \$48), to \$324; outside classified ad sales—\$24 and \$21 (total, \$45), to \$307; classified phone solicitors—\$15 and \$13 (total, \$28), to \$190.

Employees in the sales classifications also receive commissions.

Scheduling and dispatch clerks—\$18 and \$16 (total, \$34), to \$233.

Flat rate for assistant news editor rises \$76, to \$516. Flat rate for assistant sports editor and telegraph editor goes up \$72,

to \$491. Flat rate for editorial writer, chief photographer and assistant to city editor rises \$65, to \$444.

Employees will be eligible for five weeks of vacation after 18 years' service, instead of 20, and effective this Oct. 1, there will be three weeks' vacation after one year of service, instead of after three.

Monthly reimbursement to photographers who use their own equipment is increased by \$25, to \$65.

The company will pay 60 percent of health and dental insurance premiums.

Council re-elects Martino

Wakefield, Mass. — Dianne Martino of Manchester has been re-elected president of the New England District Council.

Meeting here Feb. 10-11, the council also elected Gerald Maraghy of Portland vice president and Frank Prosnitz of Providence secretary-treasurer.

Re-elected to the council's policy board were Elwood B.

Bigelow of Portland, who is also an at-large TNG vice president, and Robert Townsend of Brockton. Newly elected to the board were John Barker of Manchester and Fred Garde of the Boston Guild's Fall River Unit.

Next meeting will be May 19-20 at the Biltmore Plaza Hotel in Providence, R.I., site of this year's TNG Convention.



TNG regional weekend institute, March 24-25, Airport Marina Hotel, San Francisco, sponsored by Western District Council.

TNG Special Merger Committee and ITU Merger Negotiating Committee, 8th meeting, March 26-30, Colorado Springs.

International Executive Board, spring meeting, April 23-27, TNG headquarters, Washington.

Middle-Atlantic District Council, spring

meeting, May 5-6, Wilkes-Barre. Western District Council, spring meeting, May 12-13, San Jose.

New England District Council, spring meeting, May 19-20, Biltmore Plaza Hotel, Providence.

International Executive Board, pre-convention meeting, June 29-30, Biltmore Plaza Hotel, Providence.

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