The final results of the CPML fundraising drive are in.

We didn't reach our goal of $200,000; but we did raise $160,000 thanks to the hard work and sacrifice of Call readers and Party supporters.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you who contributed your money and time during the six-month drive. The example you set was inspiring.

In Denver, community residents set up a booth at a Latino festival where they sold food and literature, raising over $700 for El Clarín. In Chicago, supporters held two garage sales which netted almost $400 for The Call. A cultural night in Indiana raised another $500.

Workers at several factories took up collections. Sports events were organized in many cities where the entry fee was a donation to the Party. A group of meatcutters in Los Angeles sent in regular contributions from their overtime pay.

There were also a number of individuals who made tremendous sacrifices to help meet our goal. One worker in a Southern cotton mill took a second job and donated his entire paycheck for several weeks.

Letters of support with $1 and $2 checks, representing one or two days' wages, came in regularly from prisons across the country. Not only did The Call sustainers meet their monthly pledges, many doubled and tripled their regular donations.

These are just a few examples of the fundraising work which went on. The $160,000 raised was crucial for keeping up with our bills and maintaining the current level of operation in the newspaper and other Party work.

But we are still facing extreme difficulties as we enter 1980. Our inability to raise all $200,000 shows that our base of financial support is not broad enough and our fundraising apparatus not yet systematized.

We need more full-time organizers, and conditions demand a bigger Call. In these and other ways, expanding our work is absolutely necessary if we are to become a significant force in U.S. political life, and improving the Party's fundraising ability is an integral part of this expansion.

Fundraising work will continue in different forms in 1980. Most critical right now is your participation in The Call's "Win a Trip to China Sweepstakes."

An all-out effort to promote the sweepstakes, during the month remaining before the March 1 deadline, can go a long way toward making up for the shortfall in the fundraising drive. The sweepstakes—with its prize of an all-expenses-paid trip to the People's Republic of China or $2,000—is an excellent opportunity to broaden our base of financial support because it appeals to all kinds of people.

To enter, you can fill out the coupon at left or contact your local Call distributor. Or write to The Call for tickets to sell.