

Despite Differences--

WE ARE FORCED TO REPORT to our readers that The Worker's \$50,000 fund appeal has slumped to the point where we do not know at the moment how to continue publication.

We received last week a little over \$1,500, or just about a fourth of what we need weekly from now until the end of the year. With the campaign half over from the viewpoint of time, we have received only \$16,000, or less than one-third of our goal.

In part, the slump is due to the sharp divisions in political view among our readers. Many do not agree with the paper's position on events in Hungary, and are withholding support for this reason. Others do agree with our position. If they acted on the same logic, they would withhold support if the paper took a different position.

SINCE OUR STRUGGLE for existence was difficult enough even with the backing of all our readers, any such withholding of support because of difference of view on an issue, vital though it be, means simply that the Left today cannot maintain its paper.

IS ANYONE SO SURE his or her opinion is so right, and every contrary opinion so wrong, that he or she is prepared to scrap the paper of the Left wing movement in America because it may disagree with him?

IS ANYONE SO CERTAIN that the vindication of his or her opinion is so important as to require the sacrifice of our paper?

Moreover, this way of conducting a debate within the Left is so destructive as to be intolerable for the movement.

Recognizing this, four Communist Party leaders, who have differing viewpoints on issues vital for their party, have appealed to all their members, as well as to other supporters of The Worker, to give their united backing for our fund campaign.

The four are William Z. Foster, national Communist Party chairman; Eugene Dennis, its General Secretary; Benjamin J. Davis, National Committee member and former publisher of The Worker; and John Gates, our editor-in-chief who is also a member of the party's national committee. They declared early last week:

"Serious differences on many questions are being debated within Communist and other Left ranks in our country. Regardless of these differences, the existence of the Daily Worker and Worker is vital to the Left movement. The Daily Worker is now fighting for its life. Any withholding of

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support to it would be disastrous to our entire movement.

"The continuation of the paper depends on the success of its current \$50,000 fund drive. We ask for united support without reservation behind the campaign to raise the sum required to save the paper."

The plea of these four Communist Party leaders was endorsed later in the week by the Party's National Committee, at the opening of a four-day session in New York. It was also backed by 100 New Jersey Communist leaders at a meeting last week. The meeting pledged to assist the paper

in reaching its goal of \$2500 in the state in short order.

We deeply appreciate these expressions of support from Communist Party leaders. We want to repeat again that unless there is a rather sudden change in the response to our plea, we do not know how to continue publication.

We ask every reader:

- Send us your contribution, at least \$10 if you can, without delay.
- Make yourself a Worker booster by going out among others who will contribute and get their money. Shoot for membership to our collect-a-hundred club.

its promise can be fulfilled.

Mid East

Received last week - \$ 1,589.00

Following are the contributions received