

CP Leaders Vow Boost To Worker Campaigns

ALARMED by the lack of steam in The Worker circulation and fund campaign, the Communist Party has set up a special committee of several state party leaders, to rally the energies of its organization into these campaigns.

The committee is headed by Martha Stone, New Jersey state chairman. It consists, in addition, of Steve Nelson, party chairman in Western Pennsylvania; Joseph Roberts of Eastern Pennsylvania; Michael Russo of Massachusetts; Benjamin J. Davis and George Blake Charney of New York.

"The Communist Party national convention expressed our party's determination to help save and extend the Marxist press in our country, and specifically The Worker and Daily Worker", Miss Stone said as she announced formation of the committee. "In accordance with this decision of the convention the new National Committee spent a major part of its first session on this problem.

"The Party's national coordinating committee has set up this special committee in order to carry through our determination to see that the Marxist press is saved."

Miss Stone said she accepted the post of chairman, in addition to her duties as New Jersey party leader, "because I feel the struggle to save these papers corresponds to the desires of our membership".

SHE called on the party organizations throughout the country to greet Smith Act victims due to be released from jail this month by aiding The Worker to achieve half its subscription goal, and 25 percent of its fund drive goal by June 1st. These Smith Act victims include Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Pettis Perry, Arnold Johnson, Louis Weinstock, V. J. Jerome and Alex Bittelman.

She also requested every party district to assign a leader to

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head the campaign locally. Every member of the National Committee was asked to "give detailed personal and practical leadership to the party" in aiding The Worker drive.

At this writing (Wednesday), Worker subscriptions stood at 8300, or about 33 percent of the 9,000 target. Only the Minnesota-Dakotas area has reached its goal (of 250). New Yorkers have turned in only 1350 subs, or less than a quarter of their goal of 5600. Illinois turned in 433 Worker subs, or less than half of the 1,000 goal. Michiganders are at one-third mark in their quest for 300 Worker subs; Ohians are also at one-third, with a goal of 200. So are Jerseyites, with a 500 goal. Eastern Pennsylvanians are below the one-third mark in their drive for 500 subs.

AS REGARDS the \$100,000 fund campaign, some \$8,500 has been raised so far, or somewhat less than 10 percent. There was some pick-up last week, with Philadelphians contributing the first \$500 in their drive for \$4500, and the rest of the nation coming through with another \$3,000. Virtually nothing has been received so far from such major areas as Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New England.

Organization of the Communist Party for the drive is expected to change the situation.

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