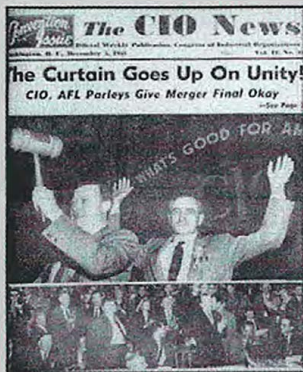


# Unit Has Industrial Strength

About 170 AFL-CIO headquarters and field staffers are covered by a WBNG contract.

The Guild agreement covers "professional" employees in the federation's self-described "programmatic" departments. There are 13 such departments, e.g., Public Affairs, which handles publications and broadcast work. The contract also covers administrative departments such as Information Technology.

About 110 members work out of federation headquarters two blocks from the White House. The biggest staff department is Field Mobilization, with a dozen members of the bargaining unit there, and about 60 out in the field. The departments of Organizing, Political Affairs, Public Affairs, and



**The last edition of the *CIO News* (Dec. 5, 1955) was produced by Local 35 members. Newsstaff then organized AFL workers.**

Public Policy each have 12-20 members working in downtown Washington. There are 15 members in administrative departments.

The Newspaper Guild has represented labor federation employees for more than 40 years. Editorial staff at the Congress of Industrial Organizations' *CIO News* brought their Washington Newspaper Guild contract with them when

they moved to headquarters after the merger with the American Federation of Labor (the Guild and CWA were both in the CIO at the time). Former "AF of L" communications workers soon joined up, followed through the years by other building-based departments' employees.

Guild records show that the unit's size peaked at 205 in 1999.