

Illinois CP Urges 'Worker' Support

CHICAGO — The Illinois State Committee of the Communist Party at a recent meeting called upon its members to redouble their efforts to complete the circulation drive of *The Worker* and *The Daily Worker*. At the recent meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party the Illinois supporters of *The Worker* were singled out for praise in a report on the press.

The record of the Illinois supporters of the paper in the achievement thus far of subscriptions as well as funds donated to the paper was noted. Also praised by many at the National Committee meeting was the state committee's resolution dealing with *The Worker*.

In its opening paragraphs the lengthy statement of the state committee of the Illinois Communist Party declared, "The *Daily Worker* and *The Worker* are in a struggle for their lives. Every Communist must participate in the fight to save our press."

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"THERE never was a successful movement in the history of the American people without a fighting newspaper carrying the crusade into the ranks of the people, from colonial times to the present day.

"Our press is needed more than ever before. It is needed precisely because our country needs the Communists as never before. And for this reason, the need for a Communist newspaper.

"A Communist newspaper cannot be just another news-reporting newspaper attempting to compete with the daily commercial press at this time. It must be a crusading paper. Recent good examples of such crusading were seen in the fight against the A and H-bomb menace of strontium 90, the pilgrimage to Washington among

others.

"However, our papers continue to remain weak in the fight on a whole number of other problems very close to the people. Among these are the fight for tax reduction, against the high cost of living, the high cost of medical care, acute housing, school education problems, etc."

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AS A means to overcome some of the weak points in the paper the state committee urged the establishment of a corps of volunteer writers. It urged that the shop workers and others in varied organizations should write for the paper.

A section of the resolution addressed itself to the handling of news and columns relating to the socialist countries. It expressed criticism of the *Daily Worker's* role on some of the international issues.

Another section was devoted to the Illinois edition of the paper. A number of suggestions were made for the improvement of the Illinois pages.

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CALLING attention to the 400 subscriptions that have expired during the past six month period, the committee called on its organization to undertake, in the most serious manner, the getting of these subscriptions.

It urged that press committees, composed of Communists, and non-Communists be set up in the various areas. Paying tribute to the existing committees, the resolutions stated, "The press builders apparatus has been an effective aid to maintaining and increasing circulation of the press where it has been tried. It is composed of Party and non-Party readers and supporters of the paper concentrating their efforts solely on building the press."