

March 2, 1966
New York, N.Y.

To All Locals and Branches

FUND DRIVE

Dear Comrades,

We have had our first response to the proposed quotas sent out February 24. Chicago responded with acceptance of \$300 above the adjusted quota which had tentatively been agreed upon during discussions at the plenum. If other branches can do proportionally as well, we will still be able to meet the \$22,000 total agreed on at the plenum.

The following quotes are from the Chicago branch's February 28 letter:

"We agree with your letter of February 24 that it is realistic to reduce the quotas of the branches that are facing financial difficulty due to transfers of members. However, in Chicago we have decided to accept the \$1,800 quota you had originally proposed for us since we have some money in the bank that we can fall back on at present.

"For the last several months we have been running at a considerable deficit. Obviously this situation can't continue much longer, but we're hoping that we'll make some recruits in the near future or at least get several healthy pledges from sympathizers.

"We realize that the national needs are great, and thus don't want to cut our quota at this time. However if our financial situation doesn't improve in the next period, we will be forced to accept a proportionally lower pledge during the Fall fund drive."

Comradely,

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