

# A PAINFUL ANNOUNCEMENT

## An Editorial

It is with profound sadness that the Daily Worker informs its readers that it is suspending publication as of the issue of Monday, Jan. 13, exactly 34 years to the day that this newspaper was born. The weekly Worker will continue in expanded form.

Down the years the principal support of the Daily Worker came from its loyal readers, especially from Communists. It was this staunch support that made it possible for this workingclass newspaper to continue to meet its deficits since 1924.

For the last ten-year period we have been faced with a continuing drop in circulation, a dwindling of advertising and a continuous illegal harassment of readers, advertisers and newsstand dealers by various government and non-government agencies. All this has occurred in the face of ever-mounting production costs.

Recently we have been informed by the Communist Party that it is not in a position at this time to help raise the large amounts needed immediately to meet our deficit, which ran to \$250,000 in 1957 and with the closest economy can be trimmed to \$150,000. It is pointed out that lower party membership, diminished resources and unresolved political differences combine to bring about an unsatisfactory situation.

As far as the Daily Worker staff is concerned, it was always willing to make the sacrifices necessary to continue publication of the Daily Worker. The staff of The Worker will continue in that spirit to build The Worker with the hope in the not-too-distant future of resumption of the Daily Worker.

We on the paper are proud of the 34-year-history of the Daily Worker. Despite its relatively small circulation, the Daily Worker's contribution to the best interests of the American workingclass and nation were manifold. We championed the struggle for the organization of the unorganized, for militant and clean unionism along industrial lines, for unemployment and social insurance. The Daily Worker fought for collective security, unity against fascism and against the horrors of a new atomic war. Long before the Scottsboro case, the Daily Worker was an uncompromising crusader for the unconditional equality of the Negro people in every phase of American life. The Daily Worker has unwaveringly supported the cause of the colonial and semi-colonial peoples and constantly identified our own Wall Street and its Washington agents as the principal exploiters of the Latin American peoples and the oppressors of Puerto Rico.

The Daily Worker takes special pride in its fight against McCarthyism and for the Bill of Rights. We have unflinchingly fought for the legality and existence of the Communist Party—the suppression of which was a prime aim of reaction—and have constantly pointed out that the rights of all Americans are bound up with the rights of the Communists.

We take the deepest pride in the fact that even in our closing days we have held high the banner of struggle on the central issue of our times—the fight for peaceful co-existence and for American-Soviet friendship. This we hold to be in the highest patriotic interests of the nation and in the true spirit of workingclass internationalism.

Above all, we are proud of the readers who have down the years supported us so loyally. For them and for us this is a grave setback, relieved only by a common conviction that the cause that unites us will still go forward.

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of our 34-year-fight for peace, democracy, security and 34 years of struggle for the working people and against socialism and we and our readers have discussed these mistakes in our columns. But we do not regard these the great barons of finance and industry—who control our government — as wasted years. They were fruitful years and will continue to bear fruit.

We infinitely prefer continuance of the Daily Worker and the weekly Worker to the prospect of a weekly paper alone. We know how difficult it is to re-establish a daily newspaper once it has ceased to function. But for the Daily Worker to continue to function our readers would have had to undertake efforts of such a heroic kind that we hesitated to suggest it.

In any event, it is intended to continue the weekly Worker, which will carry on in the great tradition of the Daily Worker.

We are hopeful that the forces that gave rise to the Daily Worker will again emerge unitedly to issue another daily. We are supremely confident that the great class forces from which the socialist movement and the modern communist movement arose—the same forces that gave birth to the Daily Worker—exist and are growing in strength. In a very real sense these forces will not let the Daily Worker die. The American workingclass and its allies, as have one-third of mankind, will find their own way to socialism, the American road to socialism.

The Daily Worker played its role in that process; the weekly Worker will continue in that role. With the help of our readers and friends the Daily Worker will be reborn.

—THE DAILY WORKER STAFF.