



Dick Gaikowski, standing at left, has been named managing editor of the Morning News-Gazette to succeed Carl Johnson, center, who is leaving the post for other activity. The changes was announced by Wyman Riley, publisher, right, shown here looking over the Sunday edition of the News-Gazette with the new and old editors.—News-Gazette Photo.

Labor Union Secretaries On Strike

New Editor Named For News-Gazette

BURLINGAME (AP) — Labor union secretaries in San Mateo County, just south of San Francisco, went on strike Monday over a wage dispute and promised to picket in bikinis unless demands are met.

Local 3 of the Office and Professional Employees Union is asking for a 20-cent an hour wage increase. Current wage scales were not available Monday night.

Mrs. Irma Thomas of Burlingame, one of the trio and a member of the employees' bargaining committee, said picketing would be done in the brief bathing suits, but she did not indicate when this might come.

Richard J. (Dick) Gaikowski, former San Francisco and mid-west newspaperman, has been named managing editor of the Morning News-Gazette to succeed Carl Johnson, widely known Contra Costa County newsman who is leaving the post for personal reasons, one of them a special writing project.

The change was announced by Wyman Riley, publisher.

Johnson, who has written a farewell to readers this morning in Column One, has been managing editor since Nov. 18, 1963.

Gaikowski left the Daily Commercial News in San Francisco to accept the managing editorship of the News-Gazette. Before coming to San Francisco, he was state news editor of the Aberdeen, S.D., American-News, a seven-day-a-week newspaper with a paid circulation of 22,000.

He has had wide experience in public relations and at one time was an aide to Gov. Ralph Herseth of South Dakota.

MARTINEZ RESIDENT

The new managing editor of the News-Gazette earned a bachelor of science degree in economics at Northern State College, Aberdeen, S.D. Active in college affairs, he was editor of the college newspaper in his senior year. He served two years in the U.S. Army, from 1955-57, after which he entered the newspaper business.

Gaikowski resides in Martinez. He already has received compliments for his editorials on local subjects and his interest in the progress of Martinez.

"I enjoy Martinez and look upon it as a city with a great future," he said. "I consider

the position of managing editor of the Morning News-Gazette a great challenge and will do my best to carry on the work of Carl Johnson in making it the voice of the people in Martinez and central Contra Costa County."

JOHNSON WIDELY KNOWN

The veteran Carl Johnson is probably the best-known and one of the most respected newspapermen in Contra Costa County. He was graduated from the University of California in 1939 where he was managing editor of the Daily Californian.

He has been in the newspaper business since graduation from UC with various newspapers and United Press. Johnson served in the U.S. Navy for nearly five years, leaving as an officer from the staff of Commander, Atlantic Fleet Air Force.

Since the end of World War II he has worked exclusively in Contra Costa County—with the old Contra Costa Gazette, Oakland Tribune and Richmond Independent. He was chief of the Independent bureau in Martinez when he joined the News-Gazette. For a short period before entering the Navy he was with the Antioch Ledger. For the past 18 years, Johnson has spent nearly all his time in coverage of county government.

Carl and his wife, Maxine, who is supervising nurse at the county hospital, have lived in Martinez since the end of the war and in his words, "We plan to live here for the rest of our lives."

PLANS FOR FUTURE

"My plans for the future will keep me in Martinez," Johnson said. "I will continue my interest in the city and county. My most immediate plans are assisting on a writing project involving some Contra Costa County history in general and particularly about one of the

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be resolved through judicial action."

Judicial action would result if the commission fired Emery and he appealed to the courts.

Speculation has circulated through county circles that the 52-year-old Emery might lose his job because the civil service commission felt he had been insubordinate.

The rumors swelled Thursday after the supervisors held a personnel session to discuss the matter of control over his post.

Latest rift between the commission and Emery developed two weeks ago when they clashed over a board policy set up 10 years ago.

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